



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE



No. REVIEW OF FOREIGN TRAININGS/(TRG AND DEV SECTION)-0002

Islamabad, the 10th September, 2026

From

Zahid Ur Rehman Abbasi
(O/B) Secretary Training & Development

To

1- All Officers, Federal Board of Revenue,

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA AWARDS SHORT COURSE - BUILDING EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS 2026-27

I am directed to state that Australia Awards – Pakistan Program vide email dated 01.09.2026 (copy enclosed) has circulated the fully-funded **Australia Awards Short Course: Building Export Competitiveness for Year 2026-27**. The details are reproduced as under: -

Title:	Australia Awards Short Course: Building Export Competitiveness
Year:	2026-27
Deadline:	Interested candidates must complete the online application at https://oscar.australiaawardssouthasiamongolia.org/ by 27 September 2026 .
Mode:	The course will be delivered online and in- Australia using a range of connected learning strategies. • Preliminary Learning Activities (online): November 2026 • Core Learning Activities (in Australia): December 2026 • Applied Learning Activities (online): March 2027
Purpose:	The course will enhance participants' capacity to improve Pakistan's export competitiveness by addressing policy, institutional, supply chain and market challenges. It will be practical and hands on, to give participants actionable skills that will make a tangible difference to Pakistan's exports. The short course will aim to: • Enhance participants' understanding of export competitiveness drivers. • Strengthen institutional and policy frameworks. • Build capacity in quality standards and compliance. • Promote market diversification and value chain integration. • Foster public-private cooperation. • Strengthen export marketing and branding skills. • Incorporate resilience and sustainability.
Criteria:	• Demonstrate a strong commitment to contributing the skills and knowledge gained during the Short Course within and across Participants' organisations to support Pakistan's development. • Willingness to participate in a virtual 'community of practice' with other Participants and the course Provider to maintain connections made during the course. • Have knowledge and experience working in ministries or organisations focussed on building export competitiveness and have at least five years of relevant experience of working in the sector. • Have access to the internet and be computer literate

2. Officers intending to apply shall obtain prior permission/NOC from the competent authority in accordance with Delegation of Administrative Powers notified vide Board's Notification No. I(14)S(T&D)/2021/89581-R dated 01.06.2023. The officers posted in field formations may seek initial NOC from their respective Head (Chief Commissioner/Chief Collector/Director General), and upon final selection, shall obtain final NOC/sparability from Admin/HR Wing, FBR (HQ), Islamabad. Whereas, officers posted at FBR (HQ) shall forward their application for initial NOC to Training & Development Section.

3. **No financial assistance shall be provided by FBR**, and selected officers shall not be entitled to claim any expenditure in this regard from FBR. The conditions contained in Training & Development Notifications dated 12.10.2021, 13.02.2023 and 14.09.2023 shall also apply.

Encl: As above.

Zahid Ur Rehman Abbasi (On behalf of)
Secretary Training & Development
10 September, 2026, 03:40:59 PM



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(O/B) Secretary Training & Development

Fw: Australia Awards Short Course: Building Export Competitiveness

Member Admin

Fri 9/4/2026 2:28 PM

To: Secretary (Training & Development-II) <ss.t&d@fbr.gov.pk>;

From: Chairman FBR
Sent: 03 September 2026 14:01
To: Member Admin; Member Customs Policy
Subject: Fw: Australia Awards Short Course: Building Export Competitiveness

From: Mahmood, Faizia <Faizia.Mahmood@australiaawardssouthasiamongolia.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 1:13 PM
To: Chairman FBR
Cc: Quddusi, Muhammad Ahmad
Subject: Australia Awards Short Course: Building Export Competitiveness

Dear Mr Rashid Mahmood Langrial,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Faizia Mahmood, Country Program Manager, [Australia Awards - Pakistan program](#). The Australia Awards Pakistan program is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and it aligns with the focus of Australian Government's development assistance to Pakistan, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors/fields. They aim to provide professionals with skills and knowledge through master's and specialised Short Courses to drive change and influence economic and social development.

The fully funded Short Course Awards are highly targeted and provide opportunities for formal study or training in the priority fields. Through study and research, participants will develop the skills and knowledge to contribute towards economic development and build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

One of the fully funded short courses being offered in 2026 - 2027 is focused on Building Export Competitiveness.

The course will enhance participants' capacity to improve Pakistan's export competitiveness by addressing policy, institutional, supply chain and market challenges. It will be practical and hands on, to give participants actionable skills that will make a tangible difference to Pakistan's exports. The short course will aim to:

- Enhance participants' understanding of export competitiveness drivers.
- Strengthen institutional and policy frameworks.
- Build capacity in quality standards and compliance.
- Promote market diversification and value chain integration.
- Foster public-private cooperation.
- Strengthen export marketing and branding skills.
- Incorporate resilience and sustainability.

Up to 20 participants will be selected who meet the following criteria.

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to contributing the skills and knowledge gained during the Short Course within and across Participants' organisations to support Pakistan's development.
- Willingness to participate in a virtual 'community of practice' with other Participants and the course Provider to maintain connections made during the course.
- Have knowledge and experience working in ministries or organisations focussed on building export competitiveness and have at least five years of relevant experience of working in the sector.
- Have access to the internet and be computer literate

The course will be delivered online and in- Australia using a range of connected learning strategies.

- **Preliminary Learning Activities (online): November 2026**
- **Core Learning Activities (in Australia): December 2026**
- **Applied Learning Activities (online): March 2027**

I would appreciate if you could circulate the information with relevant professionals in your organisation who would be interested to apply for the short course.

Interested candidates must complete the online application at

<https://oscar.australiaawardssouthasiamongolia.org/> by 27 September 2026. All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the short course or the application process. You can email at sca@australiaawardspakistan.org or faizia.mahmood@australiaawardspakistan.org or call at +92 51 280 1516.

Warm regards,
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