NOTIFICATION

1. The Governing Body of Pakistan Engineering Council in its 39th meeting held on December 24, 2020, has accorded approval of further extension in Relief Package for Constructors, Operators and Consulting firms/companies under the prevailing situation of COVID-19. Detail is as under:-

a. **Extension in Licenses’ Validity**

   Validity of all Constructors, Operators and Consulting firms/companies (local and foreign) licenses which were valid upto June 30, 2020, is extended upto March 31, 2021.

b. **Waiving off Financial Condition for Registration in C/O-6 and C/O-5 Categories**

   Criteria of providing evidence of financial soundness is waived of for registration in C/O-6 and C/O-5 category firms.

c. **Amnesty in Arrears for Renewal Cases of Constructors, Operators & Consultants**

   i. The defaulting firms whose default is within last 10 years, will pay current year’s annual fee along with 10% of arrears.

   ii. The firms defaulting for a period more than 10 years will pay current year’s annual fee along with 10% of arrears for the last ten years plus payment of 25% of arrears beyond ten years, if any.
d. **Reduction in Penalty on Unauthorized Works**

As per existing PEC rules, firms are imposed penalty equal to three times of the annual fee of category desired by the firm, if it has undertaken a work without valid license. As one time relief, 25% of due penalty will be charged for all such works which had been undertaken without valid licence prior to 31 Mar 2020.

e. **Relaxation in Fee on Direct Registration in Higher Categories**

Presently, a firm applying for direct registration in C-3/O-3 and above categories is charged fee amounting to three times of the prescribed fee of desired category. In order to provide relief, only single prescribed fee of any desired category will be charged.

f. **Fee for Multiple Steps Upgradation**

As per exiting rules, upgradation fee is charged as under:-

1) One Step Upgradation - Single fee of desired category.
2) Two Steps Upgradation - 02 times of desired category.
3) Three or more Steps - 03 times of desired category.

It is decided that single fee of respective upgradation category be charged.

g. **Reduction in Scrutiny Charges**

Presently, in case a firm’s application for registration, renewal or upgradation is rejected, 50% of the deposited fee is deducted as scrutiny charges. This deduction is reduced to 10% of the submitted fee.

h. **Exemption of 01 Year Fee for Constructor/Operator Firms if Applying for Renewal for 03 Years**

Due to prevailing condition of Pandemic COVID-19, exemption of one year fee is granted to such Constructor/Operator firms in all categories, who apply for Renewal of consecutive 03 years.

2. This Relief Package is up to **March 31, 2021**.
3. This issues with the approval of Chairman PEC for implementation in letter and spirit.

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