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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

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**WELFARE BENEFITS ACT, No. 24 OF 2002**

REGULATIONS made by the President under Section 27 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002 read with Subsection (3) of Section 7, Sections 8, 10, 11 and 12 of that Act and read with Paragraph (3) of Article 44 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

President.

Colombo,  
29th April, 2024.

**Regulations**

The Welfare Benefit Payment (Selection of Persons Eligible to Receive Payments) Regulations No. 1 of 2022 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2302/23 of October 20, 2022, as amended by regulations published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2310/30 of December 15, 2022 are hereby further amended as follows :-

- (1) in sub regulation (1) of regulation 4 thereof by the substitution for the words “electronically and otherwise” of the words “electronically or otherwise, ” ;





(2) in regulation 5 thereof -

(a) by the repeal of sub regulation (3) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following :-

“(3) Every Selection Committee shall consist of three persons-

(a) of whom one person shall be selected from among the following persons who shall be the Chairman of the Selection Committee :-

(i) Assistant Divisional Secretary attached to the relevant Divisional Secretariat of the relevant Divisional Secretary's Division ;

(ii) Assistant Director (Planning) attached to the relevant Divisional Secretariat of the relevant Divisional Secretary's Division ;

(iii) Accountant attached to the relevant Divisional Secretariat of the relevant Divisional Secretary's Division ; or

(iv) any other staff grade public officer nominated by the District Secretary of the relevant District ; and

(b) of whom two persons shall be selected from among the following persons attached to the Divisional Secretariat of the relevant Divisional Secretary's Division :-

(i) Social Service Officer ;

(ii) Elders Rights Promotion Officer ;

(iii) Colonization Officer ;

(iv) Samurdhi Manager ;

(v) Administrative Grama Niladshari ; or

(vi) Administrative Officer.”.

(b) by the repeal of sub regulation (8) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following :-

“(8) The Grama Niladhari or any other field officer engaged by the Divisional Secretary of the relevant Divisional Secretary's Division (hereinafter referred to as the “enumerator”) who performs the duty of collection of data of the applicants and retaining such data for the purpose of examining and determining the accuracy of the details provided in the declaration, shall visit the applicant's residence as necessary for the purpose of the Act.” ;

(c) by the insertion immediately after sub regulation (10) thereof of the following sub regulation :-

“(11) The provisions of Section 23 of the Act shall apply for the purpose of updating the list of names of the persons eligible to receive welfare benefit payments under sub regulation (10).”.

(3) in regulation 6 thereof-

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (a) of sub regulation (3) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following :-



“(a) The Divisional Secretary assigned to a Divisional Secretary’s Division in respect of which an appeals committee is appointed or a Divisional Secretary assigned to any other Divisional Secretary’s Division of the relevant District in respect of which an appeals committee is appointed.

For the purpose of this paragraph, “Divisional Secretary” includes an acting Divisional Secretary or an officer covering the duties of the Divisional Secretary or other staff grade public officer nominated by the District Secretary of the relevant District ;” ;

(b) by the repeal of paragraph (b) of sub regulation (3) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph :-

“(b) two staff grade public officers serving in the relevant Divisional Secretariat or in such district, not included in the selection committee of the relevant Divisional Secretary’s Division ; and ”.

(4) in regulation 7 thereof -

(a) in sub regulation (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words “ten weeks” of the words “ten days” ;

(b) in sub regulation (3) thereof, by the substitution for the words “of the Act” of the words “of the Act within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such objection or claim.”.

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