Important Circular

To

1. All sections in Main office
2. All Sub offices under PCDA (WC) Chandigarh including IFAs

Sub: Coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 in place of NPS for employees whose selection for appointment was finalized before 01.01.2004 but who joined Government service on or after 01.01.2004.

Ref: This office important circular on the subject of even no. dated 13.03.2020.

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Copy of CGDA, Delhi Cantt important Circular No. AN (Pay-Tech)/14143/NPS/DAD/Vol.II dated 03.07.2020 circulating Government of India, Department of Pension and PW O.M. No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 25th June 2020 (also available at CGDA website) on the above subject is enclosed herewith. The contents of the O.M. dated 25.06.2020 of GOI, DoP&PW may please be brought to the notice of all concerned.

2. It is intimated that the individuals who covers the category under serial no. 1, 2 & 4 as mentioned in Office Memorandum No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 25th June 2020 issued by Government of India, Department of Pension and PW, may only apply and forward their application along with all the relevant documents as mentioned in option form attached herewith. The one-time option form (specimen enclosed) from the eligible willing individuals to exercise their option may please be forwarded to Admin - 2 section of this office not later than 27.07.2020.

3. Those Government servants who are eligible to exercise option in accordance with DoP&PW OM dated 25.06.2020, but who do not exercise this option by the stipulated date, shall continue to be covered by the National Pension System.

PCDA has seen.

Encl.: As above.

(SAHIL GOYAL)
Dy. CDA (AN)

P.T.O.
OPTION FORM

I, ______________________________ hereby give my option to switch over from New Pension Scheme (NPS) to CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 as I am eligible for the same in accordance with the clarification issued vide Govt. of India, Department of Pension & PW O.M. No. 57/04/2019-P&PW (B) dated 25.06.2020. I hereby also certify that the documents and the information as mentioned below is correct and any false information/misrepresentation will make me liable for disciplinary action by the Department. I also undertake that I will agree the terms and conditions as laid down in OM dated 25.06.2020 and will not make any claim in future in case of any new orders in the matter.

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<td>5 Date of issue of appointment letter</td>
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<td>6 Date of joining in Govt. service/Defence Accounts Department</td>
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Date: ___. 07.2020

Place: __________

Signature:

Name: _______________

Designation: _______________

Account No.: _______________

Office/Section: _______________
IMPORTANT CIRCULAR

Sub: Coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 in place of NPS for employees whose selection for appointment was finalized before 01.01.2004 but who joined Government service on or after 01.01.2004.

In continuation of Department of Pension and PW OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 circulated vide this HQrs. letter of even no. dated 25.02.2020, a copy of DoPPW OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 25.06.2020 on the above subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and compliance please. The OM may also please be circulated within your organization and sub-offices for information of all the officers and staff members.

2. While processing the cases, the following must also be ensured:-
   (i) A committee of sufficiently senior officers may be constituted in the office to scrutinize the cases and make recommendations to the appointing authority.
   (ii) All the conditions laid down in this OM as well as the OM dated 17.02.2020 must be strictly checked and relevant information be tabulated for each case.
   (iii) Since the DAD employees do not generally remain static in one office from the time of their appointment, the cases may be put up before the Officer in the rank of Appointing Authority in their office of present posting.
   (iv) Copies of all the relevant documents related to appointment of the individual viz. the dossier forwarded by the SSC and the document showing date of declaration of result and SSC batch must be placed in the file which is to be placed before the appointing authority.
   (v) In case the employee has joined Defence Accounts Department from any other Central Govt. Department/Office his option may be forwarded to concerned Dept./Office and necessary action may be taken on as per the instructions contained in the DoPP&T OMs.
   (vi) A copy of Pt II O.O. published in this regard may please be kept in the service book of the concerned employee and necessary entries to this may also be made therein.

Encl: As above.

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12. Secretary General, AIDAE (HQ) Kolkata – through PCA (Fys.) Kolkata

(Rajeev Ranjan Kumar)
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(Pradeep Kumar)
Accounts Officer (AN)
No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare

Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, the 25th June, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, in place of National Pension System in terms of DoPPW OM dated 17.02.2020 - clarifications-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that instructions have been issued vide this Department’s O.M. of even number dated 17th February, 2020, that in all cases where the results for recruitment were declared before 01.01.2004, against vacancies occurring on or before 31.12.2003, the candidates declared successful for recruitment shall be eligible for coverage under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972. Accordingly, such Government servants who were declared successful for recruitment in the results declared on or before 31.12.2003, against vacancies occurring before 01.01.2004 and are covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may be given a **one-time option** to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972.

2. References have been received in this Department seeking clarifications in regard to the implementation of the aforesaid instructions in certain circumstances. The issues raised by the various Departments have been examined in this Department and the position is clarified as under:

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<td>A Government servant joined in a Department /Office of the Central Government on or after 01.01.2004 on the basis of results declared before 01.01.2004 against vacancies occurred prior to 01.01.2004 and thereafter joined another Central Government Department / Office with proper permission after tendering technical resignation. Can the option exercised by such a Government servant be considered in accordance with the O.M. dated 17.2.2020 and, if so, which Department/office will take</td>
<td>Such a Government servant is also eligible to exercise option under O.M. dated 17.02.2020. A decision on the option shall be taken by the appointing authority of the post in the Department/Office for which such option is exercised by Government servant. In case the Government servant has submitted his option in his latest Department/office, that Department/Office shall forward the option to the concerned Department/office, for taking an appropriate decision. The decision taken by the concerned Department/Office shall be communicated to his latest Department. In such cases, the instructions relating to mobility as contained in this Department’s O.Ms. No. 28/30/2004-P&amp;PW(B) dated 26.07.2005 and 28.10.2009 shall also be applicable and further action for counting of past service for pension/ gratuity shall be taken in accordance with the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 by the latest Department/Office.</td>
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Can an option exercised by a member of the family of the deceased Government servant be considered.

If a Government servant, who was otherwise eligible to exercise option in terms of the O.M. dated 17.02.2020, has already died, the option exercised by the member of the family, who is eligible to receive NPS benefits on death of the Government servant in accordance with PFRDA (Exits and Withdrawals under NPS) Regulations, may be accepted and processed in accordance with the instructions contained in this Department's OM dated 17.02.2020.

If, before his death, the Government servant had joined another Central Government Department/office with proper permission after tendering technical resignation, the option exercised by the such nominee shall be processed in accordance with the clarification No. (1) above.

In cases covered by clarification No. (2), how will the amount of the corpus in the NPS account, which was transferred to the Government consequent on death of the Government servant in accordance with the O.M. No. 38/41/06/P&PW(A) dated 05.05.2009, be adjusted.

The amount of the corpus in the NPS account, which was transferred to the Government consequent on death of the Government servant, shall be adjusted in the manner indicated in para 9 of this Department's O.M. dated 17.02.2020, with the modification that the employee's contribution in the NPS account along with up-to-date interest, calculated on the rates applicable to GPF from time to time, shall be paid to the person in whose favour a nomination to receive NPS amount was submitted by the Government servant under the Regulations notified by PFRDA.

Will the instructions contained in the OM dated 17.02.2020 be applicable in the case of Government servants who joined on or after 01.01.2004 on appointment on compassionate grounds. If so, how will the eligibility of such Government servants to exercise option under OM dated 17.02.2020 be determined.

A Government servant, who joined on or after 01.01.2004 on appointment on compassionate grounds, shall be eligible to exercise option in terms of the OM dated 17.02.2020, if the competent authority had taken the decision on the recommendation of the Screening/Selection Committee to appoint the Government servant on compassionate grounds before 01.01.2004.
3. All Ministries / Departments are requested to bring the contents of these clarifications to the notice of Controller of Accounts/Pay and Accounts Officers, Attached office and Subordinate Offices under them.

4. Hindi version will follow.

(S. Chakrabarti)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,

1. All Central Govt. Ministries / Departments.
2. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
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