

Frequently Asked Questions- Local Loop Licenses

Q1- What is scope of Local Loop License?

The scope of the Local Loop (LL) License is available in Information Memorandum via link: <https://www.pta.gov.pk/en/industry-support/home/wireline/local-loop>

Q2- Who can apply for Local Loop License?

Any private limited company registered with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

Q3- What is jurisdiction of each local loop license?

Local loop licenses are issued on the basis of telecom regions. There are fourteen (14) telecom regions in Pakistan, two (2) telecom regions in AJK and one (1) telecom region in Gilgit Baltistan (GB).

Q4- For which regions PTA is not granting local loop license?

PTA is currently not granting local loop license for Islamabad telecom region (ITR), Lahore telecom region (LTR), Faisalabad telecom region (FTR) & Karachi telecom region (KTR).

Q5- How can I apply for Local Loop license?

Access the link: <https://www.pta.gov.pk/en/industry-support/home/wireline/local-loop> to apply for local loop license.

Q6- How much time it requires to get a Local Loop license?

After receipt of all documents, evaluation of application takes approximately two to three weeks for award of the license.

Q7- What is the initial license fee of Local Loop License?

- Initial license fee for local loop License for Pakistan is USD 10,000/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)
- Initial license fee for Local Loop License for AJ&K is USD 2,000/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)
- Initial license fee for Local Loop License for GB is USD 1,000/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)

Q8- What is the application Processing fee of Local Loop License?

- Application processing fee for Local Loop License of Pakistan is USD 500/- (Or equivalent in Pak rupees)
- Application processing fee for AJK&GB Regions is USD 100/-

Q9- What is the duration of local loop License?

The license is issued for 20 years.

Q10- What documents are required for local loop license?

Checklist of documents is available at <https://www.pta.gov.pk/en/industry-support/home/wireline/local-loop>.

Q11- What is time period to commence services?

Local loop licensee must obtain commencement certificate by PTA to commercially launch his licensed services within eighteen (18) months of award of the license.

Q12-What is the procedure to obtain commencement certificate?

After installation of first Network Connection Point (NCP) in the licensed region, the licensee is required to submit application along with all required documents to Director General (Licensing), PTA for commencement certificate thirty (30) days before planned commencement of services. On receipt of application, commencement inspection is carried out by PTA regional teams and commencement certificate is issued provided installed network is suitable for commercial services.