No. DG (II)/CERT/4/124/2023
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT
Karachi dated the 17th September, 2026

To,

1. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
2. The Chairman, Enquires & Anti-Corruption Establishment Sindh, Karachi.
3. The Chairman Chief Minister's Inspection Enquiries and Implementation Team.
4. The Chairman, Sindh Higher Education Commission, Karachi
5. The Senior Member Board of Revenue (BOR)Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Additional Chief Secretaries (All)_____Govt of Sindh.
7. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Governor Secretariat Karachi.
8. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Chief Minister Secretariat Karachi.
9. The Administrative Secretaries (All),_____ Govt of Sindh.
10. The Provincial Ombudsman, Sindh.
11. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi
12. The Commissioners (All)_____Govt. of Sindh.

SUBJECT: **HOSTING OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES IN PAKISTAN**

References: NCERT's Letter No.1-1/2026/DG(NCERT)/563 dated 27 April 2026

I am directed to refer to the subject and reference letter cited above, received from the National Cyber Emergency Response Team (NCERT), Government of Pakistan, regarding Government and relevant organizations' websites, web applications, portals and other Internet facing digital assets.

2. Under their guidelines, they have advised to shift the web hosting services to local service providers in Pakistan at an earliest. Further to strengthen the security of the Government web assets, NCERT has launched the **Guardian Portal**, a centralized platform for registration and maintenance of details of Internet facing digital assets. The Portal also provides a facility for Government entities to submit requests for Vulnerability Assessment (VA) services and access the assessment reports. Government entities are required to nominate their respective focal person, preferably the Webmaster or IT Administrator, for registration on the Portal and addition of their relevant websites/portals and any other internet facing assets.

3. Accordingly, all concerned Departments/Attached Departments/Organizations are requested to take necessary action for registration of their respective websites/portal/Internet facing digital assets on the Guardian Portal at **https://guardian.pkcert.gov.pk/**. A guidelines page with relevant contact information at **Annexure-A** will be downloaded from www.Sindh.gov.pk/notifications

4. Science & IT department is available for any facilitation in this regard and may be contacted at fahad.warsi@sindh.gov.pk for information relevant to the subject matter.

(MUHAMMAD AKBAR KHAN) 17/09/2026
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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. CEO Sindh IT Company.
2. DG(nCERT) NCERT Government of Pakistan
3. PS to Chief Secretary, Sindh.
4. Staff Officer to Secretary, S&IT Department, Government of Sindh.
5. Webmaster S&IT Department to publish on the official website(s).

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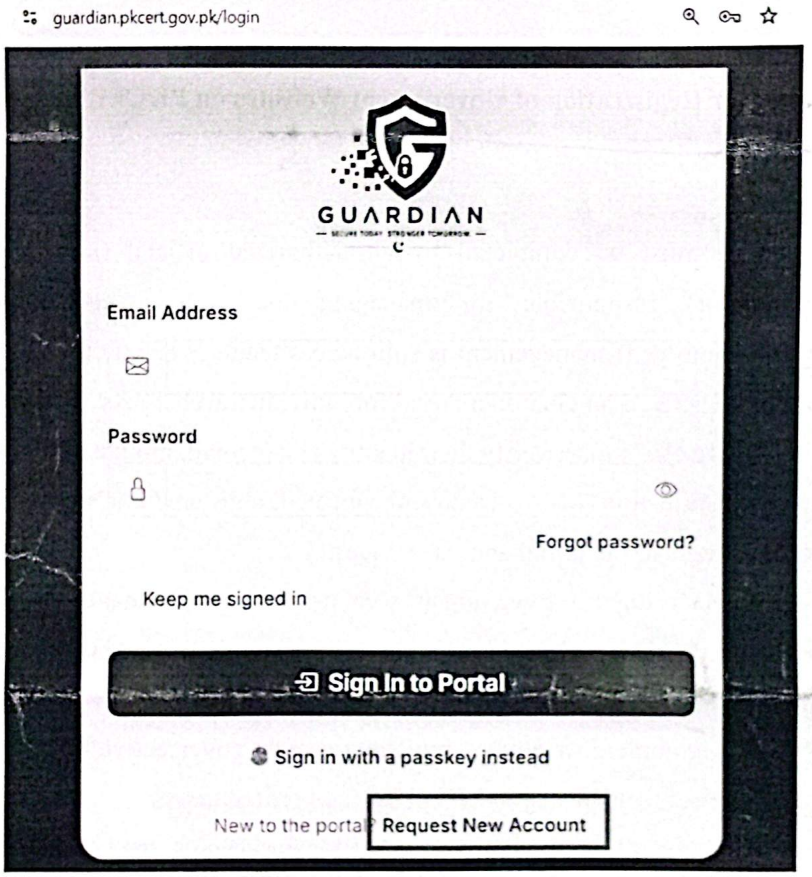
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Annexure - A

Guidelines for Registration of Government Websites on PKCERT's Guardian Portal

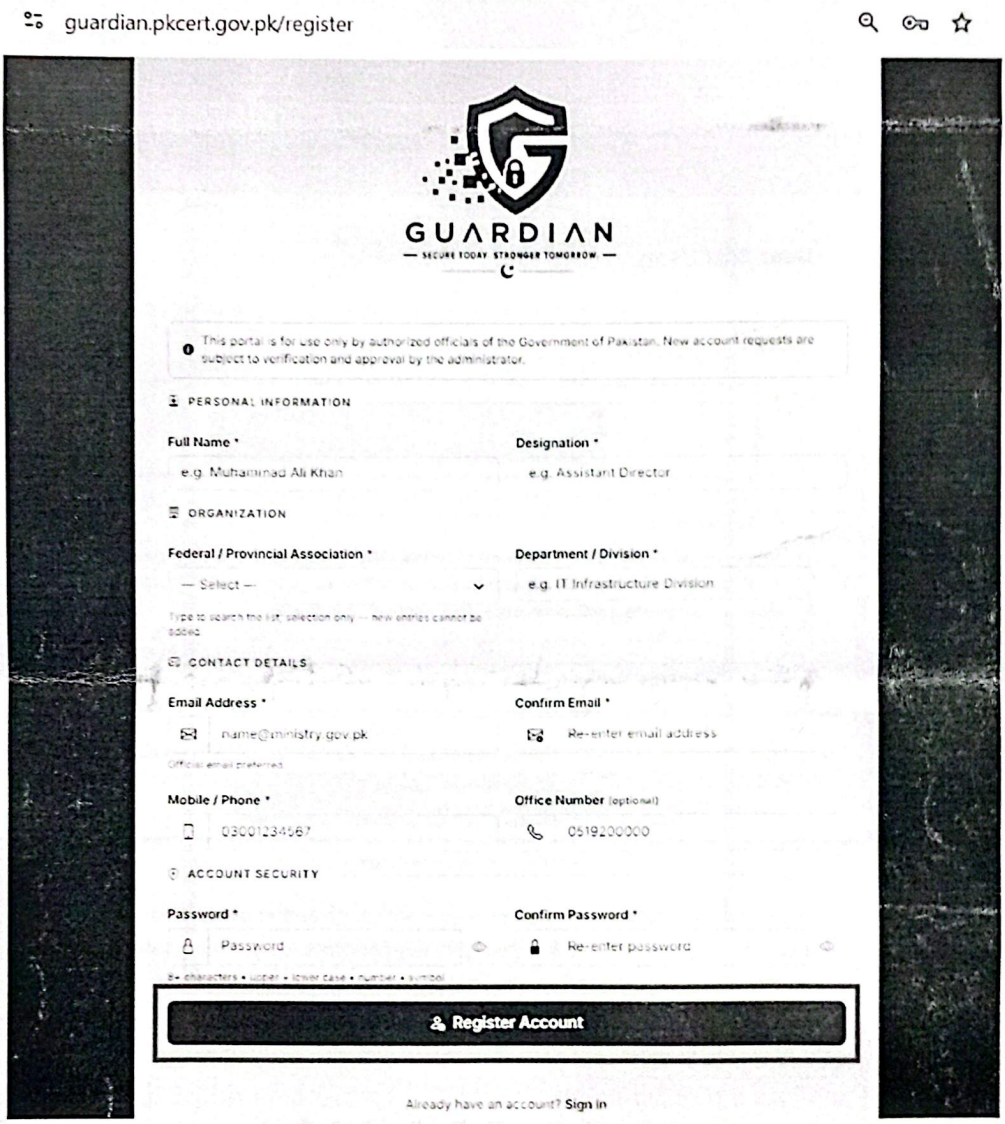
1. **Basic Instructions**
   a. Registration must be completed by an authorized official (e.g., Webmaster or IT Administrator) responsible for managing the web assets of a Government department/entity. If management is split across teams, separate points of contact (PoC) should be registered on Guardian Portal for individual web assets.
   b. The appointed PoCs must verify their identity using email, mobile verification, and Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). Once authenticated, registered PoCs gain secure, password-protected access to the portal and its services.
   c. The PoC must log all government web assets being managed by them, including government domains, subdomains, websites, web applications, portals, and other public-facing systems into the Guardian Portal.
   d. To ensure a complete inventory, registration must cover active/live assets, temporarily inactive assets, assets in staging/test phase, and retired assets.
   e. After initial onboarding, the PoC is responsible for keeping asset details up-to-date.
   f. For queries and technical support, Guardian team may be contacted via Email at guardian@pkcert.gov.pk or via Phone at 051-111-162-378 Ext 403.
2. **Registration Steps**
   a. Access the Guardian Portal at: https://guardian.pkcert.gov.pk/
   b. Click on '**Request new Account**' to create a new account on Guardian Portal.

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c. Complete the registration form and click on '**Register Account**' to submit the registration request.

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d. Upon successful submission of a registration request, the Guardian Portal sends a verification link on the email address used to register the account. In the received verification email, click on 'Verify My Email Address'. If the button does not work, copy and paste the verification link embedded in the email into a web browser.

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Dear Test User,

Thank you for registering an account on the **Guardian**. Please verify your email address by clicking the button below to continue

Verify My Email Address

Please Note

This verification link will expire in **60 minutes**. After verifying your email, your account must also be **approved by an administrator** before you can access the portal. You will receive a separate notification once your account is activated

If the button above does not work, copy and paste the following link into your browser.

https://guardian.pkcert.gov.pk/email/verify/21/9635c00cb331a23ff4154b9a3e6da479513ff8fe?expires=1785954820&signature=2b739cdc011d39f02ff643f720c993649ce98c533385531bc259840f985c77a6

If you did not create an account on the Guardian, no further action is required — you may safely ignore this email. If you have any concerns, contact the system administrator at guardian@pkcert.gov.pk

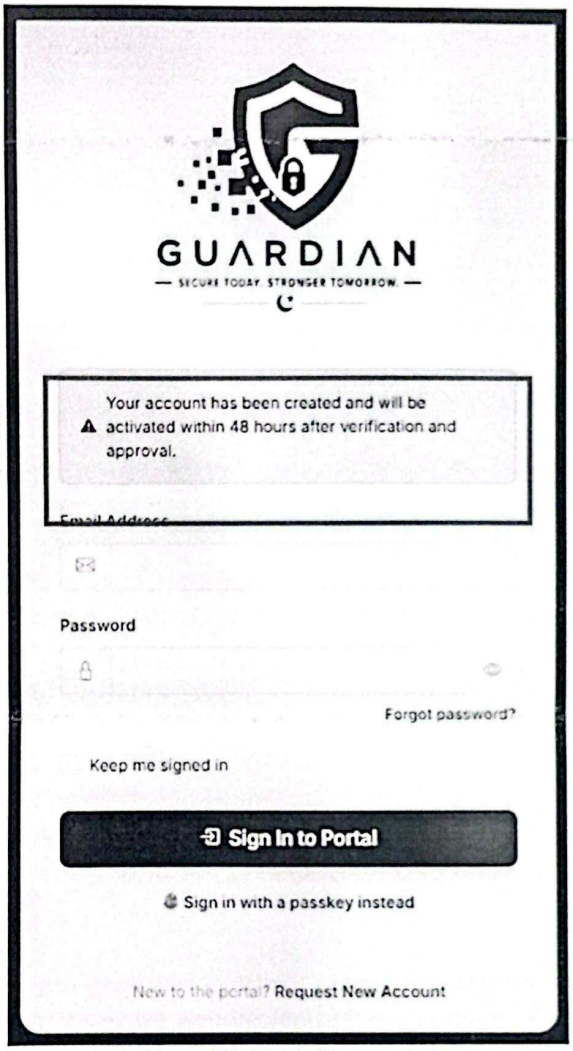
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e. Upon submission of email address verification request by user, the Guardian Portal Administrator will review and verify the authenticity of the request. Upon successful verification, the new user account will be activated during next 48 hours. This will complete the user registration process.

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f. After successful registration and approval by Guardian team, the user can login to their account and start adding details of the respective Government websites and internet-facing assets under their administration, on the Guardian Portal.

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