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#### Pension Circular 16/2009 (3) Local Government

Heads of Overseas Missions,
District Secretaries,
Divisional Secretaries,
Bank Managers,

### <u>Payment of Pensions to Sri Lankan pensioners resident abroad-</u> (<u>Local Government Pension</u>)

Following decisions have been taken in accordance with Pension Circular 16/2009 dated 25.09.2009 on pension payment for Sri Lankan pensioners resident abroad.

Following instructions are further issued since the payment of Local Government pension and widows' pension will be centralized to this department.

Payment of Local Government pensions will only be paid through Sri Lanka High Commissions and Sri Lanka Embassies or approved special bank account. Accordingly the payment of these pensions though Divisional Secretariats will be abolished forthwith. Therefore action should be taken in accordance to the following instructions.

#### 02. Payment through Sri Lanka Embassies/ Sri Lanka High Commissions

This payment method extended only to 5 countries such as United States of America, United Kingdom, Canada, India and Australia. Payments will be made through only a one Mission of those countries. Accordingly, this will be proceed through Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC, High Commission of Sri Lanka in London – United Kingdom, High Commission of Sri Lanka in Ottawa – Canada, High Commission of Sri Lanka in Canberra – Australia and Deputy High Commission of Sri Lanka in Chennai – India. Further, payment through other Consulate General Offices in those countries will be concluded. Payments to pensioners in New Zealand will be made through High Commission of Sri Lanka in Canberra – Australia.

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## 03. Making payments through approved special bank account

All pensioners resident abroad are given opportunity under this method to open a special bank account at a bank in Sri Lanka and to get credited monthly pension to the account.

- This special account may be opened only at People's Bank Queen's Branch.
   Facilities are available for pensioner to open this bank account having arrived in Sri Lanka or while in overseas.
- 2. In order to open this account, pensioners are required to submit duly filled Data Entry Form, Mandate form, Affidavit, Letter of Consent. Documents submitted by pensioners resident abroad should have been ratified by Head of Embassy/ High commission/ Mission.
- 3. Conditions are applicable for this account. Joint accounts or ATM cards may not be used. Money may be draw by pensioners themselves having arrived in Sri Lanka. (Money in this account is not transferable, however this will considered in due course)
- 4. Pension will be directly credited to pensioner's bank account and pensioners are required to submit life certificates to this department once in each three months.

Accordingly the payment method of pension should be transferred to Sri Lanka overseas Missions or to a special account at People's Bank Queen's Branch as soon as possible and it is compulsory to submit duly filled Data Entry Forms.

Applications sent herewith should be filled and get certified by Heads of Sri Lanka Embassy/ High Commission/ Missions and sent to following address.

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Action will be taken to pay pension after receipt of life certificates to us for verification whether pension alive. Payment in future will be made only on information given to us.

It is kindly informed that the failures to submit above requirements will be caused to abolish payment of pension.

Foreign pension branch of this department may be contacted by following means.

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