

Attention is invited to this office OM No. 1(7)(2)/2003/TA/11 dated 07.01.2004 containing the guidelines for the implementation of the Defined Contribution Pension Scheme (New Pension Scheme). Para 10 (h) of the above OM contains the detailed instructions for allotting the Permanent Pension Account Number (PPAN) to each of the government servant joining service on or after 01.01.2004.

After considering the requirement of Non-Civil Ministries, it has since been decided that the unique Permanent Pension Account Number to be allotted by PAO will now contain 16 digits instead of 15 digits. The first four digits of the number will indicate the calendar year of joining government service, the next digit indicates the whether it is a Civil or a Non-Civil Ministry, the next six digits would represent the PAO code and the last five digits will be the running serial number of the individual government servant. Thus the Permanent Pension Account will be as under:

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Calendar Year	Civil/Defence Posts/Railways Telecom	PAO code	Serial Number

All Chief Controller of Accounts/Controller of Accounts are requested to bring the above change to the notice of all Pay and Accounts Offices and Principal Accounts Offices immediately for compliance. Necessary changes may be made in the formats also, wherever necessary.