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Payment of the Cost-of-Living Allowance to Public Officers Entitled to Exercise Political Rights Who Submitted Nominations to Contest the Local Authorities Election, 2023

Your attention is drawn to Public Administration Circular 06/2023 dated 06.04.2023 and Public Administration Circular 25/2025 dated 26.09.2025, which were issued to provide relief to public officers entitled to exercise political rights who submitted nominations to contest the Local Authorities Election, 2023.

02. It has been decided at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 15.06.2026 to pay the Cost-of-Living Allowance as well to the officers, who were paid the basic salary in accordance with the provisions of the said circulars, for the period during which the basic salary was paid. Accordingly, action must be taken to pay the Cost-of-Living Allowance in addition to the basic salary paid to those officers.

03. These provisions shall apply only to the Local Authorities Election, which was due to be held on March 09, 2023.

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