CIRCULAR TO DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES NO. 16 OF 1984

OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AT AGE 55

The Government has amended the Superannuation and Family Benefits Act to provide for optional retirement from age 55 for Government employees who are members of the State Superannuation Fund. The amendment has been given assent to take effect from July, 1984.

The Government has also decided to introduce optional retirement from the age of 55 years for employees who are not members of the Superannuation Fund.

All Government employees will be able to avail themselves of the option on and from July 1, 1984 and be entitled to receive upon retirement payment for pro rata long service leave.

I ndustrial awards and agreements which currently provide for a minimum optional retirement age of 60 years, together with the document entitled Long Service Leave Conditions - State Government Wages Employees, are to be amended by this Office in consultation with the Unions and the Trades and Labor Council. Employing Departments and Authorities will be notified as these changes take place.

Persons exercising the option for early retirement in accordance with the new arrangements prior to the amendment of relevant awards and agreements should have their long service leave payment calculated as though those amendments had been effected.

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