

PENSION POLICY OF PUNJAB WAQF BOARD

Whereas Punjab Waqf Board, as a part of its welfare activities, is already paying a monthly pension of Rs. 300 per beneficiary.

Whereas Punjab waqf Board doesn't have sufficient manpower to conduct initial and annual verification of the beneficiaries or to verify their income and assets.

Whereas Government of Punjab also has pension scheme for various categories of beneficiaries with eligibility criteria similar to the scheme of Punjab Waqf Board with the only difference that the later caters only to the beneficiaries belonging to Muslim Community.

Now therefore, in order to reduce the burden of verification and to ensure that only genuine beneficiaries are assisted and in supersession of all other previous instructions in this regard, this pension policy is being framed.

Types of pensions and eligibility:

Individuals who are receiving Pension under any of following schemes of the Social Security Department of Government of Punjab and are Muslims by faith and profess the same shall be eligible

1. Old age pension
2. Widow pension
3. Financial assistance to dependent children
4. Disability pension

Mode of application:

The applicant shall submit an application in the form "Annexure A" to the office of Rent collector or Estate officer. EO shall ensure that all applications received in his jurisdiction are positively forwarded to the head office within 15 days after verifying that all details in the application form have been duly filled and requisite documents attached.

Mode of Verification & Re-verification:

The applications received shall be verified from the data available with department of social security through matching of Aadhaar or demographic details. Any beneficiary being a Muslim and existing in the database of the department shall be automatically eligible.

Re-verification exercise as conducted by the Department of social security shall be applicable to the beneficiaries identified under this scheme/policy too.

Amount of Monthly Pension:

The amount of monthly pension to be paid to each beneficiary shall be Rs. 300/- and the same shall be released on a quarterly basis. Provided that the board may at any time, keeping in view the financial position of the Board, either increase or decrease the amount of assistance. Provided further that the new beneficiary shall be paid full amount of the quarter in which the amount is sanctioned irrespective of the date on which he/she applied.

Mode of Payment:

Payment to the beneficiary shall be released on quarterly basis through NEFT/RTGS/IMPS.

Provisions as to Existing Beneficiaries:

All existing beneficiaries shall be verified through the database available with social security department and those existing on the said database shall be automatically deemed to be eligible. Those not existing on the database shall be assisted in applying for the appropriate pension type before the competent authority. In case they are found eligible by the social security department, they shall be automatically eligible while as if their application is rejected by the department, they shall be struck off from the list of beneficiaries. The process shall positively be completed within 3 months from the date of effect of this policy.

Competent authority to decide:

The applications received for grant of pension shall be decided at the level of CEO, as per the policy approved by the board.

Enforcement:

This policy shall come into effect immediately after it has been approved by the Board.

Rights of the Board:

Punjab Waqf Board reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of monthly assistance/Pension. It may further scrap the policy altogether or replace it with a fresh policy/scheme. Further, if the approval of pension by Department of social security is proven to have been got done by misrepresentation or hiding of facts, Board shall be at liberty to recover the full amount of pension along with a penalty of 25% on the total amount sanctioned and released.

