

Establishments Division,
Ministry of Public Administration,
Independence Square,
Colombo 07.

05th April, 1984.

To: All Secretaries of Ministries
and Heads of Departments.

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE

This is with reference to Establishments Circular No.411 of 15th September, 1983, authorising the payment of the Cost of Living Allowance of Rs.246/- per month, which was to be reviewed after six months.

02. The additional amount payable after review, based on the Cost of Living Index as at February 1984 is Rs.102/- per month. The increase in the Cost of Living Allowance over and above Rs.246/- per month, should be paid from 1st March 1984 as follows:-

(a) A married public officer whose spouse is not employed in the Government Sector, a Bank, a public Corporation, a Statutory Board or in the Private Sector where Cost of Living Allowance is payable.

Full increase in Cost of Living Allowance is payable (i.e.Rs.102/- per month)

(b) Widow and Widower

Full increase in Cost of Living Allowance is payable (i.e.Rs.102/- per month)

(c) Bachelor/Spinster

Half the increase in Cost of Living Allowance is payable (i.e.Rs.51/- per month).

(d) A married public officer whose spouse is employed in the Government Sector, a Bank, a public Corporation, a Statutory Board or in the Private Sector where Cost of Living Allowance is payable.

Half the increase in Cost of Living Allowance is payable (i.e. Rs. 51/- per month per person).

03. The full increase in the Cost of Living Allowance i.e. Rs. 102/- per month is payable to every pensioner including a widow and orphan pensioner. (other than re-employed pensioner).

04. A re-employed pensioner whose spouse is employed in the Government Sector, a Bank, a public Corporation, a Statutory Board or in the Private Sector where Cost of Living Allowance is payable will receive only half the increase.

05. In the case of a public officer whose spouse is a pensioner who is not re-employed, the increased allowance is payable in full to the public officer.

06. The Paying Authority should obtain a declaration, in the annexed form, from a public officer before the increase in the Cost of Living Allowance, whether full or half, is paid to him.

07. Heads of Departments should make the payments out of funds already provided in the Estimates and, if necessary, seek supplementary allocation from the Director of Accounts and Payments of the Treasury.

08. The position will be reviewed in 6 months.

09. This Circular is issued with the concurrence of the Secretary to the Treasury.

Sgd: W. Jayamaha.

DIRECTOR OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Declaration in terms of Public Administration
Circular No. 247 of 05th April, 1984.

I.....
(Name)

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(Designation)

declare that .

- (i) I am unmarried*
- (ii) I am married and my spouse is not employed*
- (iii) I am married and that my spouse is employed
at in the
Government Sector*/a Bank*/a public Corporation*
a Statutory Board*/in the Private Sector*where
Cost of Living Allowance is payable*/not payable*
- (iv) I am a Widow*/Widower*
- (v) I am a re-employed pensioner*
- (vi) I undertake to inform the Paying Officer of
any change that affects the payment of the
increased Cost of Living Allowance immediately
such a change occurs.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

Note: * Delete, whichever is inapplicable.