



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony



2(1)/Dawah/2026

SUBJECT: 41ST NATIONAL HIFZ-O-QIRAT COMPETITION

Notings:

1119 SUBJECT: 41ST NATIONAL HIFZ-QIRAT COMPETITION (2026)

National Hifz-Qirat Competition is a main feature of Dawah & Ziarat Wing and the same is held annually amongst the winners of provincial Hifz-o-Qirat Competition. The 41st National Hifz-Qirat Competition was held by following Administrative procedure for holding Hifz-o-Qirat Competition at District, Provincial and Federal Level ([Revised 2021](#)).

1120 For holding 41st National Hifz-Qirat Competition 2026, M/o Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony need to issue the letters to all provinces as per previous practice with the direction to hold district and provincial level competition so that the nominations may be received well in time.

1121 In this regard, a [concept paper has been prepared](#) . Salient features of the concept paper are as under: -

- i. Finalization of date and venue
- ii. Evolution Criteria
- iii. Categories
- iv. Logistic Arrangements
- v. Judges Panel
- vi. Chief Guest
- vii. Coordinator of the event
- viii. Format of the Event
- ix. Tentative Program
- x. Prize Money
- xi. Estimated Budget
- xii. APEX Committee to make all arrangements
- xiii. TORs of the APEX Committee

1122 In view of the above, following is proposed:

- i. A [concept paper](#) may be approved
- ii. A letter may be issued to all provincial Auqaf departments including AJK, ICT, G.B and Ministry of Defense as per [DFA](#) .

1123 Submitted for perusal / approval, please.



Aimal Khan(On behalf of)
(SO Dawah)
2026-07-08 11:21 AM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1124 Reference pre-para. Holding of National Hifz-Qirat Competition is one of the annual features of the Dawah & Ziarat Wing. In this context, concept paper covering all aspects has been prepared along with DFA to Provincial Governments/ICT/other stakeholders as per approved administrative procedure (attached at para 1119/N). Accordingly, para 1122/N submitted for approval, pls

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-08 01:45 PM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1125 [Please discuss.](#)



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-09 02:02 PM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1126 Discussed. The concept paper has been revised as desired. Further, the prize money and remuneration have also been revised as per details below as previously it was fixed five years ago in 2021:-

Description	Existing rates	Proposed rates
1 st position	Rs. 80,000	Rs. 100,000

2 nd Position	Rs. 60,000	Rs. 75,000
3 rd Position	Rs. 40,000	Rs. 50,000
Judges	Rs. 20,000	Rs. 25,000
Stage secretary	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 15,000
Qari	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 10,000
Naat Khawan	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 10,000

1127 The [revised concept paper](#) and proposal at para 1126/N submitted for approval, pls

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-09 03:43 PM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1128 Please discuss.


Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-09 04:44 PM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1129 Discussed. [Revised Concept Paper](#) attched again.

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-10 09:16 AM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1130 Paras 1119/N onward refers. Concept paper regarding 41st National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition is placed at Para 1129/N.

It is proposed that a letter may be issued to all provincial Auqaf departments including AJK, ICT, G.B and Ministry of Defense as per DFA placed at Para 1122(ii)/N, please.



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-10 10:11 AM

Additional Secretary

1131 Please speak.

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud(On behalf of)
(Additional Secretary)
2026-07-10 02:09 PM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1132 Spoken. As discussed, letter may be addressed/issued to all concerned Chief Secretaries instead of Secretary, Aukaf in order to get timely nominations. Moreover, Concept Paper may be resubmitted upon arrival of Secretary, RA&IH for its approval.



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-13 11:49 AM

Additional Secretary

1133 As proposed.

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud(On behalf of)
(Additional Secretary)
2026-07-13 12:31 PM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1134 sd/-



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-13 01:39 PM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1135 Put up DFA, pls

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-13 02:15 PM

SO Dawah

1136 Reference para [1132/N](#) and [1135/N](#) .

The file is resubmitted for approval of the [Concept Paper](#) and [draft letter](#) is addressed to the Chief Secretaries of the Provincial Governments, under the signature of the Joint Secretary (D&Z), please.



Muhammad Afzal
(SO Dawah)
2026-07-22 03:06 PM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1137 Reference para 1132/N and 1135/N . Amended Draft letters to Chief Secretaries along with concept paper submitted for approval, ps

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-22 03:35 PM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1138 Reference Paras 1119/N onward. A revised **Concept Paper** for the **41st National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition, 2026** has been prepared at Para 1136/N. The revised Concept

Paper incorporates the proposed enhancement of prize money and honoraria, reflecting revision of the rates last notified in 2021, as detailed at Para 1126/N. It comprehensively covers all operational aspects of the event, including the selection criteria, competition categories, logistical arrangements, judges' panel, programme, estimated budget, and TORs of the Apex Committee. The said Competition is proposed to be held on **8-9 September, 2026**.

To ensure timely receipt of nominations, it is proposed that letters be issued to the Chief Secretaries of all Provincial Governments, AJK, Gilgit-Baltistan, ICT Administration, and the Ministry of Defence, requesting them to forward nominations after completion of the district and provincial-level competitions.

Accordingly, the revised Concept Paper and the draft letter addressed to the Chief Secretaries are submitted (Para 1136/N) for the kind approval of the Secretary, MoRA&IH, please.



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-22 05:14 PM

Additional Secretary

- 1139** Draft letters addressed to the Chief Commissioner, ICT, and the relevant offices of the Armed Forces on the subject matter could not be traced at para 1136/N. Furthermore, paragraph 3 of the draft letter addressed to the Chief Secretaries of the provinces may be revised to make the wording more courteous and appropriate.

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud (On behalf of)
(Additional Secretary)
2026-07-22 08:31 PM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

- 1140** sd/-



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-23 11:51 AM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1141 For compliance

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-23 12:49 PM

SO Dawah

1142 Reference para [1139/N](#) .

[Draft DO](#) letter is revised accordingly.

File is resubmitted, please.



Muhammad Afzal
(SO Dawah)
2026-07-23 03:02 PM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1143 Para 1139/Refers. Amended DFA is submitted. Para 1138/N submitted for approval,pls

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-23 03:54 PM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1144 In light of Para 1139/N, a revised draft D.O. letter addressed to all Chief Secretaries, as well as the Ministry of Defence, (read with Para 1138/N for background), is placed at Para 1142/N for kind approval, please.



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-23 05:11 PM

Additional Secretary

1145 Para 1144/N submitted for approval, please.

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud(On behalf of)
(Additional Secretary)
2026-07-23 05:17 PM

Secretary Religious Affairs

1146 Approved.



Abrar Ahmed Mirza
(Secretary Religious Affairs)
2026-07-24 06:20 AM

Additional Secretary

1147 .

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud(On behalf of)
(Additional Secretary)
2026-07-24 06:54 AM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1148 sd/-



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-24 02:42 PM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1149 .

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-07-24 03:38 PM

SO Dawah

1150 Preceding Paras 1119 to 1146/N may kindly be referred.

1151 It is submitted that, in pursuance of the approved Concept Paper, arrangements for holding the National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition-2026 have been initiated. So far, 22 nominations from the Armed Forces (Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Air Force), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), and Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ&K) have been received. Nominations from the remaining provinces are in process and are expected to be received within a week or so.

1152 In view of above, the following is proposed:

- i. The event may be held on 14–15 October 2026.
- ii. The **draft tender** and **tender documents** have been prepared and placed on file for kind perusal, before submission to the General Section for publication on the PPRA website.

1153 The proposal contained in para [1152/N](#) is submitted for approval, please.



Muhammad Afzal
(SO Dawah)
2026-09-09 03:26 PM

Deputy Secretary (D&Z)

1154 Para 1152/N is submitted for approval. Upon approval, the tender may be processed by the Admn Wing.

Nasir Aziz Khan
(Deputy Secretary (D&Z))
2026-09-10 11:19 AM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

- 1155** Paras 1119.N onward. The 41st National Hifz-o-Qirat Competition 2026, an annual event of the Dawah & Ziarat Wing, has been initiated in accordance with the approved Concept Paper (Para 1136/N). Nominations from 22 participants have been received so far from the Armed Forces, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and AJK, while nominations from other provinces are awaited. The event is now proposed to be held on **14–15 October 2026**.

The draft tender and tender documents have been prepared and placed on file for approval, after which the tender will be processed by the **Administration Wing for publication on the PPRA website**, through earlier constituted Ministry's Procurement Committee.

The approximate cost of the tender is estimated around Rs.5 million for which funds are available for CFY.

Submitted for approval of Secretary, please.



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-09-10 03:22 PM

Additional Secretary

- 1156** Para 1155/N submitted for approval, please.

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud
(Additional Secretary)
2026-09-10 05:39 PM

Secretary Religious Affairs

- 1157** Approved, but why change of the date?



Abrar Ahmed Mirza
(Secretary Religious Affairs)
2026-09-11 11:29 AM

Additional Secretary

1158 .

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud
(Additional Secretary)
2026-09-11 11:30 AM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1159 Reference Para 1157/N, it is stated that the responses are still awaited from Punjab, Balochistan, Sindh and GB. Hence, the date are proposed to be changed.


Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-09-11 03:42 PM

Additional Secretary

1160 Para 1159/N for perusal, please.

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud
(Additional Secretary)
2026-09-11 04:55 PM

Secretary Religious Affairs

1161 Ok


Abrar Ahmed Mirza
(Secretary Religious Affairs)
2026-09-12 10:52 AM

Additional Secretary

1162 .

Dr Mirza Ali Mahsud
(Additional Secretary)
2026-09-12 10:53 AM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1163 Paras 1152-1155/N are submitted for further action, please.



Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-09-14 09:06 AM

JS (A/F)

1164 Immediate plz

Muhammad Adeel Ashraf
(JS (A/F))
2026-09-14 09:25 AM

DS (Admn-I)

1165 -sd-



Tariq Muhammad Khan
(DS (Admn-I))
2026-09-14 11:24 AM

SO (General)

1166 It is submitted that the concerned Wing/Section has not furnished the procurement method (Single stage one or single stage two envelop) , evaluation criteria, and estimated quantities of food and accommodation, which are essential for determination of the estimated cost and preparation of bidding documents.

1167 In addition to above, an amount of Rs.45,000/- per tender is required on account of tender-processing charges, comprising Rs.15,000/- each for tender uploading/publication, Technical Evaluation Report and Financial Evaluation Report on PPRA EPADs portal.

1168 In view of the observations contained at [Paras-1166](#) & [1167/N](#), guidance on the issues raised at Para-1166/N and expenditure approval for an amount of Rs.45,000/- as proposed at Para-1167/N are solicited, so that the matter may be resolved and further necessary action taken at the earliest.

1169 Submitted, Please.

Ahmad Ali
(SO (General))
2026-09-15 11:40 AM

Joint Secretary (D&Z)

1170 Single stage-single envelope may be preferred, please. Tender may be published at the earliest.


Shahbaz Mustafa
(Joint Secretary (D&Z))
2026-09-15 02:46 PM

SO (General)

1171 In view of the foregoing, [Para-1168/N](#) is submitted for approval of the Joint Secretary (Admin) for incurring expenditure amounting to Rs. 45,000/- on account of fees for the PPRA EPADS Portal. As per SI 9 (26) of [Delegation of Powers](#), the Joint Secretary (Admin) is competent to accord approval for the said expenditure.

Ahmad Ali
(SO (General))
2026-09-15 03:09 PM

DS (Admn-I)

1172 -sd-

JS (A/F)


Tariq Muhammad Khan
(DS (Admn-I))
2026-09-15 04:39 PM

1173 OK

DS (Admn-I)

Muhammad Adeel Ashraf
(JS (A/F))
2026-09-15 04:48 PM

1174 -sd-

SO (General)


Tariq Muhammad Khan
(DS (Admn-I))
2026-09-15 04:49 PM