



OFFICE OF THE PR. CONTROLLER OF DEFENCE ACCOUNTS (PENSIONS)
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Circular No. 557

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To,

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Subject: **Implementation of 'One Rank One Pension' (OROP) to Defence pensioners.**

Reference: This office circular No 555 dated 04.02.2016.

A comprehensive list of maximum term of engagement for JCOs/ORs was enclosed as **Appendix-X** to this office Circular No. 555 dated 4.2.2016 has been slightly amended as under:-

Rank	Period	For	Read
Naik (Regular Army)	1.6.1953 to 30.11.1976	22 years	20 years
	1.12.1976 to 29.5.1998	24 years	22 years
	30.5.1998 till date	26 years	24 years
Naik (DSC)	1.6.1953 to 30.11.1976	22 years	20 years
Hony captain (DSC)	Below Exceptions -	5.72.1972 to 31.12.1972	5.02.1972 to 31.12.1972

2. Similarly, slightly amended comprehensive list of equivalence of ranks in the three services of Armed Forces is enclosed as **Appendix 'Y' to this Circular** which would substitute the Appendix-'Y' of the Circular No. 555 dated 04.02.2016.

3. PDAs have reported some difficulties on certain points while implementing the scheme of 'OROP'. Necessary clarification in the matter is as under:-

Sl. No.	Clarification required	Clarification
1.	In the absence of qualifying service, it would be extremely difficult to revise LFP/ SFP as per Circular No. 555?	In case, any information regarding qualifying service, rank, group etc., is not available with PDAs, such cases may be referred to Pension Sanctioning Authorities concerned in the proforma enclosed as Annexure-'A' to the Govt. Letter No. (1)/2014/D (Pen/Policy)-Part-II dated 3 rd Feb, 2016. All PDAs are therefore, requested to send Annexure-A both in hard and soft copy by name to Shri Ram Ji Mishra, Sr. AO (Sangam Cell) on e-mail ID: cda-albd@nic.in. Meanwhile, as an interim measure, if qualifying service is not available in case of family pension, minimum family pension rate payable for that particular rank and group w.e.f. 01.07.2014 (as per Circular No. 555 dated 04.02.2016) may be paid.
2.	In the absence of Group/ Qualifying service, revision as per Circular 502 was done by revising family pension for the lowest group in the start of the table. Now in the present OROP orders, the tables start from 0.5 yrs and therefore cases where group/ Q.S. is not available cannot be revised.	If the group of the service pensioner is not available in the PPOs/ Corrigendum PPOs, pension of lowest group (i.e. for group Y for the time being) for that rank and qualifying service may be paid until receipt of clarification from the PSAs concerned.
3.	It is not clear whether the LTA is payable in one lump sum or 4 equal installments?	Arrears on account of revision of pension and LTA from 1.7.2014 to 02.03.2016 shall be paid by the Pension Disbursing Agencies in four equal half-yearly instalments and not in lump-sum. However, all the family pensioners including those in receipt of Special/ Liberalized Family Pension and all Gallantry award winners shall be paid arrears in one instalment as per Para 17 of the Circular No. 555 dated 04.02.2016.
4.	PDAs find it extremely difficult to identify HAG+ rank?	The rank of Lt. Gen (HAG+) was introduced after 01.01.2006. Hence, rank of Lt. Gen (HAG+) is found only in Post-01.01.2006 cases. In such cases, pay scale for that rank i.e. Rs. 75500-80000 is mentioned in the PPO. For Pre-2006 cases, pension of HAG will be payable to retired Lt. Generals, unless retired in the rank of Army Commander or equivalent. Same applies to equivalent ranks in Air Force and Navy.

5.	Tables 97-101 give the revised pension payable in respect of Pre-01.06.1953 and State Forces pensioners. Whether family pensioners of the above category (particularly State Force pensioners) are entitled for OROP revision and if so at what rates?	Rates shown in Table No. 97-101 attached with Circular No. 555 are for Pre-01.06.1953 retirees. These tables are showing Service Element/ Service Pension rates. Cases of Family/ Disability/ War Injury Pension in r/o Pre-01.06.1953 retirees shall be submitted to this office for revision through Corr PPO. The same applies to State Forces pensioners.
6.	No equivalence has been prescribed for Cadets?	The Cadets are granted monthly ex-gratia and same is treated differently from pension and therefore, cases of Cadets are regulated separately as per the existing provisions. Hence Circular No. 555 is not applicable in case of Cadets.
7.	Annexure E to F to Circular No. 500 dated 17.01.2013 gives the rates for revised pension payable to Pre-96 EC/SSC Officers and to Post-96 EC/SSC Officers. It is common table irrespective of Pre or Post- 96 retirees. Whether pension shall be revised for Pre-96 EC/ SSC Officers as per Table 5 & 6 of Circular 555?	As per Govt. letter No. 12(1)/2014/ D(Pen/Policy) Part-II dated 07.11.2015 "OROP implies that uniform pension to be paid to the Defence Forces Personnel retiring in the same rank with the same length of service, regardless of their date of retirement." The pension of all past pensioners will be determined according to the above principle.
8.	It is mentioned that Corr PPOs have been issued admitting pension for the rank of Lt. Col. In respect of Major with 21 years Qualifying Service. Then how to revise the pension for Major (post 96 cases) with 21 years Qualifying Service?	All substantive Majors retired on or after 1.1.1996 but before 01.01.2006, who had completed 21 years of commissioned service and were granted pay of Lt. Col. as per Para 5(a) (iii) and 5 (a) (iv) of Special Army Instruction 2/S/98. Such Majors have been allowed the benefit of revision of pension as per rates of Lt. Col. under 6 th CPC on the authority of Gol, MoD Deptt. of Ex-Service Welfare letter No. 1(13)/2009/D(Pen/Policy) dated 24 th sept 2012. In these cases, Corr PPO's have been issued by concerned PSAs revising pension under 6 th CPC. Pension of such Majors may also be revised as per the table applicable to Lt. Col. However, in case of any doubt, the case may please be referred to PSAs concerned for clarification.
9.	Whether PDAs are authorized to revise the pension to Subedar Major granted ACP I & ACP II for the rank of Hony Lt and Hony Captain?	In case ACP is granted, pension of next higher rank will be admissible to the pensioner. In case of Subedar Major who got ACP-I, pension may be revised for Hony. Lt. But it is not likely that ACP-II is granted to a Subedar Major, so if any case of Subedar Major with ACP-II comes into the knowledge, the same may be forwarded for clarification.

10.	The difference between Artificer III-I and Artificer I, II, III may please be explained.	The same has been reflected in revised Annexure-Y attached with this Circular.
11.	Orders were issued vide Circular 456 dated 18.03.2011 for broad banding of disability element whereby disability element sanctioned at rates lower than 50% was brought up to 50%. In cases where broad banding has been carried out, it is not beneficial to revise disability at rates lower than 50%. As such no revision has been effected in such cases and current rate of disability element has been retained. It may be confirmed that this is in order.	<p>As already clarified in various circulars issued by this office, the Disability Element shall be proportionately reduced for disability which is less than 100%.</p> <p>Accordingly, in case of broad- banding of disability element, benefit of broad banding may be granted to the individual. Further, Para-6 of ibid Gol, MoD letter dated 03.02.2016 may be referred to wherein it is stated that if the revised pension as on 01.07.2014 works out to less than the existing pension as on 01.07.2014 in terms of these orders, the pension shall not be revised to the disadvantage of the pensioner.</p>
12.	Whether Qualifying Service (Q.S.) is to be taken as actual or with weightage?	In Post-2006 retirees cases, weightage had been withdrawn from Qualifying Service. Therefore, the qualifying service mentioned in OROP table is actual qualifying service only. No weightage in qualifying service is to be allowed at all while extending the benefit of OROP in past cases. For example, if actual Q.S. was 'q' years and weightage, if any, was 'y' years, the pension indicated in the concerned table for 'q' years only is to be paid to the pensioner.
13.	Whether the amount mentioned in Column 22 of Table No. 7 is applicable to all category of pensioners?	Column 22 of Table No. 7 is applicable to all NCs(E) of the three services i.e. Army, Navy & Air Force.



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A. EQUIVALENCE OF RANKS IN THE THREE SERVICES OF ARMED FORCES**Indian Commissioned Officer (ICOs)**

ARMY	NAVY	AIR FORCE
Lieutenant	Sub Lt.	Plt. Offr./ Flg Offr.
Captain	Lt.	Flt. Lt.
Major	Lt. Cdr.	Sqn. Ldr.
Lt.Col.(TS)	Cdr. (TS)	Wg. Cdr. (TS)
Lt. Col. (S)	Cdr. (S)	Wg. Cdr. (S)
Colonel (TS)	Captain(TS)	Group Captain (TS)
Colonel	Captain	Group Captain
Brigadier	Commodore	Air Commodore
Major General	Rear Admiral	Air Vice Marshal
Lt. General	Vice Admiral	Air Marshal
Lt. General (HAG+)	Vice Admiral (HAG+)	Air Marshal (HAG+)
Lt. General (Army Cdr.)	Vice Admiral (FOC-in- C)	Air Marshal (AOC-in- C)
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Vice Chief of Army Staff	Vice Chief of Naval Staff	Vice Chief of Air Staff
Chief of Army Staff	Chief of Naval Staff	Chief of Air Staff

Note: The rank of Lt. General (HAG+) and equivalent exists only in Post 2006 cases.

B. JUNIOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (JCOs) AND OTHER RANKS (ORs)

ARMY	AIF FORCE	NAVY
Sepoy	AC/ LAC	Seaman- I & II and equivalent
Naik/ L Dafadar	Corporal	Leading Seaman & equivalent
Havildar/ Dafadar	Sergeant	Petty Officer/Mech-IV/Artificer-IV
----	----	Artificer-III-I/Mech-III-I
Nb Subedar/ Nb Risaldar/ Jamadar	JWO	CPO/ Chief Artificer / Chief Mech
Subedar/ Risaldar	WO	Master Chief Petty Officer- II Master Chief Mech- II Master Chief Art- II
Sub Major	MWO	Master Chief Petty Officer – I Master Chief Mech- I Master Chief Art- I
NCs(E)	NCs(E), Tindal, Head Tindal	

Note: Recruits are equivalent to Sepoy (Lowest group)

C. HONORARY RANKS (JCOs)

ARMY	AIF FORCE	NAVY
Sub/Hony Lt	WO/Hony Fly. Officer	MCPO-II/Sub Lt
Sub Maj/Hony Lt	MWO/Hony Fly. Officer	MCPO-I/Sub Lt
Sub/Hony Capt	WO/Hony Flt. Lt.	MCPO-II/Hony Lt
Sub Maj/Hony Capt.	MWO/Hony Flt. Lt.	MCPO-I/Hony Lt

Equivalent rank of three services of Armed Forces personnel has been given in Appendix Y (not as appendix Z as mention in above cited circular) and the same is slightly amended and uploaded to the website of this office.