

Pension Circular No: 04/2021

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Department of Pensions  
Maligawatta, Colombo 10  
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Secretaries to Ministries,  
Secretaries to State Ministries,  
Chief Secretaries of Provinces,  
Heads of Departments,  
District Secretaries and  
Divisional Secretaries.

**Extending the Benefits under Agrahara Insurance Scheme for the Retired Public Officers.**

Your attention is hereby drawn to the Public Administration Circular No. 12/2005(VIII) dated 29.10.2021. Accordingly, Agrahara Insurance Scheme implemented for pensioners has been extended to all the officers who retired before 01.01.2016.

02. Provisions of the Pension Circulars No. 4/2016 dated 31.05.2016 and No. 4/2016(I) dated 24.11.2017 issued under the heading "Establishment of a New Insurance Scheme AGRAHARA" as proposed by the budget -2005 for officers, who retire after 01.01.2016 are canceled from 01.11.2021 and the provisions of this circular are effective from that date.

- I. Subject to the terms and conditions in Annexure 01 of the Public Administration Circular No 12/2005(VIII), the benefits of Annexure 02 will be provided by the New Agrahara Insurance Scheme. (Mentioned in Annexure 01 of this Circular)
- II. All retirees from the Public Service and Provincial Public Service are eligible for this insurance scheme. All the pensioners who contribute accordingly will benefit throughout their life.
- III. Under the new scheme, pensioners under the age of 70 will be charged Rs.400 and pensioners above the age of 70 will be charged Rs.600 as a monthly installment.

IV. The pensioners who do not wish to contribute to this insurance scheme should inform it before 15.11.2021 on any of the ways mentioned below.

a. Complete the form in Annexure 02 and submit it to the Divisional Secretariat or Head Office of the Department of Pensions. This information should be entered into the centralized database by the officers attached to Divisional Secretariats.

b. Visit the website of the Department of Pensions [www.pensions.gov.lk](http://www.pensions.gov.lk) and use the preferential system allocated under public services.

N.B. An OTP number will be sent to the pensioner's mobile phone and that number should be used in informing the decision.

c. Reply the SMS sent to the eligible pensioners by the Department of Pensions, by type "No" and send if do not wish to contribute to the insurance scheme.

V. The installments of pensioners will be collected by the Department of Pensions and remitted to the National Insurance Trust Fund.

03. Only the pensioners mentioned in 2(II) are entitled to the benefits of this insurance scheme while their spouse, orphans or disabled children are not entitled to the benefits.

04. Pensioners should use the application form introduced by National Insurance Trust Fund (Annexure 03) to obtain the benefits under this scheme, and it should be certified by the Grama Niladhari and sent to Chairman, National Insurance Trust Fund.

05. Pensioners who are abroad can also enjoy the benefits on their contribution to this scheme. The pensioners living abroad, shall submit their application to National Insurance Trust Fund for obtaining benefits after getting it certified by the Embassy of the relevant country.

06. Divisional Secretariat Officers can obtain deduction information of the Agrahara Insurance Scheme through pension menu → pension payments → pension information. Further the pensioner can obtain the details of the payments through the Public Services by visiting the department web site [www.pensions.gov.lk](http://www.pensions.gov.lk).

07. Action should be taken by National Insurance Trust Fund to issue membership cards to the pensioners.

08. For further details about Agrahara Insurance Scheme, the following officer of the National Insurance Trust Fund may be contacted.

Name - Ms. Nimesha Sahabandu  
Designation - Assistant Manager  
Agrahara (Pensioners) Insurance  
Contac No - 0112026668

**Sgd.**

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Director General of Pensions

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