

National Pensions (Continuation of Benefits) Regulations 2025

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THE NATIONAL PENSIONS ACT

Regulations made by the Minister, after consultation with the National Pensions Board, under section 45K (2) of the National Pensions Act

1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the **National Pensions (Continuation of Benefits) Regulations 2025**.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations -

"Act" means the National Pensions Act;

"application" means an application made under these regulations in such form and manner as the Permanent Secretary may approve;

"Higher Education Commission" means the Higher Education Commission established under the Higher Education Act;

"Mauritius Qualifications Authority" means the Mauritius Qualifications Authority established under the Mauritius Qualifications Authority Act.

3. Beneficiary abroad for medical treatment

(1) For the purpose of section 45K(2)(a)(i) of the Act, an application shall be made to the Medical Tribunal -

- (a) prior to the departure of the applicant; or
- (b) not later than 3 months after the date the beneficiary returns to Mauritius.

(2) An application made under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by -

- (a) a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner certifying the nature of illness of the beneficiary, the medical treatment to be undergone by the beneficiary and the approximate duration of the treatment; or
- (b) a medical certificate from the health institution abroad that the beneficiary will undergo, or has undergone, medical treatment and the duration of the treatment.

(3) Where the Medical Tribunal is satisfied that the beneficiary will undergo, or has undergone, medical treatment abroad, the beneficiary shall not cease to receive his benefit for a maximum period of 12 months, renewable in exceptional circumstances, upon submission of medical certificate justifying the extended duration of the treatment.

4. Beneficiary abroad for studies

(1) For the purpose of section 45K(2)(a)(ii) of the Act, an application shall be made to the Permanent Secretary and shall be accompanied by documentary evidence certifying that the beneficiary is following, or will follow, a full-time course abroad in an institution recognised by the Higher Education Commission or the Mauritius Qualifications Authority.

(2) Where the Permanent Secretary is satisfied that the beneficiary -

(a) is under the pension age; and

(b) is following, or will follow, a full-time course in a recognised institution abroad,

the beneficiary shall not cease to receive his benefit for a maximum period of 3 years, renewable in exceptional circumstances, upon submission of relevant documents.

(3) A beneficiary shall, after the successful completion of an academic year, produce to the Permanent Secretary such documentary evidence as may be required to certify his enrolment for the following academic year, failure of which he will cease to receive his benefit.

5. Beneficiary of *Basic Retirement Pension*

(1) For the purpose of section 45K(2)(b) of the Act, an application shall be made to the Permanent Secretary -

(a) one month prior to the departure of the beneficiary;

(b) not later than 6 months after the departure of the beneficiary for the continuation of his benefit; or

(c) not later than 3 months after the date the beneficiary returns to Mauritius for payment of arrears of his benefit.

(2) Where the Permanent Secretary is satisfied that, for once, the stay of the beneficiary abroad exceeds 6 consecutive months but not more than 12 consecutive months, the beneficiary shall, provided that the application is made within the period required under paragraph (1), not cease to receive his benefit.

6. Commencement

These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 2025.

Made by the Minister, after consultation with the National Pensions Board, on 31 October 2025.