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GIPF URGES MEMBERS TO GO FOR BIOMETRIC VERIFICATION BEFORE 20 NOVEMBER 2024

The Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) reminds all its pensioners, children, and spousal beneficiaries that the current window for biometric verification is open until Wednesday, 20 November 2024. To date, close to 4,000 pension beneficiaries, who last verified before June 2024, face the risk of not receiving their monthly pension benefits on 28 November 2024.

Beneficiaries are further reminded that the promise to pay tax-refunds made earlier, will also be honoured on 28 November 2024 for those who are verified.

The biometric verification process requires that all eligible pensioners, children, and spousal beneficiaries must verify and provide proof of life. This ensures that all beneficiaries receive their monthly pension benefits on time. Those who do not verify before 20 November 2024, will not receive their November income from the Fund. It is required that all pensioners and other beneficiaries must provide proof of life three times a year at any GIPF Office across the country. This process ensures that, the Fund only pays benefits to eligible members and beneficiaries of the GIPF.

Beneficiaries who are required to provide proof of life, may now do so remotely from the comfort of their homes by using the newly introduced and launched Mobile Biometric Verification Application. This self-service tool is available to all GIPF pensioners, child and spousal annuitants who have access to a smart mobile device and data. The application is available and can be downloaded to all android and IOS (apple) devices.

GIPF encourages all pensioners, child, and spousal beneficiaries to embrace these technologies as they are secure, safe, and accessible. The Fund has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that the tools are user friendly and will save members time and money to verify proof of life so as not to forfeit benefit payments.

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