



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
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CERTIFICATION AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY

In exercise of powers conferred by Clause (k) of subsection (1) of section 6 of Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (XXXIV of 1997); the provincial Agency is pleased to certify the Laboratory mentioned below as an Environmental Laboratory:

Name: Qarshi Research International PVT. LTD.

Address: Al Hasan Plaza near Jamia Ashrafia, 149, Ferozepur Road Lahore.

Certificate No. 231 /Dir (ML&I)/EPA/06/2026

This certificate is valid for following parameters of Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS):

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| a) Municipal & Liquid Effluent
as per Annex-A | Temperature, pH, COD, BOD ₅ , Total suspended solids (TSS), Total dissolved solids (TDS), Oil & Grease, Sulphate, Sulphide, Cyanide, Chloride (Cl ⁻), Fluoride (F ⁻) |
| b) Drinking Water Quality
as per Annex-B | E.Coli, Total Coliform, Thermo Coliform, Taste, Odour, Turbidity, Total hardness as CaCO ₃ , pH, Chloride (Cl ⁻), Residual Chlorine, Fluoride (F ⁻), Nitrate (NO ₃ ⁻), Nitrite (NO ₂ ⁻), Cyanide |
| c) Industrial & Gaseous Emission
as per Annex-C | Smoke |
| d) Ambient Noise as per Annex -
D | Noise (Residential, Commercial, Industrial Areas and Silence Zone) |
| f) Vehicular Emissions & Noise
as per Annex-E | Smoke, Noise |

This Certification is subject to the conditions laid down in Regulation 9 of the Certification of Environmental Laboratories Regulations 2000, and QA/QC conditions contained in Annex-F to be complied by Service provider (i.e. Certified Laboratory), Service Receiver (i.e. industrial units).

This Certificate is Valid until **.06.2029** unless earlier suspended or revoked.

Dated: 16/06/2026


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Annex-A

Environmental Laboratory Certificate No. 231/Dir(ML&I)/EPA/06/2026 in respect of "Certification as an Environmental Laboratory" read with conditions as Annex-F in favor of Qarshi Research International PVT. LTD. located at Al Hasan Plaza near Jamia Asherfia, 149, Ferozpur Road Lahore.

Municipal & Liquid Effluent

Sr. No.	Parameters	Standard Method/SOP	Test Capacity per Month
1.	Temperature, pH	APHA 2550 B, APHA 4500 H ⁺	250 each
2.	Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	APHA 5220 D, Closed reflux method	100
3.	Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	APHA 5210 B, APHA 4500 O-C	20
4.	Total suspended solids (TSS), Total dissolved solids (TDS)	APHA 2540 D, APHA 2540 C	50 each
5.	Oil & Grease, Sulphate, Sulphide, Cyanide	APHA 5520 B, APHA 4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ C & D, APHA 4500 S ² F, APHA 4500 CN B & D	50 each
6.	Chloride (as Cl ⁻), Fluoride (as F ⁻)	APHA 4500 - Cl- B, APHA 4500 - F- D	100 each

The Laboratory (Service Provider) and Service Receiver shall also comply all the conditions laid down in Regulation 9 of the Certification of Environmental Laboratories Regulations 2000, and QA/QC conditions contained in Annex-F.

- The certified laboratory will ensure the implementation of the standards for prohibition of dilution by mixing of freshwater to bring the effluent within the PEQS and the same may be calculated by water consumption per unit production. The concentration of pollutant will be corrected accordingly.
- The certified lab will also ensure the representativeness of the sample of the industry reported upon.

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Annex-B

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Drinking Water Quality

Sr. No	Parameter	Standard Method/SOP	Test Capacity per month
1.	E.Coli, Total Coliform, Thermo Coliform,	APHA 9222B, 9222D	50 each
2.	Taste, Odour, Turbidity, Total hardness as CaCO ₃	APHA 2170, APHA 2150 B, APHA 2130, APHA 2340 C	150 each
3.	pH	APHA 4500 H+ B	200
4.	Chloride (Cl ⁻)	APHA 4500 - Cl- B	100
5.	Residual Chlorine	APHA 4500-Cl B, APHA 4500-Cl G	50
6.	Fluoride (F ⁻), Nitrate (NO ₃ ⁻), Nitrite (NO ₂ ⁻)	APHA 4500 - F- D, APHA 4500 - NO ₃ - E, APHA 4500 - NO ₂ - B	100 each
7.	Cyanide	APHA 4500 CN B & D	50

The Laboratory (Service Provider) and Service Receiver shall also comply all the conditions laid down in Regulation 9 of the Certification of Environmental Laboratories Regulations 2000, and QA/QC conditions contained in Annex-F.

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Annex-C

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Industrial Gaseous Emissions

Sr. No	Parameter	Standard Method/Equipment Name	Tests Capacity Per Month
1.	Smoke	Ringlemann Scale	100

Annex-D

Noise

Sr. No	Parameter	Standard Method/Equipment Name	Tests Capacity Per Month
1.	Noise (Residential, Commercial, Industrial Areas and Silence Zone)	Noise Meter with Leq. Function	100

The Laboratory (Service Provider) and service Receiver shall also comply all the conditions laid down in Regulation 9 of the Certification of Environmental Laboratories Regulations 2000, and QA/QC conditions contained in Annex-F.

- a) Lab shall ensure calibration of Noise meter.

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Annex-E

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Motor Vehicle Exhaust and Noise for In Use Vehicles

Sr. No.	Parameters	Standard Method/Equipment	Capacity Per Month
1.	Smoke	Ringelmann scale	50
2.	Noise dB(A)	Sound Level Meter Testo 816-1	50

The Laboratory (Service Provider) and Service Receiver shall also comply all the conditions laid down in Regulation 9 of the Certification of Environmental Laboratories Regulations 2000, and QA/QC conditions contained in Annex-F.

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Annex-F

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CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION

1. The Environmental Laboratory shall

- a) Conduct tests, analyses, and measurements per Provisional Agency guidelines.
- b) Maintain calibration records for its equipment and apparatus.
- c) Follow QA/QC procedures and participate in audits and quality programs organized by Provincial Agency.
- d) Keep its premises clean.
- e) Allow EPA for inspections of equipment, reports, and records.
- f) Retain test records for three years from the date thereof.
- g) Implement safety measures, including fire hazard precautions and first aid.
- h) Maintain adequate stocks of chemicals, backup equipment, and spare parts.
- i) Ensure compliance with regulation 5, using equivalent or better replacements for staff and equipment.
- j) Display its certification and fee list prominently in its premises.
- k) Submit an annual report listing all environmental tests and analyses

b. An environmental laboratory shall not, without the prior permission, in writing, of the Provisional Agency-

- a) Shift its location or remove any equipment or apparatus from its premises but the equipment or apparatus requiring repair or maintenance outside the premises may be removed for this purpose for a specific period under intimation to the Provisional Agency;
- b) sub-contract any work to any other laboratory.
- c) Use EPA logo for lab test reports.

3. Certification of an environmental laboratory shall not be transferable to any other laboratory.

4. The Environmental Laboratory shall comply following conditions in the light of regulation 3, 9(1)(d), 12;



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- a. The lab shall conduct testing of certified priority parameters for any specific industry to be reported upon.
- b. Labs must only conduct tests within their certified scope; violations may lead to certificate suspension/revocation.
- c. The Environmental Samples Rule, 2001 for sampling, testing & reporting shall not be applicable on Private Certified Laboratory.
- d. The Technical & Scientific Staff of Certified Laboratory will collect sample on request of Service Receiver under Regulation 3(a). The sampling/monitoring staff of certified laboratory shall not be below the rank of Assistant/Deputy Analyst.
- e. The collected sample under Regulation 3(a) shall be preserved in right container as per protocol prescribed with relevant Standard Method & the quality control check of sample under Regulation 9(1)(d) during its collection & preservation.
- f. GPS Map Camera (Google Play) must be used for pictorial evidence in reports, showing location, date, and time for EPA verification.
- g. If a factory/individual provides the sample under Regulation 3(a) to the certified laboratory for analysis, the "Remarks" column should be omitted from the test report.
- h. Ensure treatment of waste water and air emission of the Laboratory (if any) to comply PEQS limits.
- i. Lab shall ensure compliance to regular supply or generation of reagent water to meet reagent grade water of Type-I & Type-II in accordance with latest ASTM standard.
- j. The Certified Laboratory shall submit EMRs through the Certified Labs Portal on official website of EP&CCD. EMRs shall be accessible to the Director ML&I, Director P&C, Director EIA, Incharge Strategy and Analysis Wing and concerned DD Field / DD Lab via their personalized logins.
- k. The testing report issued by the lab on the format of Schedule VI under Regulation 12 will exhibit the following disclaimer on the top of the page:

"Report Limitation: This report is not valid for Court cases, Environment Protection Orders, Compliance Report for Operational Phase Approvals, or any regulatory action under Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules, 2023 etc."
- l. The tests reports may be used for non- punitive actions such as baseline study EIA/IEE, Self-monitoring & reporting, Industrial periodic reporting under conditions of EIA/IEE.
- m. The report of Certified Laboratory is not applicable for punitive actions and in such cases reports of EPA official Laboratory shall only be applicable for punitive actions as well as regulatory and compliance purposes.
- n. For assurance of quality of Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMRs), the Director ML&I shall ensure Site Monitoring Reports (SMRs) through the concerned EPA Laboratory against 2% of EMRs duly submitted by each certified private laboratory, on monthly basis.
- o. Where major discrepancies (> 30%) are found between the EMR and SMR of the same unit, the Director ML&I shall constitute a joint team comprising of the concerned Certified Laboratory and any of the EPA Laboratory for conducting sampling within seven days and



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subsequent analysis. Both the said laboratories shall submit their respective reports to the Director ML&I through EPA's notified EMR/SMR submission guidelines within ten days after sampling for further necessary action.

- p. In addition to above, at least one sample of known concentration will be sent by Director ML&I to each certified laboratory for proficiency test on monthly basis. The threshold for accepted variation in proficiency test shall be +10%.
- q. The Director ML&I shall submit analysis report of certified laboratories based on their performance regarding point No. (o) and (q) to the Director General with concrete recommendations on quarterly basis.
- r. Laboratories will be bound to keep their auditable five years testing record backup of ICP, AAS, Spectrophotometer, Stack emission equipment, ambient air lab, dead stock items, soft record saved into instruments memory etc.
- s. The lab will maintain suitable record of procurement of spares and consumables for five years which will be checked accordingly.
- t. The lab shall comply to EPA-Notified Rates issued vide Notification No. 1011/LS/f-227/LAB dated 09-09-2013) for minimum testing charges.
- u. Private laboratories may file complaints with the Director General, EPA if a service receiver (industrial unit) awards a contract to the EPA-certified lab at rates lower than the notified rates. If a complaint is lodged, the service receiver must provide additional information to the EPA.
- v. The lab having its own calibration facility may extend its services to the other certified lab;
- w. The compliance of EPA rates shall be applicable on service provider as well as service receiver.
- x. The Certified Laboratory is not impartial third party because its revenue is dependent on Service Receiver.
- y. In case of conflict of interest, the certified lab shall hire service of another certified Laboratory.
- z. The violation of conditions of certificate will lead to legal proceedings under Regulation 14 of Regulation ibid.
- aa. Any other previously imposed conditions / instructions shall be null & void.

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