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Pension Instruction Letter: 10/2024 (Amendment I)

All District Secretaries
All Divisional Secretaries

Life Certificate of Pensioners - 2025

The expenditure incurred by the government on pensions amounts to approximately 10% of the state revenue. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Department of Pensions, officers in-charge of the subject of pension at Divisional Secretariats, and the pensioners themselves to ensure that pensions are paid to the legitimate pensioner, to prevent the misappropriation of pension funds, and to take necessary measures to avoid errors and fraud in pension payments.

02. Accordingly, life certificates are obtained from pensioners annually to ensure that pensions are disbursed only to legitimate pensioners.

03. Pension Instructions Letter No. 10/2024 dated 19.12.2024 provides guidelines for pensioners to update their life certificates for the year 2025. Accordingly, permission has been granted until 31.03.2025, to obtain life certificates through fingerprint verification / by using the form prepared by Grama Niladhari Officers, and update the relevant data system. As per the provisions of the above-mentioned Pension Instructions Letter, the pensions of pensioners who fail to update their life certificates within the permitted period shall be suspended. However, taking into consideration the falling of Sinhala and Tamil New Year, religious festivals such as Vesak and Poson, as well as the impact of adverse weather conditions, the suspension of pension payments for those who have not updated their life certificates as of 31.03.2025 has been temporarily withheld.

04. However, it has been reported that the number of pensioners whose life certificates have not been updated due to reasons such as death, being reported missing, or other causes is 8,433. In order to prevent the loss to public financial management due to the alienation of government funds in a situation where funds are being provided for the payment of pensions despite the economic crisis in

the country, the payment of pensions to pensioners whose life certificates have not been updated as of 30.06.2025 will be suspended from July 2025.

05. Therefore, it is expected that pensioners who have not yet submitted their life certificates will be informed of the requirement of proving the life certificates before 30.06.2025, and that subject officers on pension and Grama Niladhari Officers will be guided to accurately update the data system based on the information provided in the submitted life certificates.

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For taking further action in terms of the above provisions regarding pensioners resident abroad whose life certificates have not been updated for the year 2025, please.