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Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations ‘  
GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN  
LAW AND PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT  
: : (Gilgit-Baltistan Secretariat)  
Gilgit, the 22nd June, 2020  
The Gilgit-Baltistan Tourist Guides Act-2020  
ACT NO. V OF 2020

Preamble:—

An Act to provide for the regulation and control of the profession of  
tourist guides in GB,

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to provide for the regulation and  
control of the profession of tourist guides;

It is hereby enacted as follows: —

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1. Short title, extent and commencement.—{1) This Act may be called The Gilgit-Baltistan Tourist Guides Act-2020;

(2) It extends to the whole of Gilgit-Baltistan and Pakistan:

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions—In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “Committee” means the Tourist Guide Advisory Committee set up under section 3;

(b) “License” means license issued under section 4;

(c) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules;

(d) “Rules” means rules made under this Act;

(ec) “Tourist Guide” means a person licensed as such under section 4,

3. Setting up of Advisory Committee—(1) As soon

after commencement of this Act, the Gov

Committee, consisting of Secretary Tourism  
Advisory Committee \

as possible.

ernment shall set up an advisory »

as Chairman. Composition of the

vill be defined in the rules made under this Act.

4. Appointment of Controller, Deputy Controller and Assistant  
Controllers.—{1) The Director Tourism, Gilgit-Baltistan shall be the controller  
by virtue of posting. Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors, Tourism shall be  
the Deputy Controllers and Assistant Controllers by virtue of their postings  
notified by the Secretary Tourism, GB in consultation with the Controller, in  
Divisions and Districts respectively. :

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Controller shall perform  
his functions and discharge his duties under the general supervision and control  
of the Department of Tourism GB.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act and

time ta time be made by the Government in this behalf, the Deputy Controller  
and Assistant Controllers shall perform their functions and discharge their duties  
under the general supervision and control of the Controller. :

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describe under rules.

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(2) On receipt of an application under sub-section (1) the Controller may after holding the prescribed tests and on payment of the prescribed fee by

the applicant issue to the applicant if he qualifies in such tests a license in the

prescribed form. om

(3) The Controller shall maintain database in computer in which the . names, address and particulars of all licensed tourist guides shall be entered.

(4) The license shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled under section 6 remain valid for a period of one year and renewed after every one year in the prescribed manner on payment of the prescribed fee..

6. Code of Conduct. —The Controller shall prescribe a code of. conduct for tourist guides.

7. Suspension or Cancellation of License—(1) The Controller may, after affording a tourist guide an opportunity of showing cause against the action

proposed to be taken against him, suspend or cancel the license of the tourist guide if he/she:

- (a) violates the terms and conditions of the license; or-
- (b) Violates the code of conduct as defined in rules.

- (2)(a) A tourist guide aggrieved by the decision or order under sub-section (1) of an officer or authority other than the Controller may prefer an appeal to the Controller within the prescribed time and in the

prescribed manner any complain may be approached to the . advisory committee for decision. :

8. Prohibition to Act as Tourist Guides. —Except as otherwise "provided in the Act, no person shall hold himself/herself out or act, as a tourist guide. unless he/she holds a license of prescribed category.

. 9... Service charges of Tourist Guides—(1) The .Controller shall, from time to time by notification in the official Gazette, fix the maximum rates of

charges to which a tourist guide shall be entitled for the services rendered by him/her.

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(2) . A tourist guide shall not demand from any person to whom he: has/ she rendered any service as such any amount in excess of the maximum charges fixed under sub-section (1) for that service.

(3). The guides employed on a fixed salary on a full time basis by any - 'travel agency or tour operator licensed under a law for the regulation and control



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'of the profession of travel and tourist agencies shall not charge any fee from a tourist.

10. Penalty and Procedure—(1) Whoever:

. (a) Being a person to whom no license has been issued; or

(b) Being a person whose license has been cancelled or is for the time being suspended, hold himself/herself out or acts, as a tourist guide or otherwise contravenes the provision of. this Act or the rules or, being a tourist guide, contravenes the terms or conditions of the license issued to him or of a notification issued under sub-section \_ (1) of section 8, or violates the prescribed code of conduct, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees.

(2) Any Assistant Controller for the time being empowered to try in a summary way the offences specified in sub-section (1) of Section 260 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 may try summarily an offence punishable under this Act in accordance with the provision of Chapter XXII of that Code.

(3) No court shall take cognizance of an offence punishable under this Act, except upon a complaint made in writing by or under the authority of the -

Controller.

11. Appeal and Revision—(1) Any person aggrieved by an order under this Act may, within thirty days of the date of the order, prefer an appeal

to:

(a) The Deputy Controller, where such order has been passed by an" Assistant Controller; : : :

(b) The Controller, where such 'order, not being an order passed in appeal under clause (a), has been passed by a Deputy Controller;

(c) The prescribed appellate authority, (Secretary Tourism Chairman j Advisory Committee) where such order, not being an order passed in appeal under clause (b), has been passed by the Controller.

(2) The Government may of its own motion, or on the application of any owner, tourist guide or manager aggrieved by an order passed under sub-section (1) within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner, pass such order in relation thereto as it thinks fit Provided that no order against an owner or a manager shall be passed unless he has been given an Opportunity of showing cause against it and of being heard. ue

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12. Delegation of Power—The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that all or any of its powers under this Act, shall, under

such conditions, if any, as may be specified be exercisable also by an officer or authority sub-ordinate to the Controller.

13. Power to Make Rules.—(1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) The fees payable for the issue and renewal of a license;
- (b) The form in which an application for a license is to be made;
- (c) The form of the license;
- (d) The code of conduct; and
- (ec) The conditions to which a license shall be subject.

#### SCHEDULE-I

Under Section 4

#### CATEGORIES

1. Mountain Guides (covering trekking, mountaineering, adventure sports and recreational activities, etc.);
2. Cultural Guides (covering art, culture, history, archeology and religions, etc.);
3. Marine Guides (covering diving, fishing, water sports areas, etc.); ;  
and
- 4, Any other related categories and/or sub-categories.

FIDA MUHAMMAD NASHAD,  
Speaker.  
Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly.

RAJA JALAL MAQPOON,  
Governor.  
Gilgit-Baltistan.

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