

महालेखाकार कार्यालय (लेखापरीक्षा I) केरल, तिरुवनंतपुरम
OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (AUDIT I), KERALA,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

No.OE/Bills/I/UPS2025-26

Dated: 04.04.2025

परिपत्र सं.3/CIRCULAR No.3

Sub:- Implementation of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)

PFRDA vide, PFRDA (Operationalisation of Unified Pension Scheme under NPS) Regulations, 2025, has operationalized the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), introduced by the Central Govt., as an option under NPS, for the employees of Central Govt., who are covered under NPS. The regulations shall come into effect from 1st April 2025.

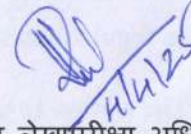

The option to avail benefits under UPS, shall be available to the following category of persons. The enrolment and claim forms will be available online from 1st April 2025, on website of Protean CRA – <https://npscra.nsdl.co.in>. Option once exercised, shall be final and irrevocable. A person eligible to exercise option and who does not exercise the UPS option, within the timelines laid down, shall be deemed to have opted to continue under NPS without UPS option.

Category	Option	Form to be submitted to enroll in UPS	PRAN
An existing Central Govt. employee in service as on 1 st April 2025, who is covered under NPS.	Within three months from 1 st April 2025.	Submit an application online, in Form A2, through CRA portal or physically to the concerned DDO.	Identified by a PRAN tagged to UPS.
A new recruit in Central Govt. services, who joins service on or after 1 st April 2025.	Within thirty days, from the date of joining Central Govt. services.	Existing process of enrolment under NPS shall continue. In case, such new recruit chooses the UPS option, such person shall submit an application online, in Form A1, through CRA portal or physically to the concerned DDO.	
A Central Govt. employee, who was covered under NPS and has superannuated or voluntarily retired or has retired under FR 56(j) (not treated as a penalty) on or before 31 st March 2025; or	Within three months from 1 st April 2025.	Submit an application online, in Form B2, through CRA portal or physically along with KYC documents, to the concerned DDO.	Identified by erstwhile PRAN, tagged to UPS.

Legally wedded spouse, in case of a subscriber, who has superannuated or retired and has demised prior to exercising the option for UPS.		Submit an application online, in Form B6, through CRA portal or physically along with KYC documents, to the concerned DDO.	
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It is directed that, all employees/pensioners/family pensioners, presently covered under NPS, may exercise their option, as per the guidelines available on website of Protean CRA – <https://npsra.nsdl.co.in>.

(Vide orders dated 04.04.2025 of DAG/Admn.)


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प्रतिलिपि/Copy to:-

1. All employees of Audit I, presently covered under NPS
2. Notice Board
3. Branch Office, Kottayam/Kochi/Kozhikode
4. All pensioners/family pensioners, presently covered under NPS