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NADRA Simplifies Succession Certificate Process

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The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has introduced sweeping reforms to ease access to succession certificates nationwide. Legal heirs can now initiate the inheritance process at any of NADRA's 186 Succession Facilitation Centers across Pakistan, eliminating previous geographic restrictions tied to property locations.

This landmark change promises to reduce bureaucratic hurdles for families navigating inheritance matters.

The streamlined system allows biometric verification through two convenient channels: physical visits to NADRA centers or digital authentication via the Pak-ID mobile application. This dual approach caters to both tech-savvy citizens and those in remote areas with limited digital access. The reforms particularly benefit families with inherited assets spanning multiple provinces, who previously faced complex jurisdictional challenges.



Property lawyers welcome the changes as a significant improvement over the previous fragmented system. “This centralized approach will dramatically reduce processing times and prevent the common issue of cases getting stuck between provincial jurisdictions,” noted Islamabad-based legal expert Saad Rahman. The move aligns with NADRA’s broader digital transformation agenda, leveraging Pakistan’s growing mobile penetration to enhance civil services.

As inheritance disputes account for nearly 30% of pending civil cases in Pakistani courts, NADRA’s reforms could substantially reduce legal bottlenecks. While implementation challenges remain, particularly in rural areas, this initiative marks a crucial step toward modernizing Pakistan’s legacy systems. The success of this program may pave the way for further digitization of other cumbersome bureaucratic processes, potentially transforming how citizens interact with government services. For families nationwide, it promises to turn what was often a years-long ordeal into a matter of weeks.