

FAQs – DIRBS

Q1. Can I bring one mobile phone into Pakistan without payment of duty/taxes?

Ans: No. Recently Baggage Rules have been amended vide Finance Act, 2019 whereby facility for bringing duty/taxes free mobile set has been withdrawn w.e.f. 01.07.2019. Hence duty and taxes will be paid on that mobile phone.

Q2. If I bring more than one Mobile Phone, do I need to pay duty/taxes?

Ans: No exemption of duty and taxes is available on any mobile even if the passenger is bringing only one mobile.

Q3. Do I have to pay duty/taxes on a mobile phone which I have been using in Pakistan after returning from abroad?

Ans: If local SIM is used in the mobile then it will require registering the IMEI of the mobile with PTA after payment of duty and taxes. If the same is not registered with the PTA within sixty (60) days of the insertion of local SIM in the mobile then the mobile set will be blocked and can only be opened after payment of duty/taxes and fine/penalty.

Q4. How and where can I register my mobile device if I forget to declare the same on arrival at the airport?

Ans: The passenger can approach the nearest customs office for registration of the mobile device

Q5. Can I avail the allowances admissible under the baggage rules if I forget to declare at the time of arrival at airport?

Ans: No. Details are mentioned in answer of Q.No.1.

Q6. I am roaming in Pakistan; will I be able to use my mobile device in Pakistan?

Ans. Yes, Roamers will be able to use their mobile devices as per DIRBS SOP. The System will accommodate visitors to Pakistan from overseas who are here for the short visit for personal or business purpose as following.

- i. A foreign roamer is allowed to continue using foreign SIMs without any time limit and without getting CoC from PTA.
- ii. If a roamer starts using local SIM in his/her mobile device, he/she will not be considered a roamer and will be required to fulfil the conditions of a compliant device.
- iii. Such user will be notified of the deficiency of his/her mobile device through SMS and will have 30 days to complete the requirements before the non-compliant mobile device is blocked.
- iv. If the visitor wants to use local SIM for a period longer than 30 days, he/she is required to get the CoC from PTA along with payment of duty/taxes.

Q7. What is the rate of duty on various mobile phone?

RATE OF DUTY AND TAXES ON MOBILE PHONES

Baggage Imports:

S.No.	Mobile Phones having C&F value (US Dollars)	Fixed Rate (Amount in Pak Rs.)
1	Upto 30	300
2	Above 30 and up to 100	2,940
3	Above 100 and up to 200	4,510
4	Above 200 and up to 350	6,180
5	Above 350 and up to 500	17,650
6	Above 500	31,520

Note: The above rate duty/taxes is for Baggage Imports and not for Commercial Imports.