

Public Administration Circular : 26/2023

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Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs,
Provincial Councils and Local Government
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Colombo 07,

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Secretaries to Ministries
Chief Secretaries of Provinces
Heads of Departments
Heads of State Corporations/Statutory Boards

**Providing Relief to the Public Officers, Who are Entitled to Exercise
Political Rights and Submitted Nominations as Candidates for the Local
Government Election**

It has been decided at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 18.12.2023 to provide the following reliefs in addition to the provisions of Public Administration Circular No. 06/2023, dated 06.04.2023, and Public Administration Circular No. 07/2023, dated 08.05.2023, issued to provide reliefs to the public officers who are entitled to exercise political rights and submitted nominations for the Local Government Election in 2023, due to its indefinite postponement.

02. Accordingly,

- a. If the officers who are entitled to exercise political rights and are facing difficulties due to transferring them to a workplace located outside the respective electorate make an appeal in that regard, the respective head of the department should consider such appeal and allow the relevant officer to report for duty at his or her permanent workplace after obtaining an affidavit from those officers to the effect that they will not engage in political activities or promotional political campaigns at the workplace.
- b. Such officers should be paid the basic salary for the period from 25.04.2023 to 08.05.2023 considering it a period of leave with pay.
- c. The officers who are entitled to exercise political rights and have submitted nominations for the Local Government Election in 2023 should compulsorily report for duty as per Public Administration Circular No. 07/2023.

03. All activities pertaining to appeals as per (a) above should be completed by 22.01.2024.
04. This circular is issued with the concurrence of the Election Commission.

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