

# INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM PF.23/A

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF A DEFERRED RETIREMENT BENEFIT under article 30 of the UNJSPF Regulations

# **PURPOSE OF FORM PF.23/A**

The form should be used to request the commencement of your deferred retirement benefit.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

Please do not fill out form PF.23/A until you have read the notes below

The information provided below is subject to change. For updated information, please refer to <a href="https://www.unjspf.org/for-clients">www.unjspf.org/for-clients</a>.

A deferred retirement benefit, whether elected or deemed to have been elected, becomes payable when you reach your normal retirement age (NRA). You may, however, elect to receive your benefit earlier, at any time between your early retirement age (ERA) and normal retirement age, in which case a reduction factor will be applied to your entitlement in the same way as it would be applied to an early retirement benefit.

Your normal retirement age and early retirement age are determined based on the date on which your participation in the Fund commenced or recommenced. For further information, please consult <a href="https://www.unjspf.org/for-clients/retirement-age-2">www.unjspf.org/for-clients/retirement-age-2</a>.

## Please note that:

- It is not possible to commute part of the benefit into a lump sum. The full benefit may, however, be commuted into a one-time lump sum payment, at your express and written request ONLY, if the rate of the benefit payable at normal retirement age was less than 1,000 United States dollars per year. If the benefit was commuted into a lump sum, no survivors' benefits would be payable.
- · There is no child's benefit payable under a deferred retirement benefit.

If you elected or were deemed to have elected a deferred retirement benefit and payment of the benefit has not yet commenced, you may change your benefit election to a withdrawal settlement by submitting your request in writing to the Fund. Changing your benefit election from a deferred retirement benefit to a withdrawal settlement will not make you eligible to restore said period of contributory service under article 24 of the UNJSPF Regulations, should you again become a participant in the Fund, as restoration under article 24 is precluded for any participant who elected or was deemed to have elected a deferred retirement benefit on or after 1 April 2007.

The right to a retirement, early retirement, deferred retirement or disability benefit, widow's or widower's benefit, divorced surviving spouse's benefit, child's benefit or secondary dependant's benefit shall be forfeited if, for five years after payment has been due, the beneficiary has failed to submit payment instructions or has failed or refused to accept payment.

This information is provided to assist you in completing form PF.23/A. If there is any ambiguity, inconsistency or conflict between the information provided herein and the UNJSPF Regulations, Rules and Pension Adjustment System, the Regulations, Rules and Pension Adjustment System shall prevail.

# INSTRUCTIONS

Please do not fill out form PF.23/A until you have read the instructions below

Before completing the form, please read article 30 of the UNJSPF Regulations and section J of the Pension Adjustment System, available at <a href="https://www.unjspf.org/resources/regulations-and-rules">www.unjspf.org/resources/regulations-and-rules</a>.

Please type or print the information in BLOCK LETTERS when filling in the form. All pages must be dated and signed.

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## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Please provide your Unique Identification number (UID), full name, date of birth and contact information. If you do not know your Unique Identification number, please send an email to <a href="mailto:requestUIDonly@unjspf.org">requestUIDonly@unjspf.org</a>.

For the member self-service (MSS) support team to verify your identity and assist you, you must provide the following information in your email: your full name, your last employing organization before separation from service, your last duty station and your five-digit alphanumeric retirement number.

For further details, please consult www.unjspf.org/for-clients/unique-identification-number.

The pension number field is optional on the form. Your pension number can be found on your pension statement or in the welcome letter from UNJSPF.

## **SECTION 2: DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DEFERRED RETIREMENT BENEFIT**

Please indicate the date on which you would like your benefit to become payable.

## **SECTION 3: BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

# 1. Payee name

Please specify the payee name, which should match the name on your bank statement. Payment can only be made to an account in your name or to a joint account that is also held in your name. Payment cannot be remitted via cheque to a mailing address, nor can it be made to a third party.

## 2. Name of bank or financial Institution

Please provide the name of the bank or financial institution where your account is held. Please note that payment can only be made to a bank or financial institution. Payment cannot be remitted to non-banking institutions or money transfer agencies or to other third parties. Monthly benefits are paid into one account only. It is not possible to request that the payment be split.

If your account is held at an institution, such as a brokerage firm (individual retirement account), UNESCO SEPU, AMFIE/AMFI or UNSSCA, you should also complete "10. Additional bank account information".

# 3. Beneficiary account number and/or IBAN

This number is used to identify your personal account. Please refer to the "Banking requirements" table below for the account number requirements.

4. Bank ID code (SWIFT code, ACH routing number, sort code, transit number, IFSC, BSB number, NCC, etc.)

Please refer to the "Banking requirements" table below for the bank ID code requirements.

#### 5. Currency of payment

Please specify the currency of payment. The default currency of payment is the United States dollar. However, periodic benefit payments may also be paid in the following currencies: AUD, CAD, CHF, CLP, DKK, EUR, GBP, INR, JPY, NOK, NZD, PEN, PKR, RUB, SEK, SGD, XAF and XOF. In such cases, the UNJSPF quarterly exchange rate will be applied.

Your periodic benefit payments can be paid in any of the 18 currencies, regardless of your elected country of residence, under the two-track system. For more information on the two-track system, please visit <a href="www.unjspf.org/for-clients/two-track-pension-adjustment-system">www.unjspf.org/for-clients/two-track-pension-adjustment-system</a>.

# 6. Name of branch

Please provide the name of your bank branch, if applicable.

# 7. Account type

For banks located in the United States of America, you should indicate whether your account is a checking or savings account.

# 8. Bank address

You should provide the complete address of your bank or financial institution. It is preferable to provide a street address rather than a PO Box address.

## 9. Intermediary or correspondent bank

Intermediary or correspondent banks are often used when a payment is made in a currency that is different from the local currency (e.g. if payment is made in United States dollars to an account held in France). Please refer to the "Banking requirements" table below for any intermediary or correspondent bank requirements.

Any intermediary or correspondent bank fees shall be incurred by you. UNJSPF is only liable for paying the remitting bank fees.

# 10. Additional bank account information

Please provide this information if your account is held at an institution, such as a **brokerage firm (individual retirement account)**, **UNESCO USLS, AMFIE/AMFI or UNSSCA**. Please refer to the "Banking requirements" table below for any other information requirements.

# 11. Other information

Please provide any additional information that may be required by UNJSPF. Please refer to the "Banking requirements" table below for any other information requirements.

## **SECTION 4: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE**

The form must be completed in full, dated, signed and duly authenticated to be valid.

Please also submit the following supporting documents, where applicable:

- (1) A copy of a valid Government-issued photo ID showing your full name, date of birth and scripted signature.
- (2) A recently dated bank statement and/or bank document, such as a voided cheque, showing all your bank information, which should match the information that you provide in the payment instructions, as well as in the Fund's records.
- (3) A copy of your spouse's official Government-issued photo ID, such as a valid passport or driving licence, showing his or her name, signature and date of birth (or a copy of your spouse's birth certificate).
- (4) A copy of your marriage certificate.
- (5) A copy of any divorce decree(s) for any previous marriage(s).

## **SECTION 5: SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATION**

For UNJSPF to accept your signature as duly authenticated, you must affix your signature and the date in the presence of the authenticating official (e.g. a United Nations official, government official or notary public). The person authenticating your signature must complete all fields in this section: printed full name; email address; official title, licence or index number; original ink signature; authentication date (which must match the date you are signing the form); and official stamp/seal of office. For further information, please refer to <a href="https://www.unjspf.org/for-clients/authentication-of-signatures-documents">www.unjspf.org/for-clients/authentication-of-signatures-documents</a>.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT FORM PF.23/A**

The dated, hand-signed and duly authenticated form must be returned to UNJSPF.

Most registered users of MSS may submit UNJSPF forms and other documentation electronically under the "MSS Document Upload" tab of their MSS account. Users must download the relevant UNJSPF form under the "E-Forms" tab and complete, print, date and hand sign it. Then they must scan the form and upload it, either in JPG, JPEG or PDF format, and send it to UNJSPF. Once the form has been successfully submitted, there is **NO NEED** to submit a physical version of the form to UNJSPF. Go to the "About member self-service (MSS)" web page, available at <a href="https://www.unjspf.org/resources/about-member-self-service/">www.unjspf.org/resources/about-member-self-service/</a>, for a tutorial on how to upload documents using MSS.

Please note that access to the "MSS Document Upload" tab may be restricted, at the request of some UNJSPF member organizations. In such cases, the staff of such organizations will not see the "MSS Document Upload" tab as one of the MSS menu options. In any case, all participants should first check with their employing organization to ascertain the correct process for submitting documents to UNJSPF.

You can also mail the **physical form, which must be duly completed, dated, hand-signed and authenticated, directly** to UNJSPF at any of the addresses below:

If documents are sent by regular postal mail to the New York Office	If documents are sent by express courier (e.g. DHL) or registered mail to the New York Office	If documents are sent to the Geneva Office (by either postal mail or express courier)
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
c/o United Nations	37th floor, 1 DHP	s/c Palais des Nations
PO Box 5036, New York, NY 10163-5036	885 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017	1211 Genève 10
United States of America	United States of America	Suisse

# **BANKING REQUIREMENTS**

# **KEY TERMS**

**IBAN** – The International Bank Account Number is an internationally agreed standard for identifying an individual's account at a financial institution. It consists of a two-letter ISO country code, followed by two check digits and up to 30 alphanumeric characters for the Basic Bank Account Number.

**SWIFT code** – The SWIFT code is a Business Identifier Code used by banks and payment providers when making international transfers.

To utilize the table, please identify your currency of payment and bank location.

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Currency of payment (section 3.5)	Bank location (section 3.2, 3.8)	Beneficiary account number requirements (section 3.3)	Bank ID code requirements (section 3.4)	Intermediary or correspondent bank (section 3.9)/Other information (section 3.11)
USD	United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU)	11 or 13 digits	226078609	-
USD	UNITED STATES	Up to 17 digits	9-digit Automated Clearing House (ACH) routing number	-
USD	Standard Chartered Bank, INDIA	11 digits	SCBLINBB	-
USD	Standard Chartered Bank, PAKISTAN	11 digits	SCBLPKKK	-
USD	CHILE	Up to 15 digits	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.11) 8- or 9-digit tax ID (RUT) number
USD	PERU	20-digit Código de Cuenta Interbancaria (CCI)	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
USD	Outside UNITED STATES	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	$(Section\ 3.9)\ Intermediary\ or\ correspondent\ bank$
EUR	SEPA ZONE or EUROZONE	IBAN - format based on country of remittance	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
EUR	Outside SEPA ZONE or EUROZONE	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.9) Intermediary or correspondent bank
CHF	SWITZERLAND	IBAN - 21 characters starting with CH	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
CHF	Outside SWITZERLAND	IBAN - format based on country of remittance	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.9) Intermediary or correspondent bank
AUD	AUSTRALIA	Up to 9 digits	6-digit Bank State Branch (BSB) number in 000-000 format	-
AUD	Outside AUSTRALIA	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.9) Intermediary or correspondent bank
CAD	CANADA	Up to 16 digits	9-digit transit number	-
CAD	Outside CANADA	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	$(Section\ 3.9)\ Intermediary\ or\ correspondent\ bank$
CLP	CHILE	Up to 15 digits	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.11) 8- or 9-digit tax ID (RUT) number
DKK	DENMARK	IBAN - 18 characters starting with DK	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
GBP	UNITED KINGDOM	8 to 10 digits	6-digit sort code	-
GBP	Outside UNITED KINGDOM	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.9) Intermediary or correspondent bank
INR	Standard Chartered Bank, INDIA	11 digits	SCBLINBB	-
INR	INDIA	No specific requirement	11 alphanumeric characters Indian Financial System Code (IFSC)	-
JPY	JAPAN	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.11) 7-digit Zengin code
JPY	Outside JAPAN	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.9) Intermediary or correspondent bank
NOK	NORWAY	IBAN - 15 characters starting with NO	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
NZD	NEW ZEALAND	12 digits in 00000000-000 format, leading zeros may be added	6-digit National Clearing Code (NCC) in 00-0000 format	-
NZD	Outside NEW ZEALAND	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.9) Intermediary or correspondent bank
PEN	PERU	20-digit Código de Cuenta Interbancaria (CCI)	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	
PKR	Standard Chartered Bank, PAKISTAN	11 digits	SCBLPKKK	-
PKR	PAKISTAN	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.11) Inter-Bank Funds Transfer (IBFT)
RUB	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	20 digits	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	(Section 3.1) full name as it appears on your bank statement, including your patronymic name. (Section 3.4) 9-digit bank ID code (BIK) (Section 3.11) 12-digit tax ID (INN) number
SEK	SWEDEN	IBAN - 24 characters starting with SE	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
SGD	SINGAPORE	No specific requirement	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
XAF	Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC)	23 digits	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-
XOF I	West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU/UEMOA)	24 alphanumeric characters	SWIFT code (8 or 11 characters)	-

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