

OFFICE OF THE PR. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A & E), WEST BENGAL,
TREASURY BUILDINGS, KOLKATA - 700 001.

Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/345/39

Date : 15/6/2023

Subject : Acceptance of Aadhar Card as age proof certificate for payment of additional quantum of family pension on attaining 80 years of age.

In continuation of this office Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn/345/162 dated 20/1/2020 and Pen. Co-ordn/345/195 dated 12/3/2020, it is re-iterated to all concerned that Govt. of West Bengal has already extended the benefit of additional quantum of family pension on attaining 80 years of age and above on the basis of the date of birth of the family pensioner already recorded in the PPO. The Government, vide their Memo. No. 460-F (Pen) dated 20/5/2009 and 635-F (Pen) dated 14/7/2010 (duly circulated to all Pension Disbursing Authorities vide this office circular no. Pen. Co-ordn/300/156 dated 28/1/2010 and Pen. Co-ordn/300/92 dated 9/8/2010 respectively) have decided that in case age of the family pensioner is not available in the PPO, following documents would be accepted as proof of date of birth/age of the family pensioner for payment of additional quantum of family pension:-

- (i) Certificate of the School Final Examination or equivalent examination;
- (ii) Certificate from any doctor belonging to W.B. Health Services (WBHS);
- (iii) Voter's I.D. Card (EPIC) and
- (iv) PAN Card.

Now, the Government in their Finance Department, Pension Branch Memo. No. 444-F (Pen) dated 22/5/2023 (copy enclosed) has further decided to accept Aadhar Card as proof of age of the aged family pensioners in addition to the prevalent documents in this regard. Further, it is also to state that where the date of birth of family pensioner already accepted and recorded in the office of the Govt. of West Bengal and duly incorporated in PPO by this office, the date of birth is to be considered as final and cannot be changed on production of any of the above documents for payment of additional quantum of family pension.

All Pension Disbursing Officers, are, therefore, requested to make payment of additional quantum of family pension to the eligible family pensioners following the *modus operandi* explained above.

This order shall take effect from 22/5/2023.


Sr. Accounts Officer
Pen. Co-ordn.

To,

1. The General Manager/Manager of all concerned Link Branches (Under Spl. Seal) of Public Sector Banks in Kolkata.
2. All Accountants General. -do-
3. Pay & Accounts Officer, No. V, Tis Hazari, New Delhi, PIN – 110 054. -do-
4. Director, Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Govt. of Pondicherry, Pondicherry – 605 001. -do-
5. Director, Directorate of Accounts, Pension Section, Panaji, Goa - 403 001 -do-
6. P. A. O., Andaman , Andaman & Nicobar Island, Port Blair-744 101. -do-
7. Asstt. Military Attache (P), Embassy of India, Military Pension Branch, Kathmandu, Nepal-1. -do-
8. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Pin- 737 101. -do-
9. Controller of Accounts, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi- 110 021 -do-
10. Dir. of Audit & Pension, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Naharlagun- 791 110.-do-
11. Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Govt. of West Bengal, 'Mitra Building', 8, Lyons Range, 3rd Floor, Kolkata-1 for information.
12. Director General of Audit (Central), Kolkata, G.I. Press Building, 8, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata-700 001.
13. Pay & Accounts Office, A/2 State Emporia Buildings, Baba Kharag Sing Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
14. Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Department of Govt. and Bank Accounts, New Central Office Building , ShaheedBhagat Sing Road, Mumbai-400 023.
15. OSD & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, Finance (e-governance group) Department, Nabanna, 12th Floor, Room No. 1205, 325, Sarat Chandra Chatterjee Road, Howrah – 711 102.
16. OSD & Ex-Officio Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001.

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17. Branch Officer/Assistant Accounts Officer of Pen. EDP with the request to upload the circular along with govt. order in P-SAI application.
18. All Branch Officers/ Assistant Accounts Officer of Pension Group.[through P-SAI]
19. Branch Officer/Assistant Accounts Officer-in-charge of AM-I, ITSC, Legal Cell and O & M Section of this office. [through office portal]
20. Secretary to Pr. A.G. -do-
21. I.A.O. -do-
22. Branch Officer-in-charge of Admn. Hindi Cell with the request to translate the circular in Hindi.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PENSION BRANCH
WRITERS' BUILDINGS
BLOCK NO.- IV, 2ND FLOOR
KOLKATA - 700 001

No. 444-F(Pen)

Dated, Kolkata, The 22nd May, 2023

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Age proof certificate for payment of additional quantum of family pension on attaining 80 years of age in terms of F.D. Memo. No. 200-F(Pen) dated 25.02.2009 and F.D. Memo. No. 201-F(Pen) Dated 25.02.2009.

Consequent upon revision of pension and family pension under ROPA, 2019 vide No. 535-F(Pen) & 536-F(Pen) dated 01.10.2019, read with Memo. No. 681-F(Pen) dated 23.12.2019 it has been brought to the notice of the Government that many aged family pensioners do not possess School Final Examination or equivalent examination certificates. Moreover, obtaining certificates from WBHS doctor has not been possible for many such aged family pensioners.

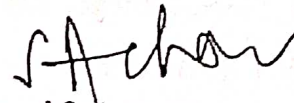
2) After careful consideration of the same the Governor has now been pleased to prescribe that any one of the following documents shall be accepted as proof of date of birth/age for payment of additional quantum of family pension only on completion of 80 years and above:

- (i) Certificate of the Madhyamik Examination or equivalent examination.
- (ii) Certificate from any doctor belonging to W.B. Health Services (WBHS).
- (iii) Voter's I.D. Card (EPIC).
- (iv) PAN Card.
- (v) Aadhaar Card.

3) In case of different dates of birth in different Certificates mentioned above, the date of birth first recorded and accepted in the office of the Govt. of West Bengal for payment of family pension is final and cannot be changed on production of any of the Certificates mentioned above for payment of additional quantum of family pension.

4) This order issues with the partial modification of F.D. 460-F(Pen) dated 20.05.2009, Memo. No. 635-F(Pen) dated 14.07.2010, Memo. No. 535-F(Pen) dated 01.10.2019 read with provision 13 of F.D. Memo. No. 681-F(Pen) dated 23.12.2019 and Memo. No. 55-F(Pen) dated 21.10.2020.

5) This order shall take effect from the date of the issue.


Additional Secretary
to the Govt. of West Bengal

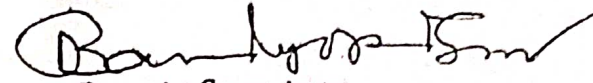
No. 444/1(12)-F(Pen)

Dated, Kolkata, The 22nd May, 2023

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, 2, Govt. Place (West), Kolkata 700 001, with a request to inform all concerned.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of West Bengal, Raj Bhaban, Kolkata.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary,.....Department, Government of West Bengal.
4. The Commissioner, Division.

5. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, 3rd Floor, Mitra Buildings, 8, Lyons Range, Kol-I, with a request to inform all concerned.
6. The District Magistrate/District Judge/Superintendent of Police -----
7. The Sub-Divisional officer, with a request to inform all concerned.
8. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office - I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata-700 012.
9. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office - II, P-1, Hyde Lane, Jawarhar Building, Kolkata - 700 012.
10. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office - III, Subhanna, DF Block, Sector-I, Kolkata - 700 064.
11. The Treasury Officer,
12. Sri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance Department, for uploading this order in the Finance Department's Website.



Deputy Secretary
to the Govt. of West Bengal