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Ministry of Public Administration
and Local Affairs,
Independence Square,
Colombo 7.
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To: All Secretaries to Ministries,
Heads of Departments and
Heads of Public Corporations.

Extension of services beyond the age of optional
retirement of Public Officers, Local Government
and other Public Sector Employees

The Cabinet of Ministers retains the powers of granting extensions beyond the 53th year upon a recommendation by the Minister concerned, in respect of all Public Officers, Local Government employees and employees of Public Corporations.

2. The Cabinet of Ministers has delegated to the Public Service Commission and the Public Service Commission has delegated to the Secretary of each Ministry the power of granting extensions beyond the age of optional retirement up to the 58th year in respect of all Public Officers in his Ministry. In the case of the Combined Services, it will be the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration to whom recommendations should be made by the relevant Secretary. In granting extensions, the Secretary shall consult the Minister concerned.

3. The power of granting extensions beyond the age of optional retirement up to the 58th year in respect of Local Government employees and employees of Public Corporations is granted to the relevant Secretary who shall consult the Minister concerned in granting such extensions.

4. Where the law or a contractual obligation provides otherwise such law or a contractual obligation shall prevail in the matter of extensions of service of employees of Public Corporations.

5. A Public Officer in a pensionable post who has reached the age of 55 years but has not completed 10 years pensionable service may be allowed by the Secretary concerned in consultation with the relevant Minister to continue in service till he reaches the age of 58 years or till he completes 10 years' pensionable

service which ever occurs earlier. The Secretary concerned in the case of Combined Services will be the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration to whom a recommendation should be made by the Secretary in charge of the Ministry where such officer is employed. Extensions for the same reason beyond the age of 58 years would only be granted by the Cabinet of Ministers upon a reference by the Minister concerned.

6. There is no change in the existing procedure regarding the grant of extensions beyond the age of 58 years until the 60th year by the Minister concerned in respect of the following categories of Public Officers. The Minister concerned in the case of officers of the Combined Services is the Minister of Public Administration.

- (a) Engineers,
- (b) Medical Officers,
- (c) Accountants,
- (d) Officers of Technical Grades,
- (e) Stenographers(English),
- (f) Typists(English),
- (g) Deputy Auditor General,
- (h) Asst. Auditors General and
- (i) Superintendents of Audit.

7. Public Administration Circular No:95 dated 04.04.1975 is hereby cancelled.

Sgd: D.B.I.P.S. Siriwardhana
Secretary,
Ministry of Public Administration
and Home Affairs.