

Pensions Withheld Due to the Failure to Submit a Life Certificate & the Activation of the Withheld Pensions

The life certificate of foreign pensioners from 01st December of the previous year to 31st March of the current year, are obtained annually in order to make pension payments. Time had been granted, for the submission of relevant life certificates, before 25th May 2018. Pension payments were settled without any interruption, until May 2018.

It was decided to temporarily withhold pension payments to pensioners, who have failed to forward their duly certified Life Certificates by 25th May 2108. Steps will be undertaken to repay the withheld pension payments with the receipt of:

- A duly perfected Bio data (downloaded from www.pensions.gov.lk);
- Request letter to obtain foreign pensions;
- Two colour photos of the following dimensions - 3.5cm x 4.5 cm size taken within the last six (06) months;
- Visa or certificate evidence of permanent residence or citizenship or a pensioner certified copy of the service agreement, if the pensioner has undertaken foreign employment on contract/temporary/casual basis;
- Valid passport issued by the Government of Sri Lanka or a copy of a valid passport issued by a foreign government;
- Specimen form of application to open an account with the relevant bank;
- Letter of consent;
- KYC (Know Your Customer) Form; and
- Life Certificate dully perfected for respective year.

All pensioners obtaining pensions through Embassies/High Commissions/Missions should open special bank accounts as mentioned in the paragraph 11 of circular No. 01/2018 dated 20/06/2018.

It is compulsory to certify and send the requisite documents before 01/10/2018 through the relevant Embassies/High Commissions/Missions.