

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन

Employees Provident Fund Organisation

(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)

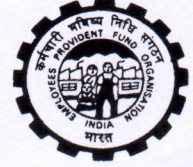
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To,

All Addl. CPFC (HQ)/Addl. CPFC (Zones)
All RPFC/OIC of Regional Offices/District Offices

Sub: Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Social Security relating to Social Security Contributions- reg.

Madam/Sir,

In pursuance to the Agreement on Social Security relating to Social Security Contributions signed with United Kingdom, the Government of India has now notified vide Note Verbale No.AC/202/83/2025 dated 14.07.2025 that the above Agreement alongwith Administrative Arrangement has entered into force with effect from 15.07.2026. The text of the Agreement, Note Verbale and Administrative Arrangement are available on the official website of EPFO (www.epfindia.gov.in).

2. The Agreement provides for detachment. Under the detachment clause, the employees of home country sent by their employers to the host country to perform work on behalf of that employer are exempted from Social Security contribution in host country provided that the anticipated duration of such work does not exceed 60 months. However, such exemption can be availed on the basis of "Certificate of Coverage" (COC) issued by EPFO/HMRC.

3. In view of the above, concerned employees through their employer may apply for the "Certificate of Coverage". Since the "Certificate of Coverage" are to be issued by the Regional Offices, it may be ensured that on receipt of the application in all respect, necessary action is taken by concerned Regional Offices for issuing COC in accordance with the consolidated guidelines issued by the Head Office vide letter No. IWU/7(15)2011/Gen (Software)/9209 dated 13.08.2013 and IWU/7(31)2017/Application for COC & COC software dated 20.11.2018.

4. In case any further clarification is required, International Cooperation for Social Security Division (ICSSD), Head Office may be contacted.

(This issues with the approval of CPFC)

Yours faithfully,

जोगेंद्र सिंह
16.07.2026

(Jogender Singh)

Regional P.F. Commissioner-I (ICSSD)

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1. PS to CPFC
2. Director, PDNASS/ All Officers in Head Office
3. All ZTIs/Sub-ZTIs
4. RPFC-I (IS) : with a request to make the CoC utility functional.
5. RPFC (NDC): with a request to upload the circular on EPFO website.
6. Hindi Division : For Hindi Translation