

Government of West Bengal Directorate of Treasuries and Accounts Finance Department

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Implementation of Unified Pension Scheme [UPS] for All India Service Officers of West Bengal Cadre

The Department of Financial Services (DoFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, vide Notification No. FX-1/3/2024-PR dated 24.01.2025, has announced the implementation of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under the National Pension System (NPS), to be made effective from 01.04.2025. In line with this, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), through Gazette Notification dated 19.03.2025, has issued the PFRDA (Operationalisation of Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Regulations, 2025 for UPS.

The Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms, Government of West Bengal, has requested the Director of Treasuries & Accounts, vide letter no. 702-PAR(IAS)/4P-09/2025 dated 25.04.2025, to take necessary steps for implementation of UPS.

The Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Govt. of India, vide letter no. 25014/01/2025-AIS-II (Pension) dated 30.04.2025, has advised all States and Union Territories for necessary compliance and to facilitate the implementation of UPS for the willing All India Services (AIS) Officers.

The following procedural guidelines are now being notified for the implementation of the Unified Pension Scheme [UPS] under the National Pension System [NPS] for All India Service (AIS) Officers borne on the West Bengal Cadre.

A. Procedure for opting to UPS by the existing NPS Subscribers

- 1. Existing subscribers under NPS, who are in service as on 01.04.2025, shall exercise Option for being covered under Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) by applying in **FORM A2** and submitting the same to the concerned Head of the Office (HOO) in Triplicate.
- 2. The DDO of the concerned HOO shall verify the application, mention the DDO Registration No. on the prescribed format, sign it and forward it to the concerned Pay & Accounts Officer/ Treasury Officer.
- 3. The concerned Pay & Accounts Officer/ Treasury Officer shall verify the DDO details, mention the PAO/ TO Registration No. on the Form and return it back to the DDO.
- 4. The HOO shall then forward the duly filled and signed copy of the application to the following Authorities:

a) One copy to the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, being the State Nodal Office to process the application, at the following address:

8, Lyons Range, Mitra Building (3rd floor), Kolkata-700001 e-mail: jdtanps-wb@gov.in

(A scanned copy of the completed application in PDF format may be mailed at the designated e-Mail ID mentioned above. The hard copy of the same is also to be forwarded to DTA, WB for official records.)

- b) One Copy to the respective Cadre Controlling Authority (CCA) for necessary noting in the Service Book.
- c) One copy is to be preserved in the respective office.

B. Procedure for opting for UPS for AIS Officers due for enrolment under NPS for the first time

- 1. AIS Officers, who are due for enrolment under NPS for the first time and willing to opt for the UPS Option, shall apply in **FORM A1** along with KYC and Bank detailed documents as prescribed therein and submit the same to the concerned Head of the Office (HOO).
- 2. The DDO of the concerned HOO shall verify the application, mention the DDO Registration No. on the prescribed format, sign it and forward it to the concerned Pay & Accounts Officer/ Treasury Officer.
- 3. The concerned Pay & Accounts Officer/ Treasury Officer shall verify the DDO details, mention the PAO/ TO Registration No. on the Form and return it back to the DDO.
- 4. The HOO shall then forward the duly filled and signed copy of the application to the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal at the address mentioned in point 4 (a) above.
- 5. The HOO shall also intimate the respective Cadre Controlling Authority regarding the option exercised by the Officer for necessary noting in the Service Book.

C. Procedure for applying for NPS (Not Opting for UPS) by the newly joined AIS Officers

The existing procedure for application and enrolment under NPS by submission of the form CSRF 1 to DTA, WB through the concerned HOO , as detailed in G.O. No. 1069-F(Y) dt. 03.02.2012 will continue.

D. Guidelines for the DDOs & PAOs/TOs:

- 1. The Head of Accounts (HOA) for transferring the employee contributions and employer contributions as mentioned in G.O. No. 1069-F(Y) dt. 03.02.2012 & 5332- F(Y) dt. 05.10.2016 will remain the same.
- 2. The employer contribution for the subscribers opting for UPS will be 10% of (Basic + D.A.), i.e., equal to the employee contribution.
- 3. The additional Govt. Contribution in the Pool Corpus "under UPS" will be done by the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, being the Nodal Office for NPS/UPS.

4. In order to avoid shortfall in the accumulated "Individual Corpus (IC)", the DDOs shall strictly ensure to submit the salary & govt. contribution bills related to the NPS/UPS Subscribers by the 20th day of the month to the concerned PAO/ Treasury.

The PAO/ Treasury will ensure to process the bills within 25th day of the month.

This would ensure timely processing of the contributions by the Nodal Office so that funds can be transferred to the NPS Trust Bank Account on the last day of every month and the funds so transferred may get invested with the NAV of the first Working day of the corresponding month.

The last date of submitting the application for shifting from NPS to UPS by the existing subscribers under NPS, is 30th JUNE, 2025.

The deduction of contributions & investments as per the modalities prescribed under UPS will be applicable from the month of July, 2025.

Randhir Kumar, IAS
Director of Treasuries & Accounts
Finance Department
Government of West Bengal

Date: 05.05.2025

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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.
- 2. The Director (Services), Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 4. The Resident Commissioner, New Delhi
- 5. The District Magistrate
- 6. The Sub-Divisional Officer_
- 7. The Pay & Accounts Officer- I/II/III/ New Delhi
- 8. The Treasury Officer ____
- 9. Axis Bank, Kolkata Main Branch
- 10. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), 5th Floor, the Millennium, Flat No. 5W, 235/2A, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Road, Kolkata 700020.
- 11. Sri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance (Budget) Department. He is requested to upload a copy of this circular in the website of the Finance Department.

Joint Director of Treasuries & Accounts
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Form A1

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I have understood the information requirement of the Form (read along with the FATCA / CRS Instructions and Terms & Conditions) and hereby confirm that the information provided by me/us on this Form is true, correct and complete and hereby accept the same.

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I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). The information and documents furnished by me are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. Any changes in the information furnished by me shall be informed to CRA / NPS Trust. I understand that I shall be fully liable for submission of any false or incorrect information or documents.

I authorize the CRA, NPS Trust or any other entity connected with UPS to collect and share data/ details of my necessary personal information for the purpose of the said scheme regulated under the PFRDA Act, 2013 and the relevant regulations notified thereunder.

Declaration under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002

I hereby declare that the contribution paid by me/on my behalf has been derived from legally declared and assessed sources of income. I understand that NPS Trust has the right to peruse my financial profile or share the information, with other government authorities. I further agree that NPS Trust has the right to close my PRAN in case I am found violating the provisions of any law relating to prevention of money laundering.

Signature / Thumb Impression* of Applicant

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Pension Fund

Government employee/subscribers can exercise choice of Pension Funds and

allocate their investments either in Asset Class 'G' under 'Active Choice' or in

If no choice is provided, the contributions will be distributed among the default

Life Cycle Funds - LC 50 or LC 25 under 'Auto Choice'.

Pension Funds and investment pattern selected by the Government.

			Clarification / Guidelines on filling details if applicant residence for tax purposes in jurisdiction(s) outside India: • Jurisdiction(s) of Tax Residence: Since US taxes the global income of its citizen, every US citizen of whatever nationality, is also a resident for tax purpose in USA.							
5	7&8	FATCA & CRS Declaration /	 Tax identification Number (TIN): TIN need not be reported if it has not been issued by the jurisdiction. However, if the said jurisdiction has issued a high integrity number with an equivalent level of identification (a "Functional equivalent"), the same may be reported. Examples of that type of number for individual include, a social security/insurance number, citizen/personal identification/services code/number and resident registration number). In case applicant is declaring US person status as 'No' but his/her Country of 							
		Signature by Applicant	Birth is US, document evidencing Relinquishment of Citizenship should be provided or reasons for not having relinquishment certificate is to be provided.							
			• In case applicant is declaring US person status as 'Yes', provide PAN and 'father name' in addition to details required under section 9 of form.							
			• In case the applicant is unable to affix signature, Left Thumb Impression in case of male and Right Thumb Impression in case of female should be affixed and in case there is no hands, toe impression of the applicant to be provided. The thumb / toe impression should be attested by two persons, one of whom should be the designated nodal officer attesting the same under his/her official seal and stamp.							
	General Information for Subscribers									

a) The Subscriber can obtain the status of his/her application from CRA and respective Nodal Office.b) Subscribers are advised to retain the acknowledgement slip signed/stamped by the designated

respective nodal office where they submit the application. For more information / clarifications, contact CRA:

Website: Call:

Middle Name Last Name

Mother's First Name
Middle Name
Last Name

Address of CRA.

Annexures - Subscriber Registration Form for Government Sector applicants (Tick and fill applicable annexures below)

Annexure I - Print PRAN Card in Hindi (Fill the details in Devanagari script)

Applicant's First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Annexure II - If Alphabets of name exceeded the space provided on page 1 of the application form

Applicant's First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Father's First Name

Father's First Name

Form A2

[See Regulation 4]

Exercise of Option by an eligible Central Government employee presently subscribed to National Pension System (NPS) for being covered under Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)

I,	(PRAN), having read and fully fied by Central Government vide notification F. No. of Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension ng eligible to opt for Unified Pension Scheme, do
Further, I hereby acknowledge that this option exercised by me shall	be final and irrevocable.
I authorize the CRA, NPS Trust or any other entity connected with UI personal information for the purpose of the said scheme regulate regulations notified thereunder	
Date: Place:	Signature of Subscriber Name
(To be filled and certified by the DDO b	pased on Service records)
Employment Details (At the time of exercise of UPS option)	
Employee Code/ID	
Date of commencement of qualifying service	
(Qualifying Service as defined in Regulation 2(k) read with Regula	tion 13)
Current month Basic Pay Non-Practicing Allowance (NPA), if applicable	
Schedule date for next increment	
Schedule date for next increment	
Signature & Name of DDO DDO Reg. No.	Signature & Name of PAO PAO Reg. No.
Date: Place:	Date: Place:

Note/Instruction:

- The duly signed copy of this Form shall be kept by DDO in employee's service record and a copy of the same shall be provided to the employee for his record.
- DDO shall input the Head of Office verified data in the Central Record Keeping System and in case of physical submission of form by the subscriber, the DDO shall upload a copy of this duly signed option form. PAO shall authorise and approve the option exercised by the subscriber in the CRA system through their login.