

No. 65/1/42-UTFII(12)/2025/ 13438
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
(FINANCE BRANCH)

Chandigarh, dated the 21-08-2025

To

All Administrative Secretaries/
Heads of Departments/Offices
in Chandigarh Administration

Subject: - Extension of cut-off date for exercising the option under Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)-regarding.

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to forward herewith a copy of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance letter No. 1/3/2024-PR dated 01.07.2025 whereby stated that the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) was notified by the Ministry of Finance vide Notification No. F. No. FX-1/3/2024-PR dated 24th January, 2025 for covered under National Pension System (NPS). As per the PFRDA (Operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme under NPS) Regulations, 2025 eligible existing employees, past retirees, and the legally wedded spouses of deceased past retirees were given a period of three months, i.e. up to 30th June 2025, to exercise their option for UPS.

2. It has now been decided to extend the cut-off date for exercising the option under the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) by three months, i.e., up to 30th September, 2025 for eligible existing employees, past retirees and the legally wedded spouses of deceased past retirees for seeking claims under UPS.

3. In pursuance of Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs notification dated 29th March, 2022 circulated by the Chandigarh Administration, Department of Personnel vide letter No. 28/17/94-IH(7)-2022/5169 dated 30th March, 2022, the Chandigarh Administration is pleased to adopt the aforesaid letter dated 01.07.2025 in respect of employees of Chandigarh Administration who have been appointed on or after 1st January, 2004 and are covered under the National Pension System, by giving an option under National Pension System as per Notification ibid.

3. It is requested that the revised timelines may be brought to the notice of the all regular employees working under your control for information and necessary action.

Finance & Planning Officer,
for Finance Secretary,
Chandigarh Administration

Endst. No. 65/1/42-UTFII(12)/2025/ 13439

Chandigarh dated the 21-08-2025

A copy along with a copy of its enclosures is forwarded to the following for information and further necessary action:-

1. The Accountant General (A&E), Union Territory, Chandigarh.
2. The Director Public Relations, Union Territory, Chandigarh.
3. The Treasury Officer, Central Treasury, Union Territory, Chandigarh.
4. The Director Information Technology, Union Territory, Chandigarh to upload the above said circular on the website of Chandigarh Administration.

Finance & Planning Officer,
for Finance Secretary,
Chandigarh Administration

File No. 1/3/2024-PR
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
(Pension Reforms Section)

2nd Floor, Jeevan Deep Building
Parliament Street, New Delhi
Dated: 1st July, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: Extension of cut-off date for exercising the option under Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)- reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) was notified by the Ministry of Finance vide Notification No. F. No. FX-1/3/2024-PR dated 24th January 2025 for covered under NPS.

2. As per the PFRDA (Operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme under NPS) Regulations, 2025 eligible existing employees, past retirees, and the legally wedded spouses of deceased past retirees were given a period of three months, i.e. up to 30th June 2025, to exercise their option for UPS.

3. It has now been decided to extend the cut-off date for exercising the option under the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) by three months, i.e., up to 30th September 2025 for eligible existing employees, past retirees and the legally wedded spouses of deceased past retirees for seeking claims under UPS. In this regard, a copy of PFRDA's circular dated 26th June, 2025 is attached herewith.

4. It is requested that the revised timelines may be brought to the notice of the concerned nodal offices, eligible existing employees, eligible past retirees and eligible spouses of the deceased past retirees.

5. Further, schedule on online awareness programs on UPS to be conducted by PFRDA for the month of July 2025 is also enclosed, for circulation to stakeholders concerned.

6. This issues with the approval of Competent authority.

Encl.: as above

Harkesh Chander
01/07/2025

(Harkesh Chander)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tele no. 2374 8760

All Secretaries to the Government of India
(as per Standard List)



पेंशन निधि विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण
PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



परिपत्र / CIRCULAR

Circular No.: पीएफआरडीए/2025/04/एसयूपी-सीजी-एसजी/01

Date: 26.06.2025

To,

The PrAOs, PAOs, DDOs of Central Government,

Existing Employees, Eligible Past Retirees and the Legally Wedded Spouses of Deceased Past Retirees of Central Government covered under National Pension System (NPS),

The DTAs, DTOs, DDOs of State Governments with respect to AIS Officials,

The Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRAs),

National Pension System Trust.

Subject: Extension of cut-off date for exercising Option of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under NPS by three months i.e upto 30 September 2025

Please refer to the Regulation 3 (2) (i) of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Regulations, 2025 dated 19th March 2025, wherein, it is provided that the exercise of option in respect of an eligible employee to be covered under UPS shall be undertaken: - (i) within three months from 1st April 2025, or within such extended timelines if any, allowed by the Central Government, in respect of a person mentioned under clause (i) and clause (iii) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 3 of the above regulations.

2. The Central Government of India has extended the cut-off date for exercising the option for UPS by three months i.e., upto 30th September 2025 in respect of the following

(i) migration to UPS from NPS by an existing Central Government employee in service as on 1st April 2025, who is covered under NPS,

(Signature)

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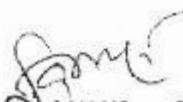
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(ii) claim by (a) A Central Government employee who was covered under NPS and who has superannuated or voluntarily retired or has retired under Fundamental Rules 56(j) (which is not treated as penalty under Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965), on or before 31st March 2025

or (b) the legally wedded spouse in case of a subscriber who has superannuated or retired and has demised prior to exercising the option for UPS.

सादर/Yours Sincerely,


(विकास कुमार सिंह)/(Vikas Kumar Singh)
मुख्य महाप्रबंधक/Chief General Manager