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**Extension of the Age of Compulsory Retirement of the Public Officers
up to 65 years**

The proposal No. 5.4.11 made by Hon. Minister of Finance at the budget speech presented for the year 2022 to extend the age of compulsory retirement of the Public Officers up to 65 years of age was passed by the Parliament.

02. Accordingly, the approval has been granted by the Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 03.01.2022 for the Cabinet Memorandum No. 21/2270/315/040 dated 30.12.2021 to make necessary amendments to the Pensions Minute.

03. The decision of extending the retirement age up to 65 years, is applicable to all the Civil Officers except for the officers whose compulsory age of retirement is specifically defined by the Constitution or any other law.

04. This extension is effective from 01.01.2022.

05. Actions should be taken as follows with regard to the officers who have already obtained approval for retirement and leave preparatory to retirement.

- i. If an officer has taken leave preparatory to retirement with the intension of retiring on 01.01.2022 or a later date and if he/she intends to continue his/her service as per this Circular, the number of days related to leave preparatory to retirement obtained by the officer should be deducted from the leave preparatory to retirement he/ she obtains at the time of retirement in future and once the consent for the same is obtained from the officer in writing, the Head of the Department should cancel the request made by the officer for sending on retirement. Then the officer is able to report for duty. This cancellation should be informed to the Director General of Pensions in writing.

- ii. Further, the officers who have applied for retirement / who have already obtained approval for retirement from a date after 01.01.2022 can also serve until they reach the age limit mentioned above on their discretion. In such instances the officer should make a written request to the Head of the Department to cancel the request for sending on retirement to which the Head of the Department can give permission and it should promptly be informed to the Director General of Pensions.

06. The minimum service period required for the officers who are entitled to pension under Schedule “Q” of the Pension Minute is extended from 5 years to 10 years.

07. The provisions of the Circulars issued, other than the compulsory retirement age limit, with regard to sending on retirement shall remain unchanged.

08. This Circular is issued with the consent of the Ministry of Finance and the Gazette notification for revision of the Pensions Minute relevant to the extension of the age of Compulsory retirement to 65 years of age as per these directives shall be issued in due course.

Sgd/ J.J. Rathnasiri

Secretary

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