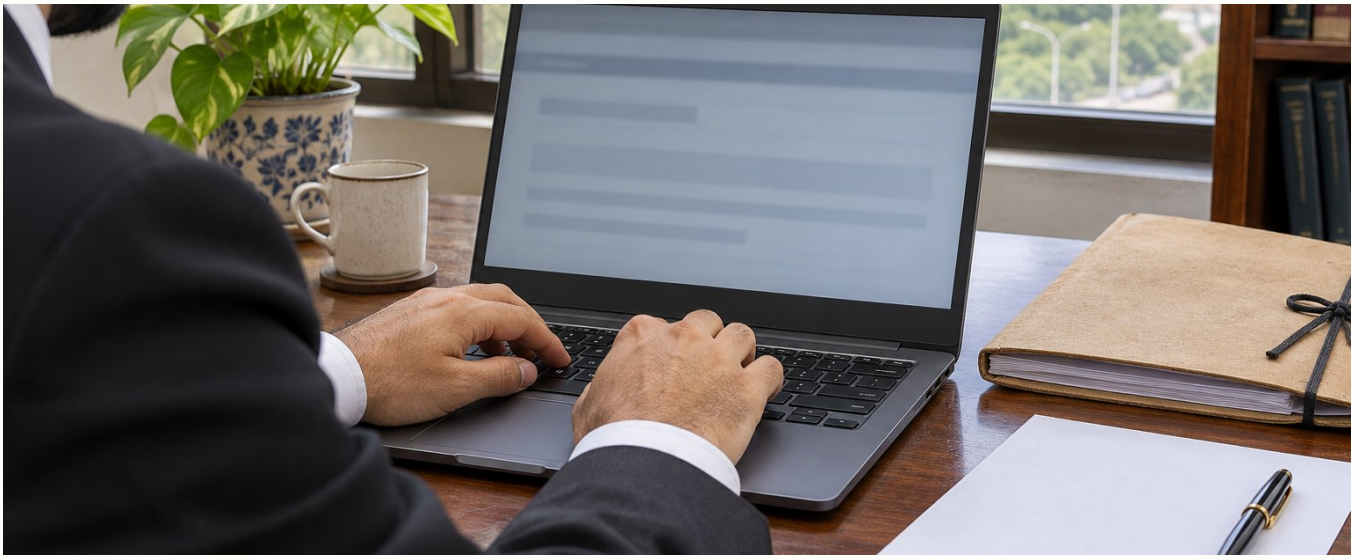
Supreme Court of Pakistan Launches Advocate Enrolment Portal

The Advocate Portal lets lawyers apply online, track enrolment requests and book roll-signing appointments with Pakistan’s Supreme Court.

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Open the official Advocate Portal



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ISLAMABAD — The Supreme Court of Pakistan has introduced an Advocate Portal for lawyers to apply for enrolment, follow the progress of an application and book an appointment to sign the court’s roll. Chief Justice Yahya Afridi briefed members of the Supreme Court Bar Association on 19 November 2026, when the court’s IT team demonstrated how lawyers could create an account and use the services. Associated Press of Pakistan report

What lawyers can do through the portal

According to the briefing, lawyers register with a verified email address and CNIC. The portal offers applications for enrolment as an Advocate of the Supreme Court and as an Advocate-on-Record. It also lets lawyers track an application, book a slot to sign the roll and download a certificate that can be verified online. Official Advocate Portal · The Nation’s report on the demonstration

The court said advocates could also see their own cause lists and digital case files, request an early hearing or certified copies, and seek permission to appear by video link. The briefing described SMS and email updates on requests and the option to pay court fees through a Payment Slip ID, known as a PSID. APP report on portal services

What applicants need before signing the roll

The Pakistan Bar Council admits advocates to practise before the Supreme Court. Under Order IV, rule 2 of the Supreme Court Rules, 2025, an advocate must produce the Bar Council's enrolment certificate before signing the court's roll. The online booking is for that signing appointment. Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 · Supreme Court Rules, 2025, Order IV

Order IV, rule 4 ordinarily requires at least seven years of enrolment as a High Court advocate and a fitness certificate from the Chief Justice and judges of the relevant High Court. The same rule gives the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court discretion to enrol a person based on their knowledge, ability and experience. Gazette text of Order IV, rule 4

The Bar Council's application form asks for supporting documents including the High Court fitness certificate, a certificate from the relevant bar council, selected cases and proof of payment of the enrolment fee. The date on the fitness certificate matters. Under the Bar Council's rule 107, an applicant who applies more than six months after it was issued must explain the delay. If more than a year has passed, the applicant must also have the certificate revalidated by the High Court. Pakistan Bar Council application form · Bar Council enrolment rules

Frequently asked questions

Where can I access the online enrolment services?

Use the Supreme Court's Advocate Portal for the court's online services. The Pakistan Bar Council's enrolment form gives the requirements for the certificate needed to sign the court's roll.

Can an advocate sign the roll online?

The court's briefing describes booking a roll-signing appointment online. Order IV requires an advocate to produce the Pakistan Bar Council enrolment certificate to sign the roll.

How much High Court standing does an applicant ordinarily need?

Order IV, rule 4 calls for at least seven years as a High Court advocate and a High Court fitness certificate. It also sets out a discretionary exception.

Can lawyers apply to become Advocates-on-Record through the same portal?

Yes. The court's briefing lists separate application services for advocates and Advocates-on-Record on the same portal.