

Public Administration Circular : **07/2004**

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and Home Affairs  
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Secretaries of Ministries  
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and Heads of Departments

**Exercise of Political Rights**  
**Amendments to Section 1, Chapter XXXII**  
**of the Establishments Code**

The following Section is substituted in place of Sub-section 1:3 of Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code.

- 1.3 “An officer holding a post listed under Sub-Section 1:1 who intends to stand for election at a future date desires to make any preparation furthering his own candidature or for testing his chances at such a future election, he should first resign from his post in the public service before he proceeds or get a third party to act on his behalf on the above matter. But, such an officer who possess 10 years or more of pensionable service, may retire from his post before 7 days having given notice to his appointing authority before 10 days from the date of submitting nominations, if he intends to contest a Presidential, Parliamentary, Provincial Council or Local Government Election. Before such retirement, he should settle all his dues to the Government and if there is a bonded period of obligatory service, he should get clearance by paying back the bonded monetary value. An officer who retires from his post in terms of this provision is entitled to the pension and the gratuity from the date he completes his age of 55 years.”
02. Sub-Section 1:4 of Chapter XXXII of the Establishments Code is hereby deleted.
03. Letters of resignation from service submitted by officers who have completed 10 years pensionable service to contest at elections will be treated as applications for retirement, in order to grant them pension rights under the Minute on Pensions.
04. The Director of Pensions will take steps to introduce necessary amendments to the Minute on Pensions making provisions to pay them pensions accordingly
05. Persons who become entitled to pensions under the above provisions will be paid pensions from the date they reach the age of 55 years or on 01.01.2004 whichever occurs later.

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