

## National Testing Service and 1LINK join hands to digitize payments across Pakistan!



1LINK, in its drive to support and proliferate Person to Government (P2G) payments, has onboarded National Testing Service – Pakistan (NTS) on 1BILL - Bill Payment Service, enabling NTS to digitize tests/assessment payments and become well-integrated into the wider national payment infrastructure through its 24/7 availability on all member banks Mobile/Internet Banking, ATMs and OTC channels.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Muhammad Siddique, Secretary – NTS and Mr. Najeeb Agrawalla, CEO – 1LINK. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Tahir Aqeel, CEO – NTS and other senior management from both entities.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Tahir Aqeel, CEO – NTS said, ‘We are pleased to be onboarded on 1LINK 1BILL – Bill Payment Services. With the enablement of NTS on 1BILL, applicants can enroll for newly offered jobs / tests / assessments from the comfort of their homes via all available digital channels (Internet/Mobile Banking) and also by visiting Bank Branches and Branchless Merchants. We believe that this step towards digitization will set a precedence for other sectors as well.’

Mr. Najeeb Agrawalla, CEO – 1LINK commented, ‘Government institutions are prime movers of economy and centrally poised to play a catalytic role in supporting the digitization of government payments. Onboarding NTS is yet another milestone for 1LINK which continues to build the successful provisioning of Government entities on its platform.’

### **About NTS:**

Established in July 2002, National Testing Service – Pakistan (NTS) was a response to an expressed need for a comprehensive testing service in the National Education Policy (1998-2010) and the Information Technology (IT) Policy of Government of Pakistan. For more information, please visit: <https://www.nts.org.pk/new/>

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