

**Pension Circular 08/2015 (I) Armed Forces**

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Department of Pensions,  
Maligawaththa,  
Colombo 10.  
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To Secretary, Ministry of Law and Order,  
Commander of Sri Lanka Army

**Granting pension entitlement to Officers, who have not completed 10 years service in Sri Lanka Army and other officers, who have not possessed 12 years of service, and been sent on retirement after becoming disabled due to terrorist activities**

A decision has been taken by the Cabinet decision No 14/0880/564/016 dated 17.12.2014 to grant entitlement for pension to 132 Police Officers, who have not completed 10 years service at the time they have been sent on retirement after becoming disabled due to terrorist activities and officers in three armed forces ,who were also under same situation.

Provisions applicable to officers in Armed Forces

02. According to this Cabinet Decision, the number of officers, who have not possessed 10 years service, and other officers, who have not possessed 12 years service, at the time of retirement due to disabilities is 2295. Therefore action should be taken as personal to these 2295 officers without making any precedent in public service. Even though these officers have not completed 10 years service at the time of retirement after becoming disabled due to terrorist, the officers, who have completed 10 years service and other officers , who have possessed 12 years service as at 18.05.2014 will be entitled to pension rights without any arrears of pension from 18.05.2014.

03. Since it has been decided to prepare this pension under pension payment system, which has not been decentralized, you should prepare, as per Pensions Circular No 03/2015, the complete pension file of officers ,who have become entitled to pension, containing Application PD 03 and send to this Department. Since this entitlement has specially been granted to these 2295 officers, you should never submit applications of any other officer deviating from this category. Further it will not be considered to grant pension entitlement deviating from the above category.

04. Since no arrears in pension is paid, the pension will be paid from 17.12.2014, the date of the Cabinet Decision or the date of completion of 10 years service, whichever occurs later.

05. When calculating the service of 10/12 years, only the active service of relevant persons should be made applicable for the purpose excluding service breaks, leave on no pay.

06. No pension file outside the register should be sent for preparation of pension. Pension entitlement will never be granted to any person under these provisions, for whom the approval of the Cabinet has not been received. Since these provisions of the circulars are applicable strictly as personal to the officers, who were approved by the Cabinet, they will never be treated as precedents.

07. If any gratuity has been paid to these officers at the time of their retirement, who are entitled to pension under these provision, it should be paid back to the department.

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Director General of Pensions

- Copy:
1. Secretary to H.E. the President
  2. Secretary of Hon Prime Minister
  3. Secretary to Cabinet - For information on further action as per Cabinet Decision No 14/0880/564/016 dated 2014.12. 17
  4. Secretary - Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance
  5. Secretary - Ministry of Finance
  6. Auditor General - To obtain assistance to formalize the programme to conserve personal files