

Pension Circular No: 06/2017

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Secretaries to all Ministries,
Provincial Chief Secretaries,
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Divisional Secretaries,
Heads of Local Governments.

Recovering the contributions for Widows'/Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme from the officers and female officers who appointed to the public and provincial services after 01.01.2016

Your attention is drawn to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management circular no: 21/2017 dated 25.08.2017 issued on revision of the letter of appointment in relation to the introduction of new pension scheme for public officers.

02. Accordingly, the section 06 of the letters of appointment of public officers who were granted the appointments after the date 01.01.2016 has been revised as bellow with effect from 01.01.2016.

“This appointment is pensionable. You shall be subjected to a policy decision which should be taken by the government in future on the pension scheme to which you are entitled. Further, you shall make contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' / Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme”.

03. In terms of the above section, the contributions should be recovered to the Widows'/Widowers' and Orphans' pension scheme as per the section 12 of public administration circular no: 03/2016.As per the said circular, recovery of contributions from the basic salary mentioned in schedule II to the Widows' /Widowers' and Orphans' pension shall be in the following manner.

Preliminary and secondary level	–	6%
Tertiary and senior level	–	7%

04. In terms of the pension circular no. 06/2015 dated 07.04.2015, registration under Widows' /Widowers' and Orphans' pension scheme is made online and all the officers who were granted the appointments after 01.01. 2016 should be registered under the above scheme.

05. Officers who the contributions were not being recovered the contributions so far should be recovered from 01.01. 2016 and the said amount should be credited to the account of account of Director General of Pensions.

06. Further actions should be taken in terms of the para 3 of pension circular no.06/2015 to grant the widows' and orphans' pension entitlement for the widows of deceased officers while in service appointed after 01.01. 2016.

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Director General of Pensions

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