

Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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NOTIFICATION

S.R.O.1448(I)/2025.- The following draft amendments to the Futures Brokers (Licensing and Operations) Regulations 2018, proposed to be made by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan in exercise of powers conferred by section 114 of the Futures Market Act, 2016 (XIV of 2016) are hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that comments, if any, received by the Commission within fourteen days from the date of placement of the draft amendments on the website of the Commission will be taken in to consideration, namely:-

DRAFT AMENDMENTS

In the aforesaid Regulations, -

(1) in regulation 13, in sub-regulation (2), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(2) The futures broker shall obtain a written, electronic, online or digital acknowledgment, having verifiable authentication credentials, or duly signed and dated by the customer, confirming that such customer has understood the nature and contents of the risk disclosure document.”;

(2) in regulation 16 sub-regulation (1), in clause (p), after the word “requirements”, for the word “prescribed”, the word “notified” shall be substituted”;

(3) in Annexure - A-I, in clause (2), after the expression “Details of”, the expression “planned”, shall be inserted;

(4) in Annexure B, in clause (b) – “Educational or other Qualification or Experience”,

(i). for paragraph (2), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(2) In case of directors, at least one director should have:

(a) membership of a body of professional accountants as explained in the Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019; or

(b) professional qualification in investment management or financial risk management from a globally recognized

institution as specified in Table A; or

- (c) 14 years of education with bachelor's degree in finance, accountancy, business management, commerce, economics, information technology or law from an educational institution recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan; or
- (d) For Agri-Only category of futures brokers: 12 years of formal education and Commodity Brokers' certification from Institute of Financial Market of Pakistan (IFMP) that may be obtained within one year of the date of appointment;

In addition to qualification mentioned above, the director must have at least five years of experience in trading or advising on securities or commodity markets, including agricultural commodities.”;

- (ii) for paragraph (3), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(3) In case of chief executive officer, the person should have:

- (a) membership of a body of professional accountants as explained in the Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019; or
- (b) professional qualification in investment management or financial risk management from a globally recognized institution as specified in Table A; or
- (c) 16 years of education with a bachelor's or master's degree in finance, accountancy, business management, commerce, economics, information technology or law from an educational institution recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan; or
- (d) For Agri-Only category of futures brokers: 12 years of formal education and Commodity Brokers' Certification from Institute of Financial Market of Pakistan (IFMP). The certification may be obtained within one year of the date of appointment.

In addition to qualification mentioned above, the chief executive officer must have at least five years of senior management experience in trading or advising on securities or commodity markets, including agricultural commodities.”; and

- (iii) for paragraph (4), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(4) In case of compliance officer, the person should have:

- (a) membership of a body of professional accountants as explained in the Listed Companies (Code of Corporate Governance) Regulations, 2019; or

- (b) bachelor's or master's degree in finance, accountancy, business management, commerce, economics, information technology or law from an educational institution recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

In addition to qualification mentioned above, the Compliance Officer must have a minimum experience of three years in audit, finance or compliance functions or any other managerial position in a company in the financial sector.

Table A

Institute	Certification
CFA Institute, USA	Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
Global Association of Risk Professionals, USA	Financial Risk Manager (FRM)
Professional Risk Managers' International Association, USA	Professional Risk Manager (PRM)
Society of Actuaries, USA	Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA)
Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, UK	Fellow of Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (FIA)

- (iv) after paragraph (4), for proviso the following shall be substituted, namely: -

Provided that for all of the persons referred in clause (2), (3), and (4) above, where a person possesses seven years of relevant experience in trading or advising on securities or commodity markets, including agricultural commodities, the minimum qualification requirement shall be relaxed.”.

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