

**No. J-11015/ 1 /2011-NSAP  
Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development**

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
June 30, 2011**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Modification of the eligibility criteria for Central assistance under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).**

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the guidelines of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) issued vide O.M. No. J-11013/1/2007-NSAP dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The eligibility criteria mentioned in the guidelines for the purpose of claiming central assistance was that the age of applicant (male or female) shall be 65 years or higher and must belong to a household living below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India

2. Government of India has decided to lower the age limit from 65 years to 60 years under the ongoing IGNOAPS and also to increase the rate of assistance from Rs.200 to Rs.500 for beneficiaries of 80 years and above. The revised norms will come into effect from 1.4.2011. Accordingly, the revised criteria for grant of pension under IGNOAPS would be as under:-

**I Eligibility Criteria**

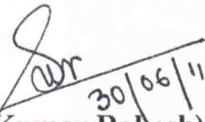
For purpose of claiming Central assistance, the following criteria shall apply:

- i) The age of the applicant (male or female) shall be 60 years or higher.
- ii) The applicant must belong to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India

**II Amount of pension**

- i) The Central Assistance under IGNOAPS will be provided at the rate of Rs.200 per month per beneficiary for beneficiaries in the age group of 60-79 years.
- ii) The Central Assistance under IGNOAPS will be provided at the rate of Rs.500 per month per beneficiary for beneficiaries who are 80 years and above.

3. The other provisions regarding the 'Mode of Payment', 'Certificate of Coverage' and 'Allocation of Funds' etc. will remain the same as mentioned in the O.M. dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

  
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