

Facilitation to the Overseas Pakistanis Traveling to Pakistan

Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) in its endeavor to fulfill its mandate has been providing facilities including:

- Financial aid to the destitute families of deceased and permanently disabled overseas Pakistanis.
- Scholarships to needy and talented students of OPs parentage.
- 50% concession in tuition fee in all OPF educational institutions for OPs children.
- Provision of ambulance to critically sick patients from airport to hospital/his home.
- Transportation of dead bodies from abroad to Pakistan and provision of free Ambulances service from airports to native town.
- Recovery of dues from overseas employers.
- Emergency relief services.
- Redressal of their grievances and complaints regarding their employers and family back in Pakistan.
- Facilitation services through airport counters.
- Operating Eye hospitals and Establishing Free Eye Camps in overseas Pakistanis concentration areas in Pakistan.
- Provision of plots on economical rates in OPF housing schemes.
- Provision of Foreign Exchange Remittances Card free of cost. The Card holders enjoy special allowance/duty credit on items such as Television, Deep Freezer, Refrigerator, Microwave Oven Cooking Range, Washing Machine and Air Conditioner etc.

Foreign Exchange Remittance Card (FERC) Scheme

Remittances by Overseas Pakistanis, through normal banking channels, are a vital source of balance of payments support for the country. Funds channeled through Hundi or other means bypass legal conduits and deprive the country of much needed support. Cognizant of the problem of diminishing home remittances the government has initiated concerted program to facilitate those Overseas Pakistanis who remit money through normal banking channels.

Towards this end, a special package of Foreign Exchange Remittance Card (FERC) has been implemented to facilitate the Overseas Pakistanis community, comprising the following salient features:

- Overseas Pakistanis remitting foreign currency equivalent to US\$2500 to US\$50,000 per annum are entitled to five categories of cards as per remitted amount.
- Separate Counters for special handling at arrival and departure lounges at all International Airports in Pakistan.
- Free Issuance and Renewal of passport on urgent basis.

Special Allowances for Foreign Exchange Remittance Card Holders: In addition to the allowances provided in the Baggage Rules 2006, the duty credit as specified in the Table below is admissible to a Pakistani national holding Foreign Exchange Remittance Card (FERC) once during validity of card. The duty credit can also be utilized for the unaccompanied baggage or any purchase from any duty free shop. The duty credit under this scheme is not utilizable on import of vehicles. Utilization of duty credit is endorsed by the Customs on the passport of an FERC holder. On the persistent demand of overseas Pakistanis necessary amendments had been incorporated by FBR in Baggage Rules 2006 vide SRO No. 69(1)/2012 dated 30.01.2012. Accordingly, the FERC holders would be able to utilize the duty credit available under Rule 5 of the said rules for the unaccompanied baggage including those seven items with fixed duty i.e., television, deep freezer, refrigerator, microwave oven, cooking range, washing machine and air conditioner.

Type of FERC	Amount Remitted Through Normal Banking Channel (in US\$ or equivalent of foreign currency)	Duty Credit In Rs.
Silver	2500 or more	10,000
Silver Plus	5000 or more	20,000
Gold	10,000 or more	30,000
Gold Plus	25,000 or more	50,000
Platinum	50,000 or more	100,000