



भारत सरकार Government of India
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways
रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)



No. 2025/AC-II/21/9 Part-3/e3500259

New Delhi, dated 18.09.2025

General Manager,
All Zonal Railways & PUs

Sub: Physical submission of UPS requests to Nodal Offices till
30.09.2025- reg.

Ref: Board's letter no. F(E)III/2025/UPS/1 dated 04.07.2025.

Please find attached a copy of PFRDA's circular No. PFRDA/2025/10/SUP-CG-SG/03 dated 16.09.2025 regarding the subject mentioned above.

It is reiterated that all UPS-related requests where online submission through CRA system is not possible, must continue to be submitted in *physical form* to the concerned Nodal Offices **on or before 30.09.2025**, as stipulated in the said circular. Zonal Railway must ensure that all DDOs take the necessary action of initiating the application on the portal within 3 days of the receipt of the application.

Necessary action may kindly be taken accordingly and the contents of the circular may be disseminated to all concerned DDOs/PAOs under your jurisdiction for strict compliance.

DA: As above.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. F(E)III/2025/UPS/1

New Delhi, dated: 04.07.2025.

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,
All Zonal Railways/Production Units etc,
DGs of RDSO and NAIR.


Subject :- Extension of cut-off date for exercising Option of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under NPS by three months i.e. upto 30 September 2025.

Ref: Board's letter of even number dated 28.03.2025

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) vide Gazette Notification No. PFRDA/12/01/0001/2023-LEGAL dated 19.03.2025 had issued the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Operationalisation of Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Regulations, 2025 to operationalise the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) introduced by the Central Government as an option under the National Pension System (NPS) for the employees of the Central Government who are covered under the NPS. The said notification was circulated on Railways vide the letter mentioned under reference.

2. Now, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has issued Circular No. PFRDA/2025/04/SUP-CG-SG/01 dated 26.06.2025 extending the cut-off date for exercising the option for UPS by three months i.e. upto 30th September 2025. The said circular of PFRDA shall apply *mutatis-mutandis* on the Railways also.

3. The Fundamental Rule 56(j) and Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 mentioned in the said circular correspond to Rule 1802(a) of Chapter-18 of Indian Railway Establishment Code Vol. II (1987-edition) and Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968 respectively.


(G. Priya Sudarsani),
Director, Finance (Estt.),
Railway Board.

DA:- As above.

No. F(E)III/2025/UPS/1

New Delhi, Dated: 04.07.2025



पेंशन निधि विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण
PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



परिपत्र / CIRCULAR

Circular No.: पीएफआरडीए/2025/04/एसयूपी-सीजी-एसजी/01

Date: 26.06.2025

To,

The PrAOs, PAOs, DDOs of Central Government,

Existing Employees, Eligible Past Retirees and the Legally Wedded Spouses of Deceased Past Retirees of Central Government covered under National Pension System (NPS),

The DTAs, DTOs, DDOs of State Governments with respect to AIS Officials,

The Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRAs),

National Pension System Trust.

Subject: Extension of cut-off date for exercising Option of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under NPS by three months i.e upto 30 September 2025

Please refer to the Regulation 3 (2) (i) of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Regulations, 2025 dated 19th March 2025, wherein, it is provided that the exercise of option in respect of an eligible employee to be covered under UPS shall be undertaken: - (i) within three months from 1st April 2025, or within such extended timelines if any, allowed by the Central Government, in respect of a person mentioned under clause (i) and clause (iii) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 3 of the above regulations.

2. The Central Government of India has extended the cut-off date for exercising the option for UPS by three months i.e., upto 30th September 2025 in respect of the following

(i) migration to UPS from NPS by an existing Central Government employee in service as on 1st April 2025, who is covered under NPS,

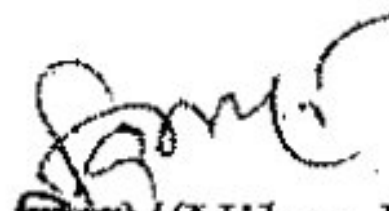
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(ii) claim by (a) A Central Government employee who was covered under NPS and who has superannuated or voluntarily retired or has retired under Fundamental Rules 56(j) (which is not treated as penalty under Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965), on or before 31st March 2025

or (b) the legally wedded spouse in case of a subscriber who has superannuated or retired and has demised prior to exercising the option for UPS.

सादर/Yours Sincerely,



(विकास कुमार सिंह)/(Vikas Kumar Singh)

मुख्य महाप्रबंधक/Chief General Manager



पेंशन निधि विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण
PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



Circular

Circular No: PFRDA/2025/10/SUP-CG-SG/03

September 16, 2025

To,

All the stakeholders of NPS and UPS

Subject: Physical submission of UPS requests to nodal offices till 30.09.2025 – reg.

Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) has been notified by Central Government vide notification F. No. FX-1/3/2024-PR, dated 24.01.2025 issued by Dept. of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance. PFRDA (Operationalization of the Unified Pension Scheme under NPS) Regulations, 2025 has also been notified on 19.03.2025. Further, Central Civil Services (Implementation of Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Rules, 2025 have been notified by DoPPW on 02.09.2025.

2. As the due date for exercising the option for UPS is approaching, i.e., **30th September, 2025**, it is hereby brought to the notice of all subscribers that, if due to any reason including unavailability of online system or any technical glitch in the CRA system due to which the subscriber is unable to submit the UPS request online through CRA system by 30th September 2025, the subscriber can submit the duly filled physical form to the concerned nodal office on or before the due date for further processing by the nodal office. The physical forms of UPS are available at <https://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in/ups.php>

3. This circular is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 14 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 and shall be effective immediately.


(Vikas Kumar Singh)
Chief General Manager