

Procedure for Submitting an Appeal Against Call for Journal Accreditation Results (2026–2027)

1. As per the established framework, any grievances or appeals against the decisions of the Committee shall be routed through the Ethical Appeal Review Board (EARB) channel by applying through Research Grant Management System (RGMS) at (<https://research.hec.gov.pk>).

2. Furthermore, as per the HEC Journal and Publication Policy, 2024 (version 2.0, as amended w.e.f. November 2025), available on the HEC website at www.hec.gov.pk/site/journals, the appeal processing fee structure (non-refundable) is as follows.

- Public Sector HEIs, R&D Organizations and Think Tanks: **Rs. 25,000/-**
- Private Sector HEIs, Professional Societies, Foundation and Think-Tanks, etc.: **Rs. 50,000/-**

3. The appeal/grievance module is now operational. The Publishers/editors wishing to appeal the Committee's decision may submit their appeal within the prescribed period, no later than the close of business on **August 16, 2026**.

4. The guidelines to submit an appeal are also available at <https://www.hec.gov.pk/site/journals>

Important Note: The fee will be deposited online via 1-Link. Therefore, please do not deposit or send any cheque to HEC.

In case of any further query feel free to reach out at email: rjs@hec.gov.pk, hjrs@hec.gov.pk or call: 051-90401952, 051-90401954.