

Structure and Composition of the Local Councils in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

A local government system plays a key role in providing democratic and accountable governments for local communities and ensuring that the communities receive sustainable civic services.

The local government system in KP has a rural-urban divide: separate institutions have been designed for rural and urban population of the province.

Local council elections in KP for District Councils and Tehsil / Town Councils will be held on party-basis. However, the Village Council or the Neighbourhood Council, as the case may be, would be multimember ward for election of members to be held on non-party basis through adult franchise and joint electorate.

Local Governments in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa: Urban Areas

There are **three tiers** of local government in Urban KP.



1. City District Council (Peshawar)
2. Town Council
3. Neighbourhood Council

The Neighbourhood Council is the lowest tier, the City District Council is the highest tier and the Town Council falls between the two.

Local Governments in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa: Rural Areas

There are **three tiers** of local government in Rural KP.

1. District Council
2. Tehsil Council
3. Village Council

The Village Council is the lowest tier, the District Council is the highest tier and the Tehsil Council falls between the two.



Seats Allocation for each tier of Local Governments in Urban KP

There are **5 categories**:

- General seats
- Seats reserved for women
- Seats reserved for Peasants / workers

- Seats reserved for Youth
- Seats reserved for Non-Muslims

Category-wise number of seats

1. City District Councils

Details of number of seats for City District Council are given in Part-A of the Second Schedule to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act, 2013.

2. Town Councils

Details of number of seats for Town Councils are given in Part-B of the Second Schedule to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act, 2013.

3. Neighbourhood Councils

- General members - five to ten members determined on the basis of population;
- Women -two;
- Peasants and workers-one;
- Youth-one; and
- Non-Muslims - one

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Category-wise number of seats

1. District Councils

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2. Tehsil Councils

Details of number of seats for Tehsil Councils are given in Part-B of the Second Schedule to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act, 2013.

3. Village Councils

- General members - five to ten members determined on the basis of population;
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