

ECHS MEMBERSHIP TO COAST GUARD PENSIONERS

1. **Introduction.** Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme introduced vide Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. 22(1)01/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 30 Dec 02 has further been extended to the uniformed Coast Guard pensioners, through a Corrigendum issued vide Govt of India, Ministry of Defence, Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare letter no. 22(68)/2006/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 22 Jan 08. With the issue of ibid corrigendum, all the facilities of ECHS as applicable to the ex-servicemen will be applicable mutatis mutandis to the uniformed Coast Guard pensioners.
2. **Applicability.** The Scheme will be compulsory for all retired Coast Guard personnel who have been transferred to pension establishment on or after 22 Jan 08. Those persons who have retired earlier than 22 Jan 08 may join ECHS as per their discretion.
3. **Eligibility.** All uniformed Coast Guard pensioners drawing pension/disability pension / family pension as per Pension Pay Order (PPO) will be eligible for ECHS membership.
4. **Contribution.** War widows, battle casualties and pre 1996 retirees are exempted from one time ECHS contribution. The rate of contribution for others is as follows:-

PENSION (Uncommuted Basic Pension + Dearness Pension)	Rate of one time subscription
Upto Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 1800/-
Between Rs.3001/- to 6000/-	Rs. 4800/-
Between Rs. 6001/- to 10000/-	Rs. 8400/-
Between Rs. 10001/- to 15000/-	Rs. 12000/-
Above Rs. 15001/-	Rs. 18000/-

5. **Payment of Contribution**

- (a) **Persons retiring before 01 Jun 08.** Contribution in respect of such personnel has to be deposited through MRO and Bank draft in favour of Director, Regional Centre, Delhi Cantt. An additional amount for smart card @ Rs. 90/- per card is to be paid by bank draft as per existing orders alongwith the application.
- (b) **Persons retiring on or after 01 Jun 08.** The contribution amount in respect of such pensioners will be deducted by the pension payment authority.

6. **Processing of ECHS Application.**

(a) **Persons retiring before 01 Jun 08**

(i) Such persons are to collect application form from nearest Station HQs of Army/Navy/Air Force or from Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ) New Delhi / Bureau of Naviks (BUVIK) Mumbai.

(ii) Forms can also be downloaded from internet website www.indianarmy.nic.in/arechs.htm.

(iii) **Submission of Complete Application Form.** The duly filled applications are to be submitted alongwith copies of under mentioned documents to CGHQ (in case of officer) and BUVIK (in case of EP) for verification :-

- (aa) Pension Payment Order (PPO) duly attested by Bank/Treasury from where pension is being drawn.
- (ab) Discharge Certificate / Retired / Dependent I-Card.
- (ac) Two copies (in original) of the MRO as proof of deposit of contribution.
- (ad) Affidavit duly notarised.
- (ae) Bank draft for smart card in favour of Director, Regional Centre, Delhi Cantt.

(iv) The applications of Enrolled Personnel duly verified will be forwarded by BUVIK to CGHQ. CGHQ is to centrally forward duly completed application forms to the Regional Centre at Delhi for onward submission to SITL for making of ECHS smart cards.

(b) Persons retiring on or after 01 Jun 08.

(i) Issue of ECHS Application Form. The blank ECHS application form for the retiring personnel alongwith the retirement order and other primary pension documents will be forwarded by the Record Office authorities as mentioned below :-

(aa) CGHQ (Directorate of Personnel) - For Officers

(ab) BUVIK - For Enrolled Personnel

(ii) Submission of ECHS Application Forms by Individual/Unit. Individual / Unit will forward duly filled in ECHS Application Form (Less PPO details) to Record Office concerned, minimum 06 months before due date of retirement along with other primary pension documents.

(iii) Receipt and Vetting of ECHS Application Forms. On receipt of filled ECHS application form from individual / unit, by above mentioned respective Coast Guard establishments, will carry out vetting for its correctness. In case of any observation, the same will be got rectified from individual/unit. An acknowledgement/receipt of the application form will be despatched to the individual and the ECHS application form after vetting will be sent to the Regional Centre ECHS, Delhi Cantt.

7. **ECHS Cell at Coast Guard Headquarters.** Coast Guard Headquarters located at New Delhi will establish an ECHS Cell to deal with all policy matters related to ECHS. The correspondence address in this regard is Coast Guard Headquarters, {for Director(Personnel)}, ECHS Cell, National Stadium Complex, New Delhi – 110 001.

8. **Regional Centre ECHS.** Regional Centre ECHS, Delhi Cantt will be responsible for processing of applications received from CGHQ and process them as is being done now in respect of other pensioners. The Regional Centre ECHS, Delhi Cantt will ensure preparation of smart card by SITL and process them to ECHS Cell at CGHQ for distribution.

9. **Manufacture and Despatch of Smart card by Regional Centre ECHS Delhi Cantt.** Affiliated Regional Centre to recheck the form received from CGHQ/BUVIK and submit to SITL for manufacture of smart cards. ECHS smart card on receipt by Regional Centre will be despatched to ECHS Cell, CGHQ for issue to the individual before retirement.
10. All other procedures and policies of ECHS will also apply to uniformed Indian Coast Guard pensioners in letter and spirit.
11. You are requested to give wide publicity.

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