

Pension Circular No: 11/2009 (II)

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Department of Pensions  
Maligawatte  
Colombo 10  
2022.04.28

To All District Secretaries,  
Divisional Secretaries,

**Pension Circular 11/2009 : Payment of Government Pension through Bank Network**  
**(Maintaining Individual Bank Accounts for Pensioners)**

Your attention is hereby drawn to the Pension Circular 11/2009 dated 18.02.2011 and Pension Circular 11/2009 (Amendment 01) dated 18.02.2011 on the above matter.

02. No pension or gratuity shall be assignable or transferable. However, according to the Pension Circular 07/2020, Pensioner can nominate a guardian, subject to an agreement in cases where he is unable to represent himself due to a disability.

03. As per Pension Circular 11/2005, a new system to pay pensions through banks was introduced. Accordingly, Pension Circulars 11/2009 and 11/2009 (Amendment 01) were issued giving instructions to use only individual bank accounts for payment of pensions to ensure the payment to the respective pensioners. However, the Divisional Secretaries have been authorized to allow the payment of pensions temporarily to joint accounts that were used for pension payments by considering the issues raised by the pensioners.

04. Since the Pension Circular 11/2009 (Amendment 01) has been in operation for 10 years, further use of joint accounts for pension payments cannot be extended. Accordingly, only individual accounts should be used for payment of pensions with effect from 01.06.2022.

05. This decision is equally applicable to the persons of Tri Forces Pensions and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions as well.

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Director General of Pensions

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