

Guide for exercising Joint Option for the Employees who were in service prior to 01.09.2014 and continued to be in service on or after 01.09.2014 but could not exercise joint option under erstwhile proviso to para 11 (3) of EPS-1995

The following procedure is to be followed and documents are to be uploaded for submitting the joint option in Unified Member Portal on EPFO website (<https://unifiedportal-mem.epfindia.gov.in/memberInterfacePohw/>):

Details displayed in the online joint option link provided by EPFO	Action by the retired employees	Action by the employees on the rolls of GAIL
1. Get Authorization Pin:	Fill the UAN, Name, Date of Birth, Aadhaar, Aadhaar linked mobile number and	
Consent for OTP based Aadhaar authentication: I hereby give my consent for OTP based Aadhar authentication for establishing my identity for the purpose of exercising joint option under para 11 (3) and 11 (4) of EPS, scheme.	Put tick mark	Put tick mark
2. Validate User:	Validate with the 6 digit OTP received on your Aadhaar linked mobile number.	
3. Submit Application		
Joint Option Form : [From the Employees who were in service prior to 01.09.2014 and continued to be in service on or after 01.09.2014 but could not exercise joint option under erstwhile proviso to para 11(3) of EPS-1995]To be exercised by eligible members of EPS-1995 on or before 03rd May, 2023 in accordance with para 44(iv) read with Para 44(v) of the order dated 4.11.2022 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 8658-8659 of 2019.		
Disclaimer: I have gone through Supreme Court Judgement dated 04.11.2022 in SLP (C) No. 8658-8659 of 2019 and I am registering this joint option in terms of directions contained in the said judgement. I undertake that the pension will	Put tick mark	Put tick mark

be calculated subject to formula determined under the Scheme for this purpose.		
UAN Details:	Details like UAN, Aadhaar, Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Father's/Spouse Name, Aadhaar linked mobile number, PPO Number (if any), PPO Date and EPFO Regional Office by which PPO was issued will be displayed by the system	
Service Details:	<p>Details like Member ID, DOJ FPS (i.e. Date of Joining Family Pension Scheme, 1971), DOE FPS (i.e. Date of Exiting Family Pension Scheme, 1971), DOJ EPS (i.e. Date of Joining Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995) and DOE EPS (i.e. Date of Exiting Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995) will be displayed by the system.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>1. The service details of each organisation, a member has worked, is to be entered by adding rows. Accordingly, for each organisation the DOJ FPS, DOE FPS, DOJ EPS and DOE EPS is to be entered in separate rows.</p> <p>2. In case of members who have joined GAIL before 16.11.1995, the DOJ FPS is their date of joining GAIL (as PF membership is from the date of joining in GAIL) and DOE FPS is 15.11.1995. Accordingly, the DOJ EPS is 16.11.1995 and DOE EPS is the date of exit as mentioned in the PPO (if any).</p> <p>3. In case of employees who have not retired (i.e. attained the age of 58 years), there is no need to fill the DOE EPS.</p>	
Member Details:	Enter the email Id, Aadhaar Linked Bank Account Number and IFSC Code	
Joint Option & Contribution Details:		
Whether Employer's Contribution was received on wags exceeding statutory wage ceiling of Rs. 5000/- in EPF prior to 01.06.2001 from the day his salary exceeded Rs. 5000 (applicable only if date of joining is prior to 01.06.2001) <i>*Only PDF file of size 250 KB is allowed.</i>	If date of joining under EPF in GAIL is before 01.06.2001, Select 'Yes' and then attach " Certificate in Lieu of Para 26(6) of the EPF Scheme " downloaded from the Golden Retirement Portal of GAIL. In case the EPF member has worked in multiple employers prior to 01.06.2001, the proof in support of Para 26 (6) of the EPF Scheme is to be attached for the respective employers.	If date of joining under EPF in GAIL is before 01.06.2001 Select 'Yes' and then attach " Certificate in Lieu of Para 26(6) of the EPF Scheme " downloaded from the GAIL Intranet. In case the EPF member has worked in multiple employers prior to 01.06.2001, the proof in support of Para 26 (6) of the EPF Scheme is to be attached for the respective employers.

	<p>A single PDF file merging the said proofs may be attached in such case.</p> <p>If date of joining under EPS is on or after 01.06.2001</p> <p>Select ‘No’</p>	<p>A single PDF file merging the said proofs may be attached in such case.</p> <p>If date of joining under EPS is on or after 01.06.2001</p> <p>Select ‘No’</p>
<p>Whether Employer’s Contribution was received on wags exceeding statutory wage ceiling of Rs. 6500/- in EPF prior to 01.09.2014 from the day his salary exceeded Rs. 6500/- (applicable only if date of exit is on or after 01.06.2001) <i>*Only PDF file of size 250 KB is allowed.</i></p>	<p>If date of joining under EPF in GAIL prior to 01.09.2014</p> <p>Select ‘Yes’</p> <p>and then attach “Certificate in Lieu of Para 26(6) of the EPF Scheme” downloaded from the Golden Retirement Portal of GAIL.</p> <p>In case the EPF member has worked with multiple employers prior to 01.09.2014, the proof in support of Para 26 (6) of the EPF Scheme is to be attached for the respective employers.</p> <p>EPF members who have joined EPF before 01.06.2001 are required to submit the same supporting proofs as submitted in the previous step again along with the proof(s) for the period between 01.06.2001 to 01.09.2014.</p> <p>A single PDF file merging the said proofs may be attached in such case.</p>	<p>If date of joining under EPF in GAIL prior to 01.09.2014</p> <p>Select ‘Yes’</p> <p>and then attach “Certificate in Lieu of Para 26(6) of the EPF Scheme” downloaded from the GAIL Intranet.</p> <p>In case the EPF member has worked with multiple employers prior to 01.09.2014, the proof in support of Para 26 (6) of the EPF Scheme is to be attached for the respective employers.</p> <p>EPF members who have joined EPF before 01.06.2001 are required to submit the same supporting proofs as submitted in the previous step again along with the proof(s) for the period between 01.06.2001 to 01.09.2014.</p> <p>A single PDF file merging the said proofs may be attached in such case.</p>
<p>Whether member wants to use accumulation available in his /her PF account for payment of due contribution for this option ?</p>	<p>If the EPS member want to use accumulation available in his /her PF account for payment of due contribution for this option, he/she is required to choose ‘Yes’</p> <p>Otherwise, choose “No”</p>	<p>If the EPS member want to use accumulation available in his /her PF account for payment of due contribution for this option, he/she is required to choose ‘Yes’</p> <p>Otherwise, choose “No”</p>

How much is the PF account balance as on the date of filing option	<p>This option will appear if the option in the previous step is “Yes”.</p> <p>then, the EPS member is required to mention the PF accumulation/ balance available in his /her PF account (Sum of closing balance of both employer and employee contribution as per PF Statement 2022-23) as on the date of filing the option.</p> <p>If the option in the previous step is “No”, this option will not appear.</p>	<p>This option will appear if the option in the previous step is “Yes”</p> <p>then, the EPS member is required to mention the PF accumulation/ balance available in his /her PF account (Sum of closing balance of both employer and employee contribution as per PF Statement 2022-23) as on the date of filing the option.</p> <p>If the option in the previous step is “No”, this option will not appear.</p>
Please upload relevant documentary proof such as Account Slip/Pages of the Passbook etc. <i>Only PDF file of size 250 KB is allowed.</i>	<p>This option will appear if the option in the previous step is “Yes”.</p> <p>then attach the Member CPF Card downloaded from the Golden Retirement Portal or as obtained from dealing section of Corporate Finance Department.</p> <p>In case of, multiple employers, member has to upload a single PDF file consisting of Member CPF Card downloaded from the Golden Retirement Portal or as obtained from dealing section of Corporate Finance Department along with the other account statement(s) showing the proof of availability of amount pertaining to all previous employers.</p> <p>Copy of such supporting documents to be submitted to local HR and dealing officials of Corporate HR – Superannuation, PF & Pension Group for records.</p>	<p>This option will appear if the option in the previous step is “Yes”.</p> <p>then, Attach the Member CPF Card downloaded from the ESS Portal / GAIL Sugam.</p> <p>In case of, multiple employers, member has to upload a single PDF file consisting of Member CPF Card downloaded from the ESS Portal / GAIL Sugam along with the other account statement(s) showing the proof of availability of amount pertaining to all previous employers.</p> <p>Copy of such supporting documents to be submitted to local HR and dealing officials of Corporate HR – Superannuation, PF & Pension Group for records.</p>

	If the option in the previous step is “No”, this option will not appear.	If the option in the previous step is “No”, this option will not appear.
Whether member is giving undertaking to deposit the contributions along with interest due till date of payment through his last employer (only if when PF account has no/insufficient balance) ?	<p>In case the member has selected “No” in the previous step i.e. willingness to use accumulation available in his /her PF account for payment of due contribution for this option,</p> <p>choose “Yes”</p> <p>and then attach Undertaking / Affidavit Format already forwarded vide Corporate HR Circular No. GAIL/CO/HR/LLCC/EPS-1995/2023 dated 16.03.2023.</p>	<p>In case the member has selected “No” in the previous step i.e. willingness to use accumulation available in his /her PF account for payment of due contribution for this option,</p> <p>choose “Yes”</p> <p>and then attach Undertaking / Affidavit Format already forwarded vide Corporate HR Circular No. GAIL/CO/HR/LLCC/EPS-1995/2023 dated 16.03.2023.</p>
	<p>In case the member has selected “Yes” in the previous step i.e. willingness to use accumulation available in his /her PF account for payment of due contribution for this option,</p> <p>choose “No”</p>	<p>In case the member has selected “Yes” in the previous step i.e. willingness to use accumulation available in his /her PF account for payment of due contribution for this option,</p> <p>choose “No”</p>
<p>Declaration:</p> <p>1. I hereby declare that I have read and understood the Judgement in SLP (C) No.8658- 8659 of 2019 dated 04-11-2022 of the Hon’ble Supreme Court and I am exercising this joint option in terms of the directions contained in the said judgement.</p> <p>2. I understand and agree that as a member of the Employees’ Pension Scheme, my rights to claim pension are limited to the scope of judgement and within the EPF & MP Act,</p>	<p>Enter place,</p> <p>tick ‘I agree’</p> <p>and enter captcha</p>	<p>Enter place,</p> <p>tick ‘I agree’</p> <p>and enter captcha</p>

<p>1952 and the Schemes framed thereunder.</p> <p>3. I further understand that the Central Government is empowered to amend the scheme as it may deem fit.</p> <p>4. I do hereby agree that the details of contribution and interest given by my employers are essential for the computation of dues payable for this application, and this is the full and final submission.</p> <p>5. I hereby undertake that the service details in the above form are correct and no material fact has been misrepresented or hidden by me.</p> <p>6. I hereby agree to pay due contribution in a single tranche as specified by EPFO, along with interest at rates declared under Para 60 of EPF Scheme 1952 or at the rate declared by the concerned trust of such establishment, from time to time, whichever is higher, if any.</p> <p>7. I hereby jointly opt along with my employer to pay full amount of contribution on salary exceeding wage ceiling under erstwhile para 11(3) (since deleted) and Para 11(4) of EPS 95 along with interest up to the last date of the month in which payment is made, in accordance with the judgement dated 04.11.2022 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court through my last employer <u>within such period as may be directed by EPFO after verification of my joint option.</u> If the</p>		
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<p>full amount payable is not deposited by my last employer <u>within such period as may be directed by EPFO after verification of my joint option</u>, this joint option shall be liable to be treated as Null and Void.</p> <p>8. I undertake that all the facts are true. If the details submitted by me or my employer are found to be incorrect at any point of time, this joint option shall be treated as Null and Void.</p> <p>9. I am aware that in case of false declaration and wilful mis-representation, appropriate penal action may be taken by EPFO against me.</p>		
<p>Save as Draft (This option to be selected only if the joint option is not finalized by the EPS member and final submission yet to be decided)</p>		
<p>Please Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No correction is possible after submitting the application. 2. Joint option application submitted without relevant data and annexures mentioned above shall be rejected by EPFO. 3. Application can be submitted only once and if rejected, further submission is not possible as at present. Hence, the member has to take utmost care while submitting online application. 		
<p>Submit Application</p>		
<p>4. Acknowledgement Number Generated: (Members are requested to keep the Acknowledgement Number for future reference)</p>		