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To

All Additional Central PF Commissioners (Zones)
All Regional PF Commissioner-I
[In-charge of the Regions, including RPFC (ASD)]

02 MAR 2022

Subject- Non-functional upgradation in Level-9 on completion of four years of regular service in Level-8 in respect of officials belonging to the cadre of Enforcement Officers(EO)/Accounts Officers(AO)-regarding.

Sir/Madam.

As you are aware the modified Recruitment Rules for the posts of EO/AO have been notified on 30th December, 2020. Column 4 of this RR provides for "*Non-functional upgradation in Level-9 in the Pay Matrix (Rs.53,100-1,67,800) on completion of four years of regular service in Level-8 in the pay matrix (Rs.47,600-1,51,100)*"

2. In this context, a number of references have been received from field offices seeking clarification on the process to be adopted for grant of Non-functional up-gradation (NFU) to the eligible officers.

3. The matter has been considered and following clarifications are issued:

- a) Non-functional upgradation may be made effective from the date of notification of modified RRs i.e. 30.12.2020.
- b) Only that period of service (including the service prior to notification of modified RRs) will be taken into account for granting Non-functional up-gradation (NFU) to EO/AO, which has been rendered by an official in the cadre of EO/AO in Level-8 in the pay matrix (Rs.47,600-1,51,100) on substantive basis.
- c) The composition of Screening Committee for grant of NFU to EO/AO may be on the same lines as in the case of MACPS for EO/AO. **(Copy enclosed)**
- d) NFU and MACPS can go on concurrently. As per FAQs on MACPS issued by DOP&T **(Copy enclosed)** at point No. 16, it is clearly mentioned that "**Non-functional Scale(NFS) would be viewed as one financial upgradation for the purpose of MACP**", which clearly means that the two i.e. MACPS & NFU, both can go concurrently but at one time only one benefit shall be available to the official and NFU will be viewed as one financial upgradation for the purpose of MACPS.

4. Accordingly, the screening in respect of the eligible officials (i.e. who have completed four years of regular service on the date of notification of the RR or thereafter) may be done expeditiously and recommendations of Screening Committees may be sent to Head Offices for getting approval of the Competent Authority.

(This issues with the approval of ACC (HQ)(HR))

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Uma Mandal)

Addl. Central P F Commissioner (HRM)

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(Shahid Iqbal)

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To

All Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioners (Zones)
All Regional Provident Fund Commissioners (Incharge of Regions)

Sub: PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL UPGRADATION UNDER MACP SCHEME IN RESPECT OF EO/AO -REG

Sir,

Please refer to Head Office letter No. HRD/4(1)2009/Misc./Circular/10359 dated 26th May 2009 through which the Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) issued by Department of Personnel and Training vide letter No. 35034/3/2008-Estt. (D) dated 19.05.2009 was circulated.

There in it had been mentioned that cases for grant of financial upgradations would be considered by a Screening Committee consisting a Chairperson and two members. The members of the Committee would be at least one level above the grade in which MACP is to be considered and not below the rank of Under Secretary equivalent in the Government. The Chairperson should generally be a grade above the members of the Committee. Thus the members of committee may be drawn from the grade of RPFC-II or above and the Chairman should be in the rank of RPFC-I or above.

It has however been observed that most of the Regional Offices have either not sent their complete proposal for Financial Upgradation under MACPS in respect of EO/AO who have completed 10/20/30 years service or have forwarded merely the claim of the concerned official in this regard.

In order to have uniform processing of the claims of officials for benefits under MACPS, all the Addl. CPFCs are requested to advise the RPFCs-I of his zone to have all the cases, coming within the zone of consideration for MACPS benefits, considered by the Screening Committee constituted in the region in accordance with above cited DOPT Circular. Recommendations of the Screening Committee alongwith supporting documents i.e. Service Particulars in detail (from date of joining onwards) subsequent promotions/financial upgradations, ACR Gradings, Vigilance Clearance Certificate etc. may be forwarded to the Head Office through proper channel for their processing and related action.

Cases which were referred to Head Office as per the recommendations of the Screening Committee (MACPS), constituted on above lines, are being processed.

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So far as the pending cases ... coming under the erstwhile ACP Scheme (i.e. for benefits upto the date of 31.08.2008) are concerned, they may be identified and be referred to Head Office in accordance with the guidelines issued vide this office Circular No. P.IV/3(2)/99/5707 dated 22.10.99.

Please acknowledge and inform the action taken in this regard.

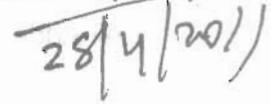
Yours faithfully,


(S.R. JOSHI)

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ON MODIFIED ASSURED CAREER
PROGRESSION SCHEME**

	Point of doubt	Clarification
1.	What is Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) ?	The MACP Scheme for Central Civilian Government Employees is in supersession of earlier ACP Scheme . Under the MACP Scheme three financial Up-gradations are allowed on completion of 10, 20, 30 years of regular service, counted from the direct entry grade. The MACPS envisages merely placement in the immediate next higher grade pay as given in Section I, Part –A of the first schedule of the CCS (Revised Pay) Rules 2008, in case no promotion has been earned by the employee during this period.
2.	From which date the MACPS is effective?	The MACPS is effective w.e.f. 01.09.2008 or on completion of 10, 20 & 30 years of continuous regular service, whichever is later. Financial upgradation will also be admissible whenever a person has spent 10 years continuously in the same grade pay. (Para 9 of OM dated 19/5/2009)
3.	Who are entitled for financial upgradation under the MACPS?	The MACPS is applicable to all Central Government Civilian Employees.

4	What norms are required to be fulfilled while granting the benefits under MACPS	<p>The financial upgradation would be on non-functional basis subject to fitness in the hierarchy of pay band and grade pay within PB-1. Thereafter, only the benchmark of 'Good' would be applicable till the grade pay of Rs.6600 in PB-3. The benchmark will be 'Very Good' for financial upgradation to the grade pay of Rs.7600 and above. However, where the financial upgradation under the MACPS also happen to be in the promotional grade and benchmark for promotion is lower than the benchmark for granting the benefits under MACPS as mentioned in para 17 of the Scheme, the benchmark for promotion shall apply to MACP also.</p> <p>OM.No.35034/3/2008-Estt(D) dated 01/11/2010</p>
5.	Whether Pay Band would be changed at the time of grant of financial upgradation under MACPS	<p>Yes.</p> <p>OM.No.35034/3/2008-Estt.(D) dated 09/09/2010</p>
6.	Whether the promotions in same grade would be counted for the purpose of MACPS?	<p>The financial up-gradation under the MACPS is in the immediate next higher grade pay in the hierarchy of recommended revised pay bands and grade pay as given in CCS (Revised Pay) Rules, 2008. However if the promotional hierarchy as per recruitment rules is such that promotions are earned in the same grade pay , then the same shall be counted for the purpose of MACPS.</p>
7.	How will the benefits of ACP be granted if due between 01.01.2006 and 31.08.2008	<p>The revised pay structure has been changed w.e.f. 01.01.2006 and the benefits of ACP have been allowed till 31.08.2008. Hence, the benefits of revised pay structure would be allowed for the purpose of ACP. (OM No.35034/3/2008-Estt. dated 9.9.2010).</p>

8.	Whether adhoc appointment would be counted towards qualifying service for MACPS	No. Only continuous regular service is counted towards qualifying service for the purpose of MACPS. The regular service shall commence from the date of joining of a post in direct entry grade on a regular basis. (Para 9 of the MACPS)
9.	Whether State Government service shall be reckoned for the purpose of MACPS	No. Only regular service rendered in the Central Government's Department/Office is to be counted for the purpose of MACPS, as the Scheme is applicable to the Central Government Civilian Employees only. (MACPS , Para 10)
10.	What are the periods included in the regular service?	All period spent on deputation/foreign service, study leave and all other kind of leave, duly sanctioned by the competent authority shall be included in the regular service. (Para 11, MACPS)
11.	How is the MACPS to be extended to the employees of Autonomous and Statutory Bodies.	Procedure prescribed in OM No.35034/3/2010-Estt(D), Dated 03/08/2010 would be followed by the administrative Ministries/Departments concerned for extension of the MACPS to the employees of Autonomous and Statutory Bodies under their control.
12.	Whether the cases of grant of financial upgradation allowed under the ACPS between 01.09.2008 and 19.05.2009, the date of issue of the Scheme are be reviewed?	Yes. Since the benefits of ACPS have been discontinued w.e.f. 01.09.2008, the cases settled between 01.09.2008 and 19.05.2009, in terms of previous ACP Scheme shall be reviewed.
13.	Whether the past continuous regular service in another Govt. Deptt. in a post carrying same grade pay prior to regular appointment in a new Deptt. without a break shall be counted towards qualifying regular service for the purpose of MACPS.	Yes. (Para 9, MACPS)

14.	Upto what grade pay the benefits under the MACPS is allowed?	The benefits of MACPS are being up-to HAG scale of Rs.67000-79000/. (DOPT's O.M.No.35034/3/2008-Estt.(D) dated 24.12.2010)
15.	How the cases of pre-revised pay scales (Rs.5000-8000 & Rs.5500-9000 and Rs.6500-10500 & Rs.7450-11500) merged w.e.f. 01.01.2006 are to be decided under MACPS?	The cases would be regulated in accordance with para 5 of Annexure-I of MACPS. The Ministries/ Departments are expected to re-organise cadres and frame common RRs for the post in merged scales.
16.	Whether 'Non-functional Scale' of Rs.8000-13500 (revised to grade pay of Rs.5400 in PB-3) would be viewed as one financial upgradation for the purpose of MACPS.	Yes, in terms of para 8.1 of Annexure-I of MACPS dated 19.05.2009.
17.	Whether 'time bound promotion' scheme including 'in-situ promotion' scheme can run concurrently with MACPS.	No. (Para 13 of MACPS)
18.	Whether Staff Car Driver Scheme can run concurrently with MACPS	DOPT vide O.M. No.35011/03/2008-Estt.(D),30/07/2010 has extended the benefits of MACPS to Staff Car Drivers as a fall back option.
19.	Whether the placement of erstwhile Gr. D employees as Staff Car Driver, ordinary grade, would count as a promotion?	No. The model RRs for Staff Car Drivers provide deputation/ absorption as a method of appointment for erstwhile Gr. D employees . The placement as staff Car Driver is not in the hierarchy hence the same would not be counted as promotion under MACPS. The regular service for the MACPS would be from the date of appointment as Staff Car Driver.

20.	Whether designation, classification or higher status would change on account of financial upgradation under MACPS	There shall be no change in the designation, classification or higher status on grant of financial upgradation under MACPS, as the upgradation under the Scheme is purely personal and merely placement in the next higher grade pay. (Para 16 of Annexure-I of MACPS refers)
21	If a financial upgradation under the MACPS is deferred due to the reason of the employees being 'unfit' or due to departmental proceedings, etc, whether this would have consequential effect on the subsequent financial upgradation.	Yes, this would have consequential effect on the subsequent financial upgradation, which would also get deferred to the extent of delay in grant of financial upgradation. (MACPS, Para 15)
22.	Whether the stepping up of pay would be admissible if a junior is getting more pay than the senior on account of grant of financial upgradation under MACPS.	No stepping up of pay in the band or grade pay would be admissible with regard to junior getting more pay than the senior on account of pay fixation under MACPS. (Para 10 of OM dated 19/5/2009)
23.	Whether the regular service rendered by an employee if declared surplus in his/her organisation and appointed in the same grade pay or lower grade pay shall be counted towards the regular service in a new organization for the purpose of MACPS.	Yes. (refer para 23 of Annexure-I of MACPS).
24.	In case of transfer including unilateral transfer own request, whether regular service rendered in previous organisation/office shall be counted alongwith the regular service in the new organization for the purpose of MACPS.	Yes. OM No.35034/3/2008-Estt(D) dated 01/11/2010

25.	If a regular promotion has been offered but was refused by the employees before becoming entitled to a financial upgradation under the MACPS, whether financial upgradation shall be allowed to such a Government servant.	If a regular promotion has been offered but was refused by the Government employee before becoming entitled to a financial upgradation, no financial upgradation shall be allowed and as such an employee has not been stagnated due to lack of opportunities. If, however, financial upgradation has been allowed due to stagnation and the employees subsequently refuse the promotion, it shall not be a ground to withdraw the financial upgradation. He shall, however, not be eligible to be considered for further financial upgradation till he agrees to be considered for promotion again and the next financial upgradation shall also be deferred to the extent of period of debarment due to the refusal. (Para 25 of MACPS)
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Department of Personnel & Training
Establishment D Section

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS)

Sl.No.	Doubts	Clarification
26	Whether the benefits of ACPS would be allowed in respect of isolated cases due between 01.01.2006 and 31.08.2008 where the pre-revised pay scales of Rs.5000-8000 & Rs.5500-9000 and Rs.6500-10500 & Rs.7450-11500 have been merged into single grade pay of Rs.4200 and Rs.4600 respectively w.e.f. 01.01.2006?	Yes. Since the pre-revised Rs.5000-8000 & Rs.5500-9000 and Rs.6500-10500 & Rs.7450-11500 (isolated cases) have been merged into single grade pay of Rs.4200 and Rs.4600 respectively w.e.f. 01.01.2006, the benefits of 1st and 2nd financial upgradations under the ACPS should be considered/allowed in the grade pays of Rs.4600 and Rs.4800 in PB-2, as the case may be, due between 01.01.2006 and 31.08.2008 in respect of isolated cases in terms of para 5 of Annexure-I of MACPS dated 19.05.2009.
27	<p>In a hypothetical situation cadre hierarchy was as follows:</p> <p>Rs.5000-8000 (revised GP 4200) Rs.5500-9000 (revised GP 4200) Rs.6500-10500 (revised GP 4600) Rs.7450-11500 (revised GP 4600) Rs.10000-15200 (revised GP 6600)</p> <p>(i) What would be the 1st financial upgradation under the ACPS for a Government employee recruited in pre-revised pay scale of Rs.5000-8000, who has completed his 12 years of regular service on 12.04.2007 (between 1.1.2006 and 31.8.2008);</p>	<p>In terms of clarification given on point of doubt no.3 issued vide DOPT's O.M. No.35034/3/2008-Estt.(D) dated 9.9.2010, the benefits of ACPS would be applicable in the new pay structure adopted w.e.f. 1.1.2006 in the promotional hierarchy.</p> <p>(i): Since the pre-revised pay scales Rs.5000-8000 & Rs.5500-9000 have been merged and placed in PB-2 with grade pay of Rs.4200, 1st financial upgradation would be allowed in the grade pays of Rs.4600, subject to fulfillment of promotional norms as stipulated in condition no.6 of Annexure-I ACPS dated 9.8.1999, in terms of clarification given on point of doubt no.1 of ACPS dated 10.02.2000.</p>

(ii)	What would be 2 nd financial upgradation for employee recruited in 5000-8000, who has completed 24 years of regular service on 12.04.2007 (between 1.1.2006 and 31.8.2008)	Since the pre-revised pay scales Rs.6500-10500 & Rs.7450-11500 have been merged and placed in PB-2 with grade pay of Rs.4600, 2 nd financial upgradation would be allowed in the grade pay of Rs.6600, subject to fulfillment of promotional norms (after framing of RRs post merger) as stipulated in condition no.6 of Annexure-I ACPS dated 9.8.1999, in terms of clarification given on point of doubt no.1 of ACPS dated 10.02.2000.
(iii)	If a Government servant recruited in the pre-revised pay scale of Rs.5000-8000 has been promoted in the promotional hierarchy in the pre-revised pay scale of Rs.5500-9000 prior to 1.1.2006 (and he has put in 14 years of regular service) then would there be any claim for financial upgradation under ACPS	(iii): The pre-revised pay scales Rs.5000-8000 & Rs.5500-9000 have been merged and placed in PB-2 with grade pays of Rs.4200 w.e.f. 1.1.2006. Hence, the promotion would be ignored as he has completed his 12 years of regular service and the benefit of 1 st ACP would accordingly be allowed in the promotional hierarchy i.e. in the grade pay of Rs.4600 w.e.f. 01.01.2006.
(iv)	If the above Government servant had put in 22 years as on 31.08.2008, then what would be the entitlement in MACP	(iv): As given above, the 1 st ACP would be in PB-2 grade pay of Rs.4600 after ignoring the previous promotion. Thereafter, since employee has completed more than 20 years of regular service on 01.09.2008, he would be entitled for 2 nd financial upgradation under the MACPS in the immediate next higher grade pay of Rs.4800 in PB-2 subject to fulfillment of condition as stipulated in para 17 of Annexure-I of MACPS dated 19.05.2009.