

Management Services Circular No: 32

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Department of Management Services
General Treasury
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To : All Secretaries to Ministries,
Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils,
Heads of Departments.

ABOLITION OF CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS SCHEME FOR PUBLIC AND PROVINCIAL PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

The Government has decided to revoke the Management Services Circular Nos. 18 and 18(I) dated 05.05.2003 and 28.08.2003 respectively, which were issued by the General Treasury for the purpose of implementing a Contributory Pensions Scheme for Public and Provincial Public Service employees recruited on permanent basis on and after 01.01.2003. Also, it has simultaneously been decided by the Government to implement the pensions scheme operative under the Pensions Minute and the Widows/Widowers and Orphans Pensions Scheme operative under the Widows/Widowers and Orphans Pensions Fund, for those officers who have joined Service on and after 01.01.2003.

02. Accordingly, Management Services Circular Nos. 18 and 18(I) are hereby revoked with effect from 31.12.2006. The appointments of all those who were recruited to public service on permanent basis from 01.01.2003 to date should be treated as permanent and pensionable appointments from their effective dates. The relevant instructions in this connection will be provided in the circular proposed to be issued by the Director General of Pensions in due course.

03. It has further been decided that only those employees of Public and Provincial Public Services who have secured membership in the Contributory Pensions Fund in accordance with the Management Services Circulars 18 and 18(I) issued by the General Treasury, and paid contributions be registered as members of Widows/Widowers and Orphan's Pensions Fund. Accordingly, all Heads of Institutions are personally bound by responsibility to complete payment of contribution due in respect of each appointee under the Contributory Pensions Scheme and to furnish the relevant statement together with other necessary documents to the Director General of Pensions for purpose of securing membership under the Widows/Widowers and Orphan's Pensions Fund.

04. Similarly, action should be taken to effect recovery of contributions towards the Widows/Widowers and Orphans Pensions Fund from the salaries of all those appointees who have received their appointments under the Contributory Pensions Scheme from 01.01.2003 to date, commencing 01.01.2007 as in the case of other public servants.

05. Amounts due to the Widows/Widowers and Orphans Pensions Fund will be deducted from the contributions made upto 31.12.2006, by those employees who received their appointments under the Contributory Pensions Scheme on and after 01.01.2003.

06. You are kindly informed that simultaneous with this circular, the instructions relating to the operation of the Pensions Scheme under the Pensions Minute and the Widows/Widowers and Orphans Pensions Scheme under the Widows/Widowers and Orphans Pensions Fund Ordinance, will be issued by the Director General of Pensions.

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