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Standard Operating Procedure On Shifting (Migration) from NPS to UPS Verification by DDO & Authorisation by PAO

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

The following acronyms and abbreviations have been used in this document:

ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION		
CRA	Central Recordkeeping Agency		
PFRDA	Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority		
UPS	Unified Pension Scheme		
NPS	National Pension System		
PRAN	Permanent Retirement Account Number		
CG	Central Government		
Pr.AO	Principal Accounts Office		
PAO	Pay & Accounts Office		
DDO	Drawing & Disbursing Officer		

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1. Background:

The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) has been introduced as an option under the National Pension System (NPS) by the Central Government (CG) for the Central Government employees covered under NPS so that they may receive an assured payout after their retirement. It is a 'fund-based' payout system which relies on the regular and timely accumulation and investment of applicable contributions (from both the employee and the employer (the Central Government)) for grant of monthly payout to the retiree.

The Unified Pension Scheme shall be made operational from April 1st, 2025.

An existing Central Government employee in service as on April 1st, 2025, who is covered under NPS can opt for UPS by shifting their NPS account under UPS.

The shifting process can be initiated by the subscriber online through e-NPS portal wherein the said request will be verified by DDO/PAO and needs to be authorized by PAO. Alternatively, the subscriber can submit A2 form to the nodal office (PAO/DDO) for shifting from NPS to UPS. On the basis of the form received, Nodal Office will initiate the request and process the same.

This document explains the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for processing shifting (migration) requests initiated by the subscriber online and verified by DDO and authorised by PAO.



2. Verification of requests by DDO

A. DDO user (henceforth known as verifier) is required to login into the CRA system (https://cra-nsdl.com/CRA/) using the User ID and password.

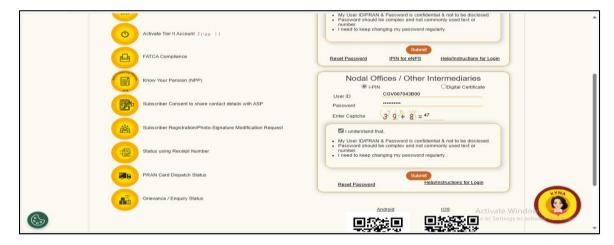


Figure 1

B. The verifier needs to select "Unified Pension Scheme" menu and click on option "migration to UPS."

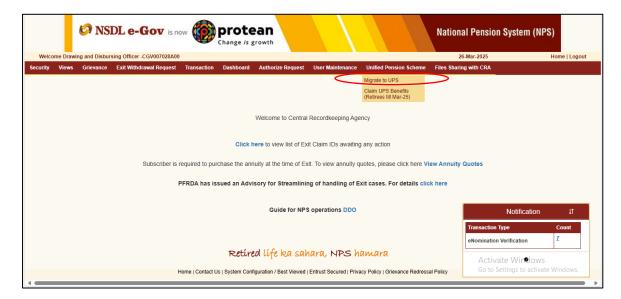


Figure 2



C. Verifier needs to select "Verify/Authorize" tab and provide date range i.e. "From Date" and "To Date" and click on submit. On submission, search records will be displayed on the screen.

Alternatively, PRAN/Acknowledgement no. can be used to view specific request.

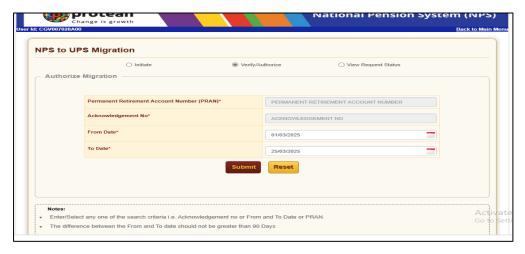




Figure 3

Once verifier clicks on "Approve/Reject" link, all the details of the request will be displayed on the screen. (View Figure 4)



D. The verifier needs to verify the employment details of the employee as per service records. For reasons such as employee not eligible for shifting to UPS or employee has now resigned etc. said request can be rejected. In this process, the verifier needs to select the rejection category as "employment details" and provides remarks and click on reject button.

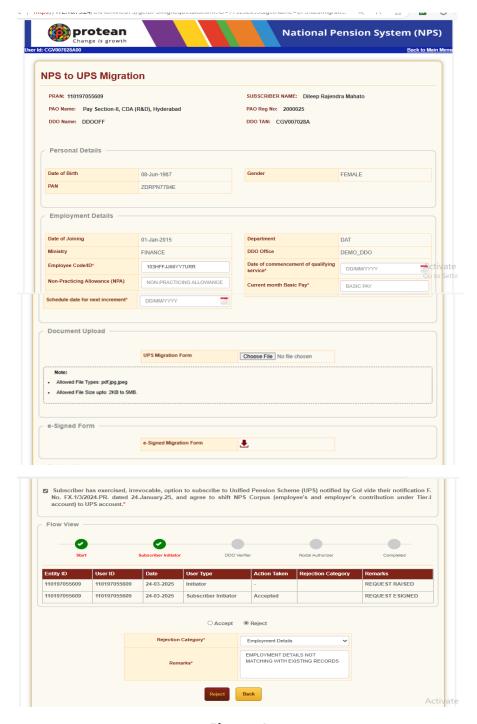


Figure 4

On clicking the rejection button, the shifting request will get rejected.

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- E. In case the employee is eligible to shift to UPS based on employment details, as per service record, the verifier needs to enter the following details.
 - ✓ Employee Code/ID
 - ✓ Date of commencement of qualifying service
 - ✓ Current month Basic Pay
 - ✓ Non-Practicing Allowance (NPA), if applicable
 - ✓ Schedule date for next increment

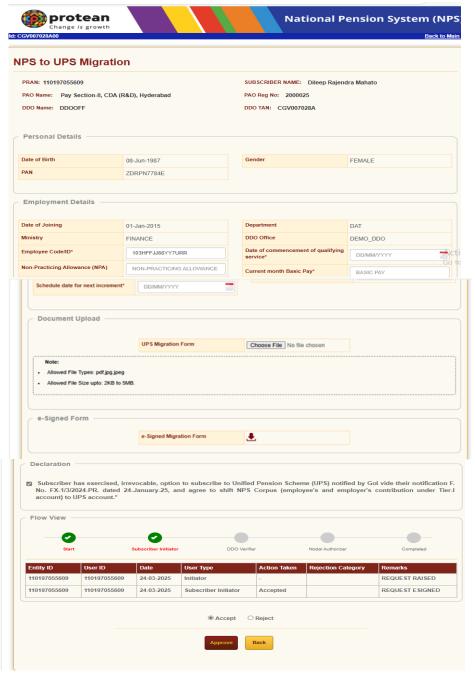


Figure 5

After entering the details, verifier needs to select 'Accept' and click on 'Approve' button

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F. On selecting the Approve button, the confirmation screen would appear where verifier has to select either proceed or cancel button.

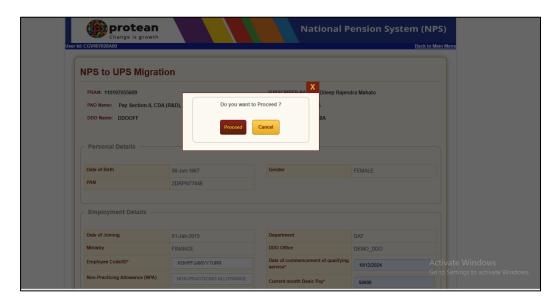


Figure 6

G. By clicking on "Proceed' option, the request will get verified and the status will be updated as 'The request for NPS to UPS migration is pending for authorisation'.

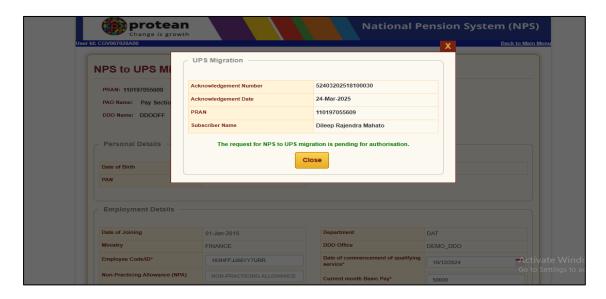


Figure 7



3. Authorization of request by Nodal office

A. PAO office (hereafter termed as authorizer) is required to login into the CRA system (https://cra-nsdl.com/CRA/) using the User ID and password.

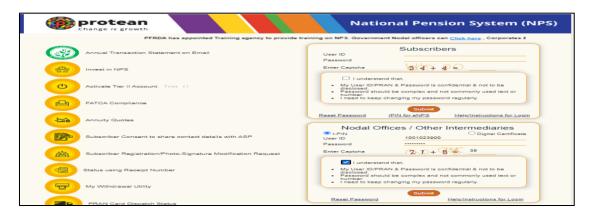


Figure 8

B. The authoriser needs to go to "Unified Pension Scheme" menu and click on "migrate to UPS" option.

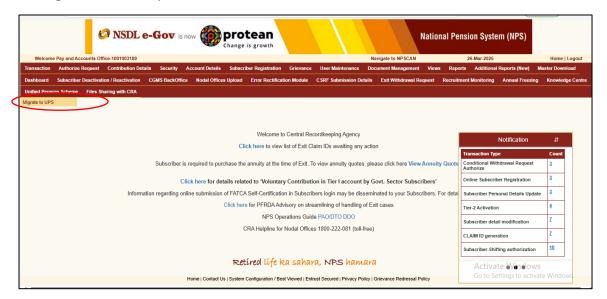


Figure 9



C. The authorizer needs to select "Verify/Authorize" tab and provide date range i.e. "From Date" and "To Date" and click on submit. On submission, record(s) if any pending for authorization based on the date range will be displayed on the screen.

There is an option of searching for specific requests based on PRAN/Acknowledgement number also.

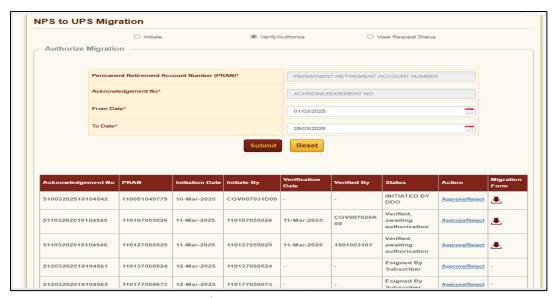


Figure 10

Once authoriser clicks on "Approve/Reject" link for one request, all the details of the request will be displayed on the screen. (View Figure 11)



D. The authoriser can reject the request for any specific reason. In this process, the authoriser needs to select the rejection category as "employment details" and provides remarks and click on reject button.

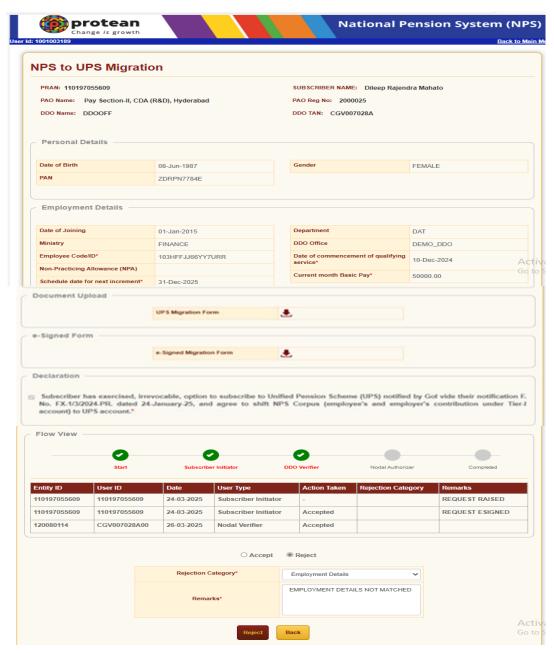


Figure 11



E. In case the employee is eligible for shifting to UPS and details are correct, the authoriser needs to select 'Accept' and click on 'Approve' button.



Figure 12

F. On selecting the Approve button, the confirmation screen would appear where verifier has to select either proceed or cancel button.

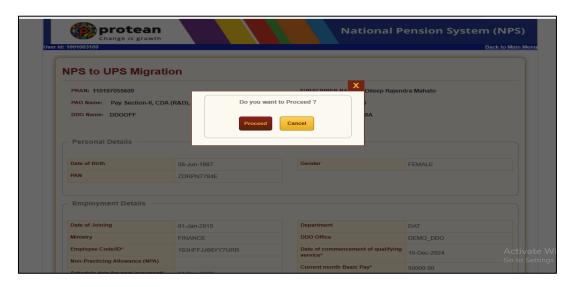


Figure 13



G. By clicking on "Proceed' option, the request will get authorised and the status will be updated as 'The request for NPS to UPS migration is authorised.'

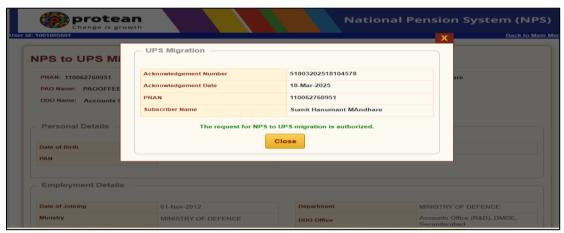


Figure 14

Status View: The nodal office can check the request status by selecting 'view request status' and enter date range for PRAN/Acknowledgement No.

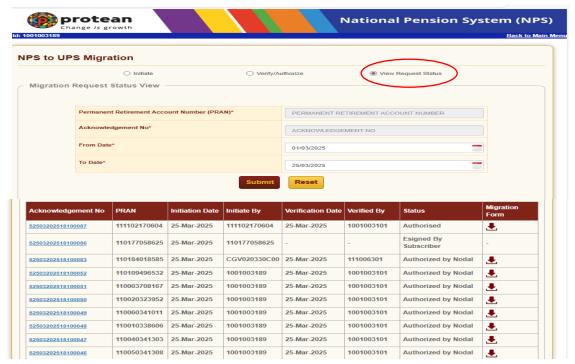


Figure 15

The Subscriber Shifting requests with status as "**Authorized**" will indicate that PRAN is shifted from **NPS to UPS** and the said PRAN will be prefixed with **UPS** for identification.

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