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**Circular No. 217**

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Dated: 16/07/2021

To

1. The Chief Accountant, RBI Deptt. of Govt. Bank Accounts, Central office C-7, Second Floor, Bandre- Kurla Complex, P B No. 8143, Bandre East Mumbai-400051
2. The Director of Treasuries (all states)
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9. The Pay & Accounts Officer, No. III (Pensions), Delhi Administration, R K Puram, New Delhi
10. The Pay & Accounts Officer, No. V (Pensions), Delhi Administration, Tis Hajari, Delhi
11. Military and Air Attache, Indian Embassy Kathmandu, Nepal.
12. The all DPDOs
13. The Post Master Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir Circle, Srinagar

Subject: **Extending new means of identification for continuation of pensionary awards in view of COVID-19 for a period up to September,2021 or till the Covid-19 situation improves.**

Reference: This office Circular No.214 dated 21.10.2020.

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Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, D(Pen/Policy) letter bearing F.No.3(01)/2020/D(Pen/Policy) dated 21.05.2021 on the subject is reproduced herewith for immediate implementation of provisions contained in the above Govt. letter mutatis-mutandis to all Armed Forces/Defence Civilian pensioners/family pensioners by the Pension Disbursing Authorities.

As per provisions contained in the above Govt. letter, new means of identification as approved vide MoD letter of even No. dated 15.06.2020 and extended upto March, 2021 or till the situation improves, whichever is earlier vide MoD letter of even No. dated 26.10.2020 **shall remain operative up to SEPTEMBER-2021 or till the Covid-19 situation improves, whichever is earlier.**

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2. All Pension Disbursing Authorities are requested to take immediate necessary action accordingly.
3. This Circular is available on this office website [www.pcdapension.nic.in](http://www.pcdapension.nic.in).

**Encls: As above.**

**sd/-  
(Abhishek Singh)  
Dy. CDA (Pensions)**


Copy to:-

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2. Dy. Secretary, Govt. of India, Min. of Defence, New Delhi
3. Army HQrs, AG's Branch, PAPS4(6), DHQ, PO-New Delhi
4. Naval HQrs, Dte. Of Supply, Pension Section, DHQ, New Delhi
5. Air HQrs, DP&PR, DHQ, PO - New Delhi-11
6. The CGDA, Ulan Batar Road, Palam Delhi Cantt-110 010
7. Officer-in-Charge, Pension Grievance Cell, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi
8. Dy. Director of Audit (Defence Services)PCDA (P) Campus, Allahabad – 211 014
9. Secretary, Kendriya Sainik Board, Min. of Defence, West Block-IV, Wing – V, New Delhi
10. The Pr.CDA (Navy), Cooperage Road Mumbai
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No. 3(01)/2020/D(P/P)  
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Ministry of Defence  
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare  
D(Pension/Policy)

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Room No. 222, B Wing,  
Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-11  
New Delhi, dated: 15.06.2020

To,  
Shri Kanwaldeep Singh,  
Jt. CGDA(Pension),  
O/o CGDA, Ulan Batar Road,  
Palam, Delhi Cantt-110010.

Sub: Extending new means of Identification for continuation of pensionary awards in view of COVID-19 situation.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to CGDA Hqrs UO NO. 5702/AT-P/PP/Vol-XX dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 regarding extending new means of Identification for continuation of pensionary awards. It was brought to the notice of this Ministry that in view of present COVID-19 pandemic, pensioners are facing problems in reaching their PDAs for getting themselves physically identified as well as Digital Life Certificate through Aadhaar or manual life certificate from authorized signatories. It was also intimated by Office of CGDA that "instructions have been issued to DPDOs to accept scanned images of Life Certificates and to identify pensioners via phone or video chat. Certifications from District Sainik Welfare Officers (DSWOs) can also be accepted for the purpose of Life Certificate for disbursement of pension."

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with MoD(Fin/Pen) and noted that the problems pointed out by Office of CGDA appears convincing in the present extraordinary circumstances. The method as suggested by CGDA for identification of pensioners/family pensioners on receiving of scanned copy of life certificate and video chat with pensioners/family pensioners has been considered and agreed to, with following advices:-

- i. It may be ensured by the PDAs that the pensionary awards are paid off to the genuine pensioner/family pensioner.
  - ii. The above method shall remain operative for a period of three months or till the situation improves whichever is earlier.
  - iii. Office of CGDA may also explore the system and timeline on the lines of Banks.
3. This issues with the approval of Secretary(ESW).

Yours faithfully,

  
15.06.20  
(Ashok Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

14/07/2020  
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