

Circular No – 060 / 2023

Date: 04.05.2023

To
All Members of The Association

**EPFO ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR DELETING AND RESUBMITTING
APPLICATION FOR VALIDATION OF OPTION/JOINT OPTION**

1. EPFO have issued guidelines with regard to correction of errors in the application for validation of option/joint option with regard to claim for higher pension in accordance with the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of EPFO Vs. Sunil Kumar.B decided on 04.11.2022.
2. Copy of internal circular dated 03.05.2023 issued by the EPFO Head Office is enclosed for ready reference. The contents of the circular at para 2 which states that a separate button under the title **Delete Application** has been provided on the system for enabling correction wherever required.
3. EPFO had issued earlier instruction with regard to validation of option / joint option for claiming higher pension by their circular dated 23.04.2023. The said circular has been circulated to the members vide KEA Circular No.51/2023 dated 24.04.2023.
4. The establishments may please bring it to the notice of the applicants for higher pension, the procedure for correcting the errors in their application uploaded on the portal of the EPFO.



5. Other Circulars issued by KEA on the subject of claim for higher pension are given below for ready reference.

No. 89/2022 dated 07.11.2022, No. 103/2022 dated 30.12.2022, No. 17/2023 dated 31.01.2023, No. 20/2023 dated 09.02.2023, No. 26/2023 dated 07.02.2023, No. 30/2023 dated 22.02.2023, No. 32/2023 dated 25.02.2023, No. 48/2023 dated 13.04.2023, No. 49/2023 dated 17.04.2023, No. 51/2023 dated 24.04.2023, No. 55/2023 dated 27.04.2023, No. 59/2023 dated 03.05.2023

For, KARNATAKA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

**Sd/
[B C Prabhakar]
President**



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To,

03 MAY 2023

All Addl. CPFCs, Zonal Offices.
All RPFCs / OICs, Regional Offices.

Sub: Deleting and Re-submitting Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option – reg.

Madam/ Sir,

Many representations have been received from pensioners / members with request to provide online facility to correct errors in their Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Option and to file uploads.

2. Accordingly, in the online functionality, a button for '**Delete Application**' has been provided to the employees. The employee after deleting application can, thereafter, if he/she so desires, file a fresh Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option with correct details / uploads.

3. However, this button can be used only if the employer has not acted on the Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option submitted by the employee.

4. Where employer has already acted on the Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option, the employee won't be able to use the Delete Button. However, even in such cases, employee will be provided opportunity to rectify the errors after the scrutiny of Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option by the Field Offices as per the HO circular dated 23.04.2023 (Sr. No. 18 of 2023-24).

This is for information and necessary actions please.

[This issues with the approval of CPFC]

Yours faithfully,

(Aprajita Jaggi)

Regional P.F. Commissioner-I (Pension)

Copy to:-

1. PS to CPFC
2. FA & CAO, CVO, Director (PDNASS), All ZTIs, All ACC (HQ)s and ACCs at H.O
3. ACC-HQ (IS), ACC-IS: To display the following message on EPFO website:

"A delete button has been provided to the employees to delete Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option so that if they so desire, they may file after correcting errors. This functionality is available provided employer has acted upon the Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option so far"

4. Rajbhasha Section : For providing Version in Hindi.

