

**Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 – Designation of  
“Relevant Authorities” for Single Scheme**

Dear Personnel Officer,

1. The [Public Service Pensions \(Single Scheme and Other Provisions\) Act 2012](#) provides, *inter alia*, for the establishment of a new *Single Public Service Pension Scheme* (the “Single Scheme”) to apply to all new recruits to public service employment. It is expected that the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform will soon sign an order to commence the Scheme. Single Scheme members will accrue a pension and lump sum on a career average basis whereby the member builds up “referable amounts” each year and the sum of these amounts, up-rated to reflect changes in consumer prices, becomes the pension and lump sum on retirement.

2. Section 8(1)(b) of the Act provides that the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform may designate other Ministers or public service bodies as “relevant authorities” for the purposes of the Single Scheme. Relevant authorities will have a key role to play in the ongoing operation of the Scheme, including in respect of the collection of contributions, the reckoning of accrued pension and lump sum benefits and information retention.

3. It is expected that Government Ministers / Departments will be designated as relevant authorities. It is further envisaged that individual public service bodies, in particular those which operate their own payrolls, will also be designated.

**4. In this context, you are requested to compile a list of all public services bodies (including Government Offices) under the aegis of your Department to be considered for designation as relevant authorities for the purposes of the Single Scheme.**

5. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that your list is sent to the following officials of this Department no later than Friday 12 October 2012:

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6. Any queries can be addressed to these officials or to the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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