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#### Pension Circular 02/2012

To all Secretaries of Ministries,
Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils,
Department Heads,
District Secretaries/ Divisional Secretaries,
Commanders of Three Forces,

# Extending duration of declaring consent towards Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme/ implementing amendments of Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Act/ contributing towards Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme by members of volunteer armed forces

#### 01 Declaring consent towards Widowers' and Orphans' Pension scheme

The final date of declaring consent towards Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme was extended till 30.06.2010 by Pension Circular 1/2010 for the female public officers appointed to a pensionable post before 01.08.1983 and was in the service to the said date.

Female officers who could not declare consent during the given period are offered to declare consent by the Gazette Extraordinary 1743/28 dated 03.02.2012.

Following instructions should be adhered in this regard. It is hereby notified that;

- i if a female public officer joined public service at the date 01.08.1983 may decide to exercise the option to be a contributor to the pension scheme before a given certain date, such date to be cited as 31.12.2012,
- ii if the female officer retired, the arrears of contribution together with interest thereon to be recovered at once,

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- iii if the officer dead, the relevant contribution and interest thereon should be recovered at once from the award and if the officer yet in service, the total contribution and interest thereon should be recovered before her retirement.
- iv the contribution should be recovered in according to the Pension Circular 3/2008.
- v these instructions should be applicable only for the females with citizenship in Sri Lanka.

Following persons are eligible to declare this consent.

- 1. Female officers (appointed before 01.08.1983 and) yet in the service.
- 2. Retired female officers who are interested in declaring consent
- 3. Female officers who died before the final date of declaring consent
  (Widower or orphan or guardian of the orphan is eligible to sign the form PD1A)

## 02. Implementing amendments of Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Act

Your attention is drawn to the Pension Circular 13/2010 dated 16.12.2010 issued by me with regard to the regulations of Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund (Amendment) Act No.8 of 2010 and Widowers' and Orphans' Pension (Amendment) Act No.9 of 2010. The date to declare consent regarding incidents occurred before 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 is extended till 31.12.2012. Other instructions of the circular are implemented as stipulated.

## 03. Contributing towards Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme by members of volunteer armed forces

Your attention is drawn to Pension Circular 10/2009 dated 14.05.2009 with regard to the offering benefits of Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme to male/ female members of volunteer, regular reserve, volunteer reserve forces of the Army, Air, Navy. If any officer appointed before 01.09.1981 and in the service to the said date, the officer, spouse, orphan or guardian of the orphan are eligible to declare consent and if any female officer appointed before 01.08.1983 and in the service to the said date, the officer, spouse, orphan, guardian of the orphan are eligible to declare consent and the last date of declaring consent shall be 31.12.2012.

Other instructions of the circular shall be implemented as stipulated.

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