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To

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Memo No:- 282-328/NPS

Dated:- 06-06-2018

Subject:- Guidelines to be followed by Subscribers/Employees covered under NPS and Accounting Units for processing of Partial Withdrawal request.

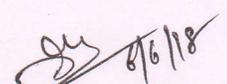
Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) has issued various guidelines/instructions to be followed by Subscribers/Employees covered under NPS under PFRDA (Exit & Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 and amendments thereof. These guidelines/instructions are attached herewith for the guidance of Subscribers/Employees covered under NPS and Accounting Units for processing of partial withdrawal request from NPS.

In view of the above, subscribers/employees under NPS can initiate their partial withdrawal request online or can submit physical form to this office. Form - 601PW & instructions regarding partial withdrawal are uploaded at PSTCL website under NPS Folder.

In case of any doubt or clarification, you may contact this office.

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4. PFRDA/2018/40/Exit dated 10-01-2018
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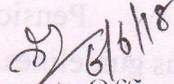

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Circular

PFRDA/2016/7/Exit/2

21.03.2016

**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUBSCRIBERS
AND NODAL OFFICE/POI/AGGREGATOR FOR PROCESSING OF PARTIAL
WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

1. Whereas the Authority has notified the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals from National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 on 11th May, 2015 and is in force. Chapters III of the said regulations *inter - alia* provide the withdrawals, purpose, frequency and limits under the National Pension System (NPS).
2. Now in exercise of its powers under Section 14 read with sub-clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 20 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 and Regulation 7 of the aforementioned regulations, the following guidelines are issued specifying/clarifying the process to be followed by subscribers, intermediaries and concerned government nodal offices, for the purpose of effecting withdrawals from NPS, as allowed under Chapter III of the PFRDA (Exits and Withdrawals from National Pension System) Regulations, 2015
3. As per Regulation 8 of the PFRDA (Exit and withdrawal from National Pension System) Regulations 2015, the partial withdrawals shall be permitted under National Pension System (NPS).-

A partial withdrawal of accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber, not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the contributions made by the subscriber and excluding contribution made by employer, if any, at any time before exit from National Pension System subject to the terms and conditions, purpose, frequency and limits specified below:-

(A) Purpose:

A subscriber on the date of submission of the withdrawal form, shall be permitted to withdraw not exceeding twenty-five percent of the contributions made by such subscriber to his individual pension account, for any of the following purposes only:-

- a) For Higher education of his or her children including a legally adopted child;
- b) For the marriage of his or her children, including a legally adopted child;
- c) For the purchase or construction of a residential house or flat in his or her own name or in a joint name with his or her legally wedded spouse. In case, the subscriber already owns either individually or in the joint name a residential house or flat, other than ancestral property, no withdrawal under these regulations shall be permitted;
- d) for treatment of specified illnesses: if the subscriber, his legally wedded spouse, children, including a legally adopted child or dependent parents suffer from any specified illness, which shall comprise of hospitalization and treatment in respect of the following diseases:

- i. Cancer;
- ii. Kidney Failure (End Stage Renal Failure);
- iii. Primary Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension;
- iv. Multiple Sclerosis;
- v. Major Organ Transplant;
- vi. Coronary Artery Bypass Graft;
- vii. Aorta Graft Surgery;
- viii. Heart Valve Surgery;
- ix. Stroke;
- x. Myocardial Infarction
- xi. Coma;
- xii. Total blindness;
- xiii. Paralysis;
- xiv. Accident of serious/ life threatening nature;
- xv. Any other critical illness of a life threatening nature as stipulated in the circulars, guidelines or notifications issued by the Authority from time to time.

(B) Limits:

The permitted withdrawal shall be allowed only if the following eligibility criteria and limit for availing the benefit are complied with by the subscriber:-

- (a) The subscriber shall have been in the National Pension System at least for a period of last ten years from the date of his or her joining. In case the subscriber is mandatorily covered under NPS the period of ten years for partial withdrawal will be considered from the date of applicability of NPS for such subscribers. However, in case of inter-sector/intra-sector shifting of subscriber previous tenure in NPS will also be considered.



(b) The subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw accumulations not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the contributions made by him or her and standing to his or her credit in his or her individual pension account, as on the date of application for withdrawal;

(C) Frequency:

The subscriber shall be allowed to withdraw only a maximum of three times during the entire tenure of subscription under the National Pension System and not less than a period of five years shall have elapsed from the last date of each of such withdrawal. The mandatory requirement of five years having elapsed between two withdrawals shall not apply in case of "treatment for specified illnesses or in case of withdrawal arising out of exit from National Pension System due to the death of the subscriber. For subsequent withdrawal only the incremental contributions made by the subscriber after the date of first/next subsequent withdrawal as the case may be will be allowed. The request for withdrawal in the specified form shall be submitted by the subscriber, along with relevant documents to the central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust, as may be specified, for processing of such withdrawal claim. Provided that where a subscriber is suffering from any illness, specified in sub-clause (d), the request for withdrawal may be submitted, through any family member of such subscriber.

At the time of superannuation/pre-mature/death the amount withdrawn under partial withdrawal till date will be adjusted against the payment of lump sum amount and balance if any will be paid to subscriber.

(4) Partial Withdrawal process:

Partial Withdrawal request is required to be submitted by subscriber to CRA through his/her Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator, as may be applicable. The Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator should satisfy itself about the genuineness of the requirement for partial withdrawal by the subscriber and after satisfying itself forward the withdrawal application for release of funds by CRA. On receipt of Partial Withdrawal request, CRA will process the withdrawal request in the CRA system. Following are the steps which will be followed by subscriber and Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator for submitting the 'Partial Withdrawal' request:

Role of the Subscriber:



1. If the subscriber has completed 10 years under NPS, subscriber will fill up the 'Partial Withdrawal' Form – PW – 601 and submit the same to his/her mapped Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator for processing.
2. Subscriber will provide the following details in the Form:
 - a. Percentage of Partial Withdrawal (maximum 25%)
 - b. Purpose of withdrawal along with the proof
 - c. Bank detail along with the bank proof (cancelled cheque /copy of bank passbook/bank certificate). Before submitting the withdrawal form, subscriber shall ensure that the bank account details are correct.
3. Subscriber will affix his/her signature/Thumb impression on the Form at the designated place and submit the same to his/her mapped Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator.

Role of the Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator:

1. The concerned Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator will check the request submitted by the subscriber with respect to completeness;
2. The Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator must also verify the veracity of the claim with respect to purpose of the partial withdrawal along with supporting documents;
3. The Nodal officer/POP/Aggregator must verify the details of the bank account of subscriber;
4. If request is complete in all respect, it will authorize the request and will send the same to CRA for processing;
5. Where the claim of partial withdrawal is submitted by the authorized representative of the subscriber (in case the subscriber is unable to submit such claim) Nodal officer/POP/Aggregator must satisfy themselves about the genuineness of such claim and ensure that the bank account provided is that of the subscriber.
6. The Nodal Officer/ POP/ Aggregator should process the partial claims within three working days of receipt of the claim excepting in cases where the partial withdrawal claim has been requested because of medical reasons in which case the claim would have to be processed on the same day of receipt of the claim.

Role of CRA:

1. Once CRA receives the request, it will process the request submitted by The Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator.



2. As per stipulated process, funds will be transferred to subscriber's bank account through electronic mode on T+3 basis. T – being the date of receipt of the verified and approved claim in CRA system.
3. Physical withdrawal request will be stored by CRA

5. These guidelines shall take effect immediately and all withdrawals shall thereafter be processed in the manner mentioned under these guidelines. Any clarification required in relation to implementation of these guidelines, for which sufficient guidance is not available, either under the regulations or these guidelines shall only be referred by the Intermediaries or the concerned nodal office to the Authority for its examination and disposal and queries of a routine nature or pertaining to internal processes of the concerned intermediary, shall be avoided. The decision of the Authority shall be final in this regard

Intermediaries and Nodal offices are expected to keep the infrastructure and processes in readiness so as to give effect to these guidelines and ensure seamless facility to the subscribers.

Note: The online module for partial withdrawal is under development and is likely to go live by May 2016. Meanwhile, subscribers can request partial withdrawal through their respective Nodal Office/POP/Aggregator who should to contact CRA for processing such requests.

Yours faithfully



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Central recordkeeping Agency
Pension Funds
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Annuity Service Providers

PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 10th August, 2017

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017

No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of Section 52 read with sub-clause(g), (h), and (i) of sub-section 2 of Section 52 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (Act No.23 of 2013), the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority(Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 namely,-

1. These regulations may be called the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
2. These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.
3. In the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority(Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015:-

(I) In regulation 2, in sub-regulation (1), the following new clauses shall be added after sub-clause (j)-

(k) “Exit ” for the purpose of this regulation shall mean closure of individual pension account of the subscriber under National Pension System, upon and on the date of happening of any of the following events, as may be applicable:

- (i) a subscriber having superannuated/retired from employment, as per the terms of such employment;
- (ii) a subscriber having attained the age of sixty years, and where so specifically permitted has not exercised a choice in writing to continue to remain subscribed to such system, till such further period as is permissible, with or without making contributions;
- (iii) death of the subscriber before attaining the age of superannuation, or the age of sixty years, or in cases where an option has been exercised by subscriber to continue to remain subscribed to a certain permissible time period, death before expiry of such period ;
- (iv) voluntary closure of the account by the subscriber, in cases where so permitted and on the date on which such closure is effected in the system;

Provided that a subscriber shall be deemed to have exited from National Pension System, in accordance with sub-clause (i) to (iv) notwithstanding that no claims have been received by or on behalf of the subscriber or such claims having being received are pending settlement.

Provided further that where a subscriber ceases to be in employment other than retirement or superannuation, it shall not be treated as exit and he shall have the option to continue his individual pension account, if available under new employment or as voluntarily available to citizens, unless the subscriber prefers a claim as provided under these regulations for withdrawal of benefits.

(l) The expression “defer” or “deferment” wherever used in these regulations shall mean the postponement or deferment of claims for receiving benefits admissible to a subscriber upon exit from National Pension System.

(II) Regulation 3 shall be substituted as follows –

3. Exit from National Pension System for government sector subscribers.-A subscriber under the government sector shall exit from the National Pension System in any of the manners specified hereunder, namely:-

- (a) Where the subscriber who, upon attaining the age of superannuation as prescribed by the service rules applicable to him or her, retires, then at least forty per cent. out of the accumulated pension wealth of such subscriber shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity providing for a monthly or any other periodical pension and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum or he shall have a choice to collect such remaining pension wealth

in accordance with the other options specified by the Authority from time to time, in the interest of the subscribers:

Provided that,-

(i) the following shall be the default annuity contract that will be applicable and wherein the annuity contract shall provide for annuity for life of the subscriber and his or her spouse

(if any) with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such subscriber, the annuity be re-issued to the family members in the order specified hereunder, at a premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of such annuity by utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the annuity contract (until all the family members in the order specified below are covered) :

(a) living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber;

(b) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber.

After the coverage of all the family members specified above, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in the absence of children, the legal heirs of the subscriber, as may be applicable; In the absence of or non-availability of such a default annuity for any reason, the subscriber shall be required to exercise the option for purchase of such annuity of his choice, within the then annuity types or contracts made available by the annuity service providers empanelled by the Authority.

Further, a subscriber who wishes to opt out of the default option mentioned above and wishes to choose the annuity contract of his choice from the available annuity types or contracts with the annuity service providers, shall be required to specifically opt for such an option.

(ii) where the subscriber does not desire to withdraw the balance amount, after purchase of mandatory annuity, such subscriber shall have the option to defer the withdrawal of the lump sum amount until he or she attains the age of seventy years, provided the subscriber intimates his or her intention to do so in writing, not less than fifteen days prior to his attaining the age of superannuation, to the Central recordkeeping agency or National Pension System Trust or any other approved intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority, in the specified form or in any other manner specified by the Authority;

(iii) where the subscriber desires to defer the purchase of annuity, he or she shall have the option to do so for a maximum period of three years from the date of attainment of age of superannuation, provided the subscriber intimates his or her intention to do so in writing in the specified form or in any other manner approved by the Authority, at least fifteen days prior to the attainment of age of superannuation, to the Central recordkeeping agency or National Pension System Trust or an intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for this purpose. It shall be a condition precedent to opt for such deferment of annuity purchase, that in case if the death of the subscriber occurs before such due date of purchase of an annuity after the deferment, the annuity shall mandatorily be purchased by the spouse(if any) providing for annuity for life of the spouse with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such spouse, be re-issued to the family members in the order of preference provided hereunder, at a premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of the annuity, utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the contract (until all the members given below are covered):-

(a) living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber ;

(b) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber.

After the coverage of all such members, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in absence of children to the legal heirs of the subscriber as applicable;

(iv) where the subscriber desires to defer the withdrawal of benefits available under National Pension System, the expenses, maintenance charges and fee payable under the National Pension System in respect of the individual pension account/ Permanent Retirement Account, shall continue to remain applicable;.

(v) where the accumulated pension wealth in the Permanent Retirement Account of the subscriber is equal to or less than a sum of two lakh rupees, or a limit as specified by the Authority, basing on the instructions issued by the appropriate regulator on the minimum value of annuities to be made available by the life insurers, the subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without purchasing annuity and upon such exercise of this option, the right of such subscriber to receive any pension or other amount under the National Pension System or from the government or employer, shall extinguish;

(vi) where the subscriber desires to continue in the National Pension System and contribute to his retirement account beyond the age of sixty years or the age of superannuation, he or she shall have the option to do so by giving in writing or in such form as may be specified, and up to which he would like to contribute to his individual pension account but not exceeding seventy years of age. Such option shall be exercised at least fifteen days prior to the age of attaining sixty years or age or superannuation, as the case may be, to the central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust or any other intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for the purpose. Upon exercise of the option, the other options of deferment of benefits shall not be available to such a subscriber.

Notwithstanding exercise of such option, the subscriber may exit at any point of time from National Pension System, by submitting a request to central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust or any intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for the purpose ;

(b) where the subscriber who, before attaining the age of superannuation prescribed by the service rules applicable to him or her, voluntarily retires or exits, then at least eighty per cent. out of the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall mandatorily be utilized for purchase of annuity and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum or he shall have a choice to collect such remaining pension wealth in accordance with the other options specified by the Authority from time to time, in the interest of the subscribers:

Provided that such annuity contract shall provide for annuity for life of the subscriber and his or her spouse (if any) with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such subscriber the annuity be re-issued to the family members in the order specified hereunder at a premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of the annuity, utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the annuity contract (until all the members given below are covered) :-

- (i) living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber ;
- (ii) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber.

After the coverage of all such members, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in the case of absence of children, to the other legal heirs of the subscriber, as may be applicable; In the absence of or non-availability of such a default annuity for any reason, the subscriber shall be required to exercise the option for purchase of such annuity of his choice, within the then annuity types or contracts made available by the annuity service providers empanelled by the Authority.

Further, a subscriber who wishes to opt out of the option mentioned above and wishes to choose the annuity contract of his choice, from the available annuity types or contracts with the annuity service providers , shall be required to specifically opt for such an option.

Provided that if the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is more than one lakh rupees or a limit to be specified by the Authority for the purpose but the age of the subscriber is less than the minimum age required for purchasing any annuity from any of the empanelled annuity service providers as chosen by such subscriber, such subscriber shall continue to be subscribed to the National Pension System, until he or she attains the age of eligibility for purchase of any annuity:

Provided further that if the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is equal to or less than one lakh rupees or a limit to be specified by the Authority basing on the instructions issued by the appropriate regulator on the minimum value of annuities to be made available by the life insurers, such subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without purchasing any annuity and upon such exercise of this option the right of the subscriber to receive any pension or other amounts under the National Pension System shall extinguish and any such exercise of this option by the subscriber,

before the notification of this provision, , shall be deemed to have been made in accordance with this regulation;

- (c) where the subscriber who, before attaining the age of superannuation, dies, then at least eighty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity and balance pension wealth shall be paid as lump sum or in another manner from among the options made available by the Authority from time to time to the nominee or nominees or legal heirs, as the case may be, of such subscriber:

Provided that,-

(i) such annuity contract shall provide for annuity for life of the spouse of the subscriber (if any) with provision for return of purchase price of the annuity and upon the demise of such spouse be re-issued to the family members in the order specified hereunder at the premium rate prevalent at the time of purchase of the annuity, utilizing the purchase price required to be returned under the contract (until all the members given below are covered):-

(a). living dependent mother of the deceased subscriber ;

(b) living dependent father of the deceased subscriber .

After the coverage of all such members, the purchase price shall be returned to the surviving children of the subscriber and in absence of children, the legal heirs of the subscriber as applicable. In the absence of or non-availability of such a default annuity for any reason, the subscriber shall be required to exercise the option for purchase of such annuity of his choice, within the then annuity types or contracts made available by the annuity service providers empanelled by the Authority.

(ii) Provided further that if the accumulated pension wealth in the permanent retirement account of the subscriber at the time of his death is equal to or less than two lakh rupees or a limit to be specified by the Authority, basing on the instructions issued by the appropriate regulator on the minimum value of annuities to be made available by the life insurers, the nominee or legal heirs as the case may be, shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without requiring to purchase any annuity and upon such exercise of this option the right of the family members to receive any pension or other amounts under the National Pension System shall extinguish;

- (III) (i) Proviso (i) to Sub-clause (a) of Regulation 4 shall be substituted as follows –

Provided that,-

(i) where the subscriber desires to continue in the National Pension System and contribute to his retirement account beyond the age of sixty years or the age of superannuation, he or she shall have the option to do so by giving in writing or in such form as may be specified of the age not exceeding seventy years and up to which he would like to contribute to his individual pension account. Such option shall be exercised at least fifteen days prior to attaining the age of sixty years or age of superannuation, as the case may be, to the central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust or any other intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for the purpose. Upon exercise of the option, the other options of deferment of benefits shall not be available to such a subscriber.

Notwithstanding exercise of such option, the subscriber may exit at any point of time from the National Pension System, by submitting a request to National Pension System Trust or any intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for the purpose;

(ii) Proviso to sub-clause (b) of Regulation 4 shall be substituted as follows:

Provided further that if the accumulated pension wealth in the individual pension account of the subscriber is equal to or less than one lakh rupees, or a limit to be specified by the Authority, basing on the instructions issued by the appropriate regulator on the minimum value of annuities to be made available by the life insurers, such subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without requiring to purchase any annuity;

(iii) proviso (ii) to sub-clause (c) of clause (ii) of Regulation 4 shall be substituted as follows:

(ii) in case, the nomination is not registered by the deceased subscriber before his death, the accumulated pension wealth shall be paid to the family members on the basis of the legal heir certificate issued by the competent authorities of the State concerned or the succession certificate issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(IV) Sub-clause (b) of Regulation 5 shall be substituted as follows:

(b) at any time, before attaining the age of sixty years, subject however that at least eighty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum or he shall have a choice to collect such remaining pension wealth in accordance with the other options specified by the Authority from time to time, in the interest of the subscribers;

Provided that for a Swavalamban subscriber, the annuity purchased by utilizing the mandatory minimum of eighty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth ought to yield at least a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees per month, failing which the entire accumulated pension wealth shall be annuitised in such a manner so as to yield at least a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees and balance if any thereafter shall be paid as lump sum to the subscriber. However there shall be no implicit or explicit guarantee that the annuity purchased even with entire accumulated pension wealth would yield a monthly annuity or pension of one thousand rupees;

Provided that subject to the provisions of this clause, where the accumulated pension wealth does not exceed one lakh rupees or a limit to be specified by the Authority basing on the instructions issued by the appropriate regulator on the minimum value of annuities to be made available by the life insurers, the whole of the pension wealth up to the limit so specified shall be paid to the subscribers who have not availed any Swavalamban co-contribution, without any requirement of annuitisation and further this provision shall be applicable to a subscriber who has availed a Swavalamban co-contribution only if such subscriber has continued in the scheme for a minimum period of twenty-five years;

Provided further that the migration of Swavalamban subscriber or subscribers to any other pension scheme of Government of India and as approved by the Authority shall not be deemed as an exit and withdrawal for the purposes of these regulations.

(V) Regulation 6 shall be substituted with the following :

6. Conditions to apply for exit and withdrawal.- A subscriber registered under the National Pension System shall not exit there from, and no withdrawal from the accumulated pension wealth in the Tier-1 of the Permanent Retirement Account of such subscriber shall be permitted, except in the manner so specified under regulations 3,4, 5 and 8 and further as mentioned in these provisions, namely:-

(ii) Sub-regulation(e) shall be substituted with the following:

(e)If the subscriber or the family members of the deceased subscriber, upon his death, avails the option of additional relief on death or disability provided by the Government or employer, the Government or employer shall have the right to adjust or seek transfer of the entire accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber to itself. The subscriber or family members of the subscriber availing such benefit shall specifically and unconditionally agree and undertake to transfer the entire accumulated pension wealth to the Government or employer, in lieu of enjoying or obtaining such additional reliefs like family pension or disability pension or any other pensionary benefit from such Government or employer. With the release of such family pension to the eligible family members of the deceased subscriber, the right to claim any benefits under the National Pension System, by any person shall extinguish thereupon including the rights of the nominee as recorded for the purpose of receiving benefits under National Pension System.

(iii) Sub-regulation(h) shall be substituted with the following:

(h) Upon exit of a subscriber from tier-I of the National Pension System, the tier-II account of the subscriber shall also be simultaneously closed and amounts under the said account shall be paid to the subscriber or his nominees or legal heirs as the case may be.

(ii) Under Regulation 6, new sub-regulation(i) after sub-regulation (h) shall be added as follows:

(i) With respect to subscribers who have not submitted the withdrawal application as is required under regulation 7 and within one month from the date of attainment of the age of sixty years or the age of normal superannuation as the case may be, for withdrawal of benefits upon exit from national pension system, the accumulated pension wealth in the account of such subscriber (both under tier I and tier II) would be monetized and kept separately as per the guidelines or directions issued by the Authority for the said purpose. The income earned from such safe keeping of the monetized accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall form part of the benefits that the subscriber is entitled under the National Pension System. This provision shall apply in respect of such subscribers who have deferred the withdrawal of benefits or have partly withdrawn the benefits and have not taken the steps to completely withdraw the benefits as is required under the regulations and or in the guidelines or directions issued by the Authority for the purpose.

(iii) Under Regulation 6 new sub-regulation (j) after sub-regulation (i) shall be added as follows:

(j) With respect to settlement of claims arising out of the accumulated pension corpus of deceased subscribers, where no valid nomination as specified in these regulations exist on the date of death, the Authority may issue suitable directions in the interest of subscribers for settlement of such claims in favour of the family members of the deceased subscriber, up to a specified limit, by requiring such heirs to submit such documents as may be specified.

(V) Regulation 7 shall be substituted as follows: -

7. Conditions of withdrawals under National Pension System.- a subscriber shall submit the withdrawal application along with the required documents, for the purpose of withdrawing the benefits upon exit as provided in these regulations, on or before the expected date of exit from the National Pension System to the National Pension System Trust or the central recordkeeping agency, acting on behalf of it or any other entity authorized by the Authority. central recordkeeping agency or National Pension System Trust may on receipt of such an application for exit or withdrawal from a subscriber in the specified form and subject to fulfillment of conditions so specified, may allow exit or withdrawals from the National Pension System in the mode and manner permitted under these regulations and guidelines, circulars, orders or notifications issued by the Authority for the purpose:

(VI) Regulation 8 shall be substituted as follows:--

8. The following withdrawals shall be permitted under National Pension System.- (1) A partial withdrawal of accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the contributions made by the subscriber and excluding contributions made by employer, if any, at any time before exit from National Pension System subject to the terms and conditions, purpose, frequency and limits specified below:-

(A) Purpose: A subscriber on the date of submission of the withdrawal form, shall be permitted to withdraw not exceeding twenty-five percent. of the contributions made by such subscriber to his individual pension account, for any of the following purposes only:-

(a) for Higher education of his or her children including a legally adopted child;

(b) for the marriage of his or her children, including a legally adopted child;

(c) for the purchase or construction of a residential house or flat in his or her own name or in a joint name with his or her legally wedded spouse. In case, the subscriber already owns either individually or in the joint name a residential house or flat, other than ancestral property, no withdrawal under these regulations shall be permitted;

(d) for treatment of specified illnesses: if the subscriber, his legally wedded spouse, children, including a legally adopted child or dependent parents suffer from any specified illness, which shall comprise of hospitalization and treatment in respect of the following diseases:

(i) Cancer;

(ii) Kidney Failure (End Stage Renal Failure);

(iii) Primary Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension;

(iv) Multiple Sclerosis;

(v) Major Organ Transplant;

- (vi) Coronary Artery Bypass Graft;
- (vii) Aorta Graft Surgery;
- (viii) Heart Valve Surgery;
- (ix) Stroke;
- (x) Myocardial Infarction
- (xi) Coma;
- (xii) Total blindness;
- (xiii) Paralysis;
- (xiv) Accident of serious/ life threatening nature.
- (xv) any other critical illness of a life threatening nature as stipulated in the circulars, guidelines or notifications issued by the Authority from time to time.

(B) Limits: the permitted withdrawal shall be allowed only if the following eligibility criteria and limit for availing the benefit are complied with by the subscriber:-

- (a) the subscriber shall have been in the National Pension System at least for a period of three years from the date of his or her joining;
- (b) the subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw accumulations not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the contributions made by him or her and standing to his or her credit in his or her individual pension account, as on the date of application for withdrawal;

(C) Frequency: the subscriber shall be allowed to withdraw only a maximum of three times during the entire tenure of subscription under the National Pension System. The request for withdrawal shall be submitted by the subscriber, along with relevant documents to the central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust, as may be specified, for processing of such withdrawal claim through their nodal office. Provided that where a subscriber is suffering from any illness, specified in sub-clause (d), the request for withdrawal may be submitted, through any family member of such subscriber.

(2) A subscriber having a valid and active Tier-II account of the Permanent Retirement Account can withdraw the accumulated wealth either in full or part, at any time by applying for such withdrawal, on such application form and in such mode and manner, as may be specified by the Authority in this behalf. There shall be no limit on such withdrawals till the account has sufficient amount of accumulated pension wealth to take care of the applicable charges and the withdrawal amount.

Provided that the Tier-II account shall stand automatically closed at the time of exit of the subscriber from the National Pension System, even if an application so specified for the purpose has not been received from the subscriber, and the accumulated wealth in such account shall be transferred to the bank account provided by the subscriber, while submitting his application for exit from the National Pension System.

(VII) Regulation 9 shall be substituted as follows:—

9. Withdrawal process.- (1) The National Pension System Trust or any other intermediary or entity authorized by the Authority for the said purpose shall be responsible for processing, authorizing and approving the withdrawal and exit claims lodged by the subscriber in accordance with the provisions of the Act, regulations, directions, guidelines issued by the Authority and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (National Pension System Trust) Regulations, 2015, where applicable. The National Pension System Trust shall frame and issue suitable operational processes including online processes or guidelines including the exit or withdrawal forms for facilitating withdrawals and Exit of subscribers from National Pension System after taking due approval from the Authority.

(VIII) Sub -regulation (1) of Regulation 10 shall be substituted as follows:—

10. Conditions of annuity purchase upon exit.- (1) The subscriber, at the time of exit, shall mandatorily purchase an annuity providing for a monthly or periodical annuity or pension as specified in these regulations, excepting those cases where exempted or provided otherwise and to the extent so exempted. Such annuity shall be purchased from an annuity service provider who is empanelled by the Authority.

(IX) In regulation 32, in the proviso, the following a new sub-clause (xii) shall be added after sub-clause (xi) -

(xii). In respect of subscribers covered under sub-clause(c) of Regulation 3 and sub-clause(c) of Regulation 4, where no valid nomination exists in accordance with these regulations, at the time of exit of such subscriber on account of death, the nomination, if any existing in the records of such subscriber with his or her employer for the purpose of receiving other admissible terminal benefits shall be treated as nomination exercised for the purposes of receiving benefits under the National Pension System. The employer shall send a confirmation of such nomination in its records, to the National Pension System Trust or the central recordkeeping agency, while forwarding the claim for processing.

(X) Regulations 33 and 34 shall be omitted

(XI) Regulation 35 shall be substituted as follows:-

35. Providing bank account details.- A subscriber seeking benefits upon exit or withdrawals as permitted under these regulations shall provide the Bank details mandatorily apart from details or copy of Aadhar card issued by Unique Identification Authority of India or details of or copy of Permanent Account Number (PAN) card issued by Income-Tax Department, in order to have the facility of credit of the eligible benefits directly in to the subscriber's or claimants Bank account as applicable.

(XII) Regulation 37 shall be substituted as follows: -

37. Stoppage of last month's deductions by employer.-The monthly contribution consisting of both the employer and employee, as may be applicable and that is required to be deducted for crediting to the subscribers account under the National Pension System by the employers from the salary of such subscriber shall be stopped at least one month prior to the date of superannuation. The employer shall pay such eligible contributions directly to the employee subscriber along with the monthly salary or remuneration that such subscriber is eligible to receive from the employer.

(XIII) Regulation 39 shall be substituted as follows: -

39. Power of the Authority to issue directions and clarifications.-(1)The Authority shall have the power to issue necessary directions, restricting the provisions relating to withdrawals and exit, as the case may be, under these regulations for complying with any requirements to move from any other pension or superannuation schemes or funds to the National Pension System.

(2) The Authority shall also have the power to issue clarifications and guidelines in order to remove any difficulties in the application or interpretation of these regulations or any provision thereof.

HEMANT G. CONTRACTOR, Chairperson

[ADVT.-III/4/Exty./179/17]

Footnote:

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 were published in the Gazette of India on 11th May, 2015 vide No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8.

PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 6th October, 2017

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017

No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 52 read with sub-clause (g), (h), and (i) of sub-section (2) of Section 52 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (Act No. 23 of 2013), the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 namely,—

1. These regulations may be called the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
2. These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.
3. In the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015:—

(I) In regulation 2, in sub-regulation (1), in sub-clause (k),

- (i) sub-clause (ii) shall be substituted as follows :—

a subscriber having attained the age of sixty years, and where so specifically permitted has not exercised a choice in writing to continue to remain subscribed to such system, till such further period as is permissible, with or without making contributions or in respect of a subscriber who has joined National Pension System after attaining the age of sixty years (but before attaining sixty five years of age) upon attaining the maximum age permitted to be subscribed to such scheme or any date prior thereto, based on the specific request for closure received from subscriber;

- (ii) sub-clause (iii) shall be substituted as follows :—

death of the subscriber before attaining the age of superannuation, or the age of sixty years, or in cases where an option has been exercised by subscriber to continue to remain subscribed to a certain permissible time period, death before expiry of such period or death of a subscriber who has joined National Pension System after attaining the age of sixty years (but before attaining sixty five years of age) at any time prior to attaining the maximum age permitted to be subscribed to such scheme;

(II) In Regulation 4, after sub-regulation (c), new sub-regulation (d) shall be added as follows:

(d) Exit from National Pension System by subscribers, joining such pension system on or after attaining the age of sixty years (but before attaining sixty five years of age):

- (i) In case of a subscriber, joining National Pension System under all citizens model or in corporate model, on or after attaining the age of sixty years, (but before attaining sixty five years of age) and after having subscribed to such pension system for atleast a period of three years, from the date of such joining, on exit, at least forty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth of such subscriber shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity providing for a monthly or any other periodical pension and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum. In case, the accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber is equal to or less than a sum of two lakh rupees or a limit to be specified by the Authority, basing on the instructions issued by the appropriate regulator on the minimum value of annuities to be made available by the life insurers, the subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without there being any requirement of purchasing an annuity

- (ii) where a subscriber under sub-clause (i) who, before completion of three years in such pension system, voluntarily opts to exit from the National Pension System, at least eighty percent out of the accumulated pension wealth shall be mandatorily utilized for purchase of annuity and the balance of the accumulated pension wealth, after such utilization, shall be paid to the subscriber in lump sum.

Provided further that if the accumulated pension wealth in the individual pension account of the subscriber is equal to or less than a sum of Rupees one lakh , or a limit to be specified by the Authority, basing on the instructions issued by the appropriate regulator on the minimum value of annuities to be made available by the life insurers, such subscriber shall have the option to withdraw the entire accumulated pension wealth without there being any requirement of purchase of an annuity.

- (iii) where a subscriber under sub-clause (i) dies, while being subscribed to National Pension System, the entire accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber shall be paid to the nominee or nominees or legal heirs, as the case may be, of such subscriber, in accordance with the provisions of these regulation.

HEMANT G., Contractor, Chairperson

[ADVT-III/4/Exty./259/17]

Footnote:

1. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 were published in the Gazette of India on 11th May, 2015 vide No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8.
2. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under the National Pension System) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017 were published in the Gazette of India on 10th August, 2017 vide No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8



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Circular

Cir.No PFRDA/2018/40/Exit.

Date: 10.01.2018

To,

CEO, National Pension System Trust/Central recordkeeping Agencies/Pension Funds/Trustee Bank/Govt. Nodal Offices/Points of Presence / Aggregators

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUBSCRIBERS AND NODAL OFFICE/POP/AGGREGATOR FOR PROCESSING OF PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawal under the National Pension System) (First Amendment) Regulations 2017 have been notified/published on the website (www.egazette.nic.in.) w.e.f.10.08.2017 . In light of this , Circular dated 21.03.2016 has been modified and norms for partial withdrawals have been liberalized .This circular shall be effective from the date of the notification of first amendment i.e. 10-08-2017.

2. As per Regulation 8 of the PFRDA (Exit and withdrawal from National Pension System)(first amendment)Regulations 2017, following provisions have been notified in respect of the partial withdrawals under National Pension System (NPS).-

(1) A partial withdrawal of accumulated pension wealth of the subscriber, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the contributions made by the subscriber and excluding contributions made by employer, if any, at any time before exit from National Pension System subject to the terms and conditions, purpose, frequency and limits specified below:-

(A) Purpose: A subscriber on the date of submission of the withdrawal form, shall be permitted to withdraw not exceeding twenty-five percent. of the

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contributions made by such subscriber to his individual pension account, for any of the following purposes only:-

(a) for Higher education of his or her children including a legally adopted child;

(b) for the marriage of his or her children, including a legally adopted child;

(c) for the purchase or construction of a residential house or flat in his or her own name or in a joint name with his or her legally wedded spouse. In case, the subscriber already owns either individually or in the joint name a residential house or flat, other than ancestral property, no withdrawal under these regulations shall be permitted;

(d) for treatment of specified illnesses: if the subscriber, his legally wedded spouse, children, including a legally adopted child or dependent parents suffer from any specified illness, which shall comprise of hospitalization and treatment in respect of the following diseases:

- (i) Cancer;
- (ii) Kidney Failure (End Stage Renal Failure);
- (iii) Primary Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension;
- (iv) Multiple Sclerosis;
- (v) Major Organ Transplant;
- (vi) Coronary Artery Bypass Graft;
- (vii) Aorta Graft Surgery;
- (viii) Heart Valve Surgery;
- (ix) Stroke;
- (x) Myocardial Infarction
- (xi) Coma;
- (xii) Total blindness;
- (xiii) Paralysis;
- (xiv) Accident of serious/ life threatening nature.
- (xv) any other critical illness of a life threatening nature as stipulated in the circulars, guidelines or notifications issued by the Authority from time to time.

(B) **Limits:** the permitted withdrawal shall be allowed only if the following eligibility criteria and limit for availing the benefit are complied with by the subscriber:-

(a) the subscriber shall have been in the National Pension System at least for a period of three years from the date of his or her joining;

(b) the subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw accumulations not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the contributions made by him or her and standing to his or her credit in his or her individual pension account, as on the date of application for withdrawal;

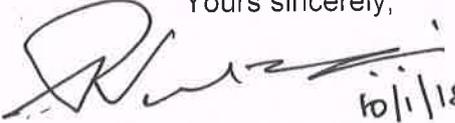


(C) **Frequency:** the subscriber shall be allowed to withdraw only a maximum of three times during the entire tenure of subscription under the National Pension System. The request for withdrawal shall be submitted by the subscriber, along with relevant documents to the central recordkeeping agency or the National Pension System Trust, as may be specified, for processing of such withdrawal claim through their nodal office. Provided that where a subscriber is suffering from any illness, specified in sub-clause (d), the request for withdrawal may be submitted, through any family member of such subscriber.

3. **Partial Withdrawal process/documents:**

Operational process/documents to be adhered to / submitted for availing partial withdrawal would be as per the norms/guidelines prescribed/specified earlier.

Yours sincerely,



(Venkateshwarlu Peri)
Chief General Manager

PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 2nd February, 2018

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018

No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8.— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of Section 52 read with sub-clause(g), (h), and (i) of sub-section 2 of Section 52 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (Act No.23 of 2013), the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority(Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 namely,-

1. These regulations may be called the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018.
2. These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.
3. In the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority(Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015:-

(I) . In regulation 3, in sub-regulation (a), new sub-regulation (vii) shall be added as follows:

(vii) provided that if the employer certifies that the subscriber has been discharged from the services of the concerned office on account of invalidation or disability, the exit shall be determined as specified under sub-regulation(a).

(II) . In regulation 4, in sub-regulation (a), new sub-regulation (v) shall be added as follows:

(v) provided that a subscriber is physically incapacitated or has suffered a bodily disability leading to his incapability to continue with his individual pension account under National Pension System, the exit in such cases shall be determined as per the provisions of sub-regulation (a) subject to the subscriber submitting a disability certificate from a Government surgeon or Doctor (treating such disability or invalidation of subscriber) stating the nature and extent of disability and also certifying that:

- a. the affected subscriber shall not be in a position to perform his regular duties and there is a real possibility of the affected subscriber, being not able to work for the remaining period of his life.; and
- b. Percentage of disability is more than seventy five percent. in the opinion of such Government surgeon or doctor (treating such disability or invalidation of subscriber).

(III) In regulation 5, in sub-regulation (a), new sub-clause (iii) shall be added as follows:

(iii) provided that a subscriber who is physically incapacitated or has suffered a bodily disability leading to his incapability to continue with his individual pension account under National Pension System, the exit in such cases shall be determined as per the provisions of sub-regulation (a) subject to the subscriber submitting a disability certificate from a Government surgeon or doctor (treating such disability or invalidation of subscriber) stating the nature and extent of disability and also certifying that:

- a. the affected subscriber shall not be in a position to perform his regular duties and there is a real possibility of the affected subscriber, being not able to work for the remaining period of his life.; and
- b. Percentage of disability is more than seventy-five percent. in the opinion of such Government surgeon or doctor (treating such disability or invalidation of subscriber).

(IV) . In regulation 8, in sub-regulation (1) (A), a new sub-clause (e) shall be added as follows:

(e) to meet medical and incidental expenses arising out of the disability or incapacitation suffered by the subscriber.

HEMANT G. CONTRACTOR, Chairperson

[ADVT-III/4/Exty./1414/17]

Footnote:

1. The Principal Regulations ,The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 were published in the Gazette of India on 11th May, 2015 vide No. PFRDA/12/ RGL/139/8.
2. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under the National Pension System) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017 were published in the Gazette of India on 10th August 2017 vide No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8
3. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals Under the National Pension System) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017 were published in the Gazette of India on 06th October 2017 vide No. PFRDA/12/RGL/139/8



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Circular

Circular No. PFRDA/2018/47/Reg-Exit/4

Date: 24.05.2018

To,

All Stakeholders and subscribers under NPS

Subject: Permission of Partial withdrawal "Towards meeting the expenses by subscriber for skill development/re-skilling or for any other self-development activities and meeting the expenses by subscriber for establishment of own venture or any start-ups"

In continuation of circular no- PFRDA/2018/40/Exit dated 10.01.2018, issued on applicability & handling of partial withdrawal, we are issuing this circular referring the terms of proviso (f) & (g) of sub-regulation (1)(A) of regulation 8 of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2018, notified w.e.f 18.05.2018. Authority hereby prescribes the following-

1. Partial withdrawal "Towards meeting the expenses by subscriber for skill development/re-skilling or for any other self-development activities".

(i). Definition:

"Self-development/Skill Development/Re-skilling" of an employee defines the value addition to the employee in terms of knowledge and acquiring new skills related to job & personality development. Value addition in the skills of the employee not only add value for the organization but also for own development of the employee to increase the opportunity for his/her professional career by gaining higher education/professional qualifications/technical courses etc . It also enables the employee to undergo, in or out of India, for a special course consisting of higher studies or specialized training in a professional or a technical subject and having a direct & close connection with the sphere of his duty.

(ii). Coverage :

a). Skill Development/Re-skilling of employee/Self-development activities (on request of employee) sponsored by employer for employee **shall not be covered for eligible class for partial withdrawal** because in such programmes employer bears all the expenses .

b). Skill Development/Re-skilling of employee/Self-development activities (on request of employee) wherein employee-employer relationship is established, following will be eligible for partial withdrawal.

Course/degree/diploma/certificate for Self-development activities/Skill Development/Re-skilling of an employee which are not sponsored by employer will be eligible for partial withdrawal on the request of the employee, provided following conditions are fulfilled

- (a) A "No objection Certificate " should be provided by employer if the employee-employer service rules/regulations/guidelines provide for the same.
- (b) In respect of identification of the course/degree/diploma/certificate for higher education/professional qualifications/skill development programs etc , the duration of the same should be 3 months or more .
- (c) The course should be recognised by University/approved organisation /recognised institutes/registered centres such as AICTE/UGC/NISM/NIBM/ICAI/IIM/other accredited bodies.
- (d) The course should be either a regular program or a distance education program or a skill development program.
- (e) Documents should be verified by the processing nodal office/PoPs/Aggregators before authorising partial withdrawal.
- (f) Amount which can be releases under this clause shall be subject to the actual fee of the course /training , subject to the maximum ceiling of 25 % of employee's own contributions, without considering the returns thereto.

(iii). Documentation:

The Nodal office/PoP/Aggregator would ensure that the subscriber has provided following documents before authorizing partial withdrawal :

- a. Admission /sanctions letter from university in India/abroad with fee details.
- b. For distance learning programs , copy/s of invoice/s which confirm the payment of required fee for desired course .
- c. For other skill development programmes, copy of invoices confirming payment of fee for the desired course.



- d. Study leave sanction letter/NOC provided by the organisation/department/ministry, if required in terms of the employee's service conditions

2. Partial withdrawal "Towards meeting the expenses by subscriber for establishment of own venture or any start-ups"

(i). Definition :

"Start-ups/establishment of own business" means setting up a new entity / bringing existing business under any registration guidelines issued by Government of India.

(ii). Coverage :

a). Partial withdrawal under this clause shall not be applicable where employee- employer relationship exists.

b). For subscribers who are registered under All Citizen Model (In an Individual Capacity) : Following shall be covered under this clause :

- (a) Start-ups/establishment of new business.
- (b) Managing family business (in the name of the subscriber) with valid registration with government authorities like GST/Income Tax/Govt. Departments
- (c) Existing business (in the name of the subscriber) under the registration issued by Government authorities like GST/Income Tax/Govt. Departments.
- (d) Acquiring existing business (from others) with valid registration in his/her name.
- (e) Entity should be classified as either a proprietorship or a partnership only.
- (f) Professionals
- (g) Self-employed individuals.

(iii). Documentation :

For the purpose of identification for grant of partial withdrawal; nodal office/PoP/Aggregator would ensure before authorizing partial withdrawal that the subscriber has provided the following documents

- a. Registration Certificate of entity.
- b. Proof of ownership of the entity (it should be in the name of the subscriber)
- c. Registration number issued by Government authorities like GST/Income Tax/Govt. Departments.

3. **Limits:** It shall be as mentioned under regulations 8 (B) of the Exit Regulations i.e
- (a) the subscriber shall have been in the National Pension System at least for a period of three years from the date of his or her joining;
 - (b) the subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw accumulations not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the contributions made by him or her and standing to his or her credit in his or her individual pension account, as on the date of application for withdrawal without considering any returns thereon;
4. **Frequency:** It shall be same as mentioned under the existing regulations 8 (C) i.e the subscriber shall be allowed to withdraw only a maximum of three times during the entire tenure of subscription under the National Pension System.
5. Other terms & conditions and regulatory conditions as mentioned in the regulation 8 of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under the National Pension System) Regulations, 2015 and amendments thereto shall continue.



24/5/18

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