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PENSIONS (BRIDGING OF SERVICE) RULES, 2014

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MINISTRY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

S.I. No. 36 of 2014

PENSIONS ACT

(CHAPTER 43)

PENSIONS (BRIDGING OF SERVICE) RULES, 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24A of the Pensions Act, *Ch. 43*, the Minister makes the following Rules —

1. Citation.

These Rules may be cited as the Pensions (Bridging of Service) Rules, 2014.

2. Bridging of service of public officer.

(1) Pursuant to section 24A(3) of the Pensions Act (*Ch. 43*), a public officer may make application to the Secretary to the Cabinet in the form in the *Schedule* to have his years of service bridged where the period of broken service of that officer —

- (a) does not exceed two years from the date of his resignation or retirement from the public service; and
- (b) such broken service was taken —
 - (i) to pursue full time studies, whether locally or abroad;
 - (ii) as a result of a medical condition suffered by him and confirmed by a registered medical practitioner;
 - (iii) due to extenuating family circumstances.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Cabinet may authorize the bridging of the years of service of a public officer where, in the discretion of the Cabinet, it would be in the interest of justice or fairness —

Provided that the period of broken service of that officer does not exceed two years from the date of his resignation or retirement from the public service.

(3) A public officer who was employed full time in the public service and who did not qualify for a pension and —

- (a) who has been invited by the Government, in writing, to return to the public service on a full time basis; and
 - (b) whose period of broken service does not exceed two years from the date of his resignation or retirement from the public service,
- shall be entitled to apply under subsection (1).

- (4) For the purposes of these Rules, "public service" has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 127 of the Constitution.

3. Revocation of S.I. No. 30 of 2007.

The Pensions (Bridging of Years of Service) Regulations, 2007 are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FOR BRIDGING OF SERVICE

1. Name of Applicant in full: _____
Last First Middle
2. Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (Please attach a copy of birth certificate.)
D M Y
3. Contact: (H): _____ (C): _____ Other: _____
4. P. O. Box No: _____ 5. Employee No: _____
6. National Insurance No: _____ 7. Present job title: _____
8. Start date of initial service: _____
9. Resignation date of initial service: _____
10. Reason for Resignation/Retirement: _____

11. Date of re-employment in the Public Service: _____
12. Name of Ministry re-employed in: _____
13. Reason for broken service: Pursuing full-time studies [] Medical condition []
Extenuating family circumstances [] Full time employment []

14. Pension/Gratuity Received: In-eligible [] Full Pension [] Reduced Pension and Gratuity []

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Application: _____

*Note: Evidence in support of reason for broken service must accompany this application.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2014.

**Signed
D. SHANE GIBSON
Minister responsible for Pensions**