Industry Specific Regulations

1. Healthcare:

If you're in the healthcare industry, whether running a clinic or selling medicines, you're under the watch of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP). They ensure that drugs are safe, medical devices meet standards, and hospitals are properly managed.

- Doctors and Dentists: Need to be licensed by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC).
- Medicines: Must be registered with DRAP before being made or sold <u>DRAP</u> <u>Medicines</u>.
- Example: Running a small pharmacy or a private clinic falls under this category.

2. Manufacturing

If you're into making things whether it's clothes, candles, or anything else the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) has guidelines to ensure your products are safe and of good quality.

- Product Certification: Ensures your products meet safety standards <u>PSQCA</u> <u>Certification</u>.
- Worker Safety: Follow regulations to keep your factory workers safe .
- Environmental Permits: Required for managing waste or emissions, especially if you're in a sector like chemical manufacturing <u>Environmental Protection Agency, Pakistan</u>.
- Example: Making clothes in a small factory, producing candles, or even a pottery business falls under <u>APTMA</u>.

3. Textile and Agricultural Inputs

Businesses involved in agriculture or textiles, such as dealing in fertilizers, pesticides, or textile manufacturing, are subject to specific rules. These businesses must meet standards set by relevant regulatory bodies to ensure quality and safety in products and services.

- Product Safety: Ensuring fertilizers and pesticides meet environmental and health standards <u>National Fertilizer Development Center (NFDC)</u>.
- Textile Standards: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) provides guidelines and support for textile businesses <u>APTMA</u>.

4. Food and Beverage:

Selling food? You're under the watch of food authorities like Punjab Food Authority (<u>PFA</u>) and Sindh Food Authority (<u>SFA</u>), which ensures food safety and hygiene.

- Food Safety Certifications: You'll need to pass inspections to prove your food is safe to eat.
- Halal Certification: If you're selling Halal products, you'll need this certification.
- Example: Running a small bakery, a restaurant, or even selling homemade pickles would fall here.

5. Information Technology (IT):

If you're in the digital worldlike in digital marketing, software development, or telecom, you need to comply with the regulations set by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and the Ministry of IT.

- Licensing: Telecom services need licenses from PTA.
- Data Protection: Follow the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act to keep user data safe.
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Example: A digital marketing agency, software development house, or even running a tech blog would come under this.

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