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## Supplementary Allowance

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Article 38(3) of the Local Government (Superannuation Revision) (Consolidation) Scheme, 1986, as amended by article 13 of the Local Government (Superannuation Revision) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Scheme, 1987 and by article 10 of the Local Government (Superannuation (Consolidation) Revision) (Amendment) Scheme, provides for the payment of a supplementary allowance in certain cases where a registered employee is fully insured and where the pension is consequently co-ordinated with a Social Welfare pension.

The supplementary allowance is payable where the person is unemployed, fails to qualify, or, qualifies for less than the maximum rate of social welfare benefit set out in article 38(3) due to causes outside his/her own control. However, there is no provision to pay an allowance in cases where the compulsory retirement age is under 60 years of age, as for certain fire brigade employees.

Sanction has now been received from the Department of Finance to amend the relevant provisions to allow for the payment of a supplementary allowance where the compulsory retirement age is 55, subject to the usual conditions as set out in the provisions referred to above.

The supplementary allowance provisions, including this amendment, will also apply in due course to fully insured officers who cease to hold office having attained the minimum retirement age for their post. The conditions specified in article 38(3) of the Scheme must be met in such cases also.

The appropriate statutory amendments to the Scheme, to take account of these changes, will be brought forward in due course. Payment of a supplementary allowance can, however, be made in appropriate cases based on the changes outlined above, in anticipation of statutory cover.

Any queries in relation to this circular letter should be addressed to the Superannuation Section in writing or by telephone 096-70677, extensions 406, 407, 408 and 409.

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To each local authority and body to which the Local Government Superannuation Code applies.