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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

Online Exit request by eNPS Subscriber with Self-Authorization and Bank-POP Authorization

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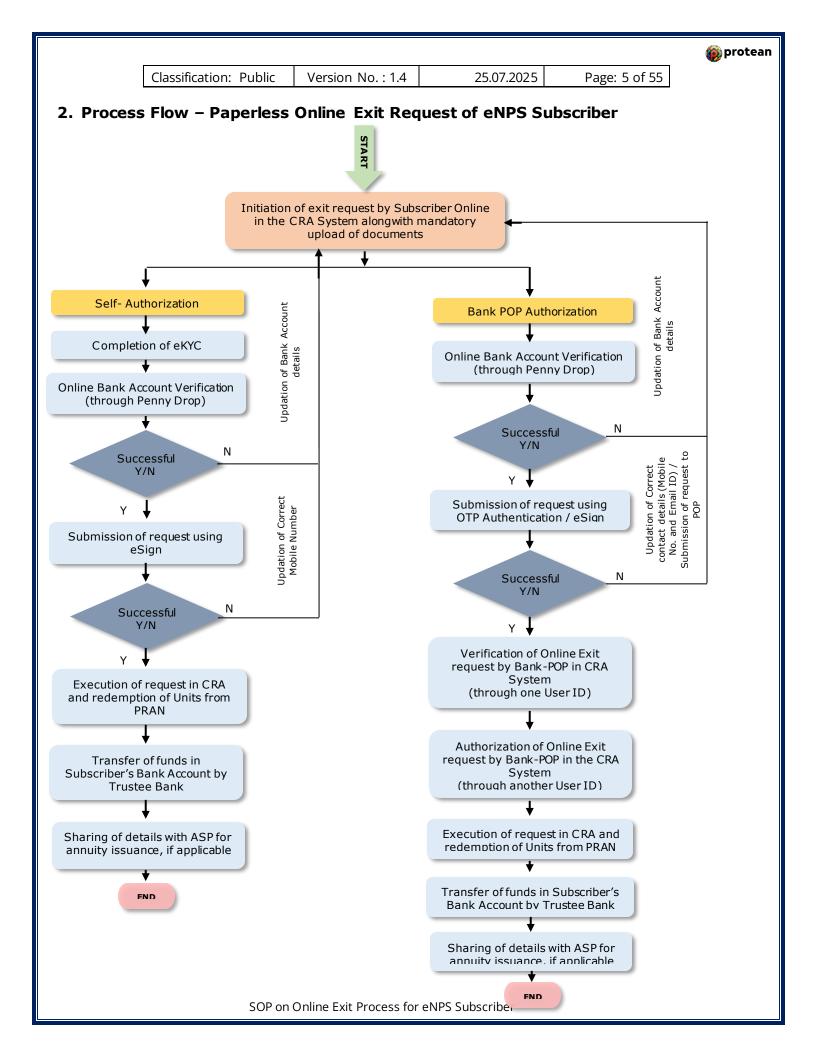
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1. Abbreviations

Abbreviation Expansion	
ASP	Annuity Service Provider
CRA	Central Recordkeeping Agency
NPS	National Pension System
OTP	One Time Password
PFRDA	Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority
POP	Point of Presence
POP-SP	Point of Presence Service Provider
PRAN	Permanent Retirement Account Number
UIDAI	Unique Identification Authority of India





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3. Preface

- **A.** As per PFRDA (Exits & Withdrawals under NPS) Regulations 2015 & amendments thereto, following Exit categories are allowed for the Subscribers who have joined NPS before attaining the age of sixty years:
- **Upon Normal Superannuation**: When a Subscriber reaches the age of attaining 60 years of age, at least 40% of the accumulated pension wealth of the Subscriber needs to be utilized for purchase of an Annuity providing for a regular pension to the Subscriber and the balance pension wealth is paid as lump sum to the Subscriber.

In case, the total corpus in the NPS account is less than or equal to Rs. 5 Lakh, Subscriber can avail the option of complete (100%) Withdrawal.

By using Lump Sum share, Subscriber can opt for Systematic Lump Sum Withdrawal (SLW) on a periodical basis viz. monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually for a period till 75 years as per the choice of the subscriber at the time of superannuation exit. For more information on SLW, please visit www.npscra.nsdl.co.in.

- **Incapacitation Exit:** If a Subscriber is physically incapacitated or has suffered a bodily disability leading to his incapability to continue with his individual pension account under National Pension System then subscriber can exit under Exit Category **Incapacitation.** The subscriber is required to submit a disability certificate from a Government surgeon or Doctor (treating such disability or invalidation of subscriber) stating the nature and extent of disability and also certifying that:
 - a) the affected subscriber shall not be in a position to perform his regular duties and there is a real possibility of the affected subscriber, being not able to work for the remaining period of his life.; and b) Percentage of disability is more than seventy-five percent.

Under **Incapacitation Exit** category, at least 40% of the accumulated pension wealth of the Subscriber needs to be utilized for purchase of an Annuity providing for a regular pension to the Subscriber and the balance pension wealth is paid as lump sum to the Subscriber. *In case, total corpus in NPS account is less than or equal to Rs. 5 Lakh, Subscriber can avail the option of complete (100%) Withdrawal as lump sum.*

• **Pre-mature Exit:** In case of Pre-mature exit (exit before attaining 60 years of age) from NPS, at least 80% of the accumulated pension wealth of the Subscriber needs to be utilized for purchase of an Annuity providing for a regular pension to the Subscriber and the balance pension wealth is paid as a lump sum to the Subscriber. *However, Subscriber can exit from NPS only after completion of 5 years in NPS.*

In case the total corpus in the NPS account is less than or equal to Rs. 2.5 Lakh, the Subscriber can avail the option of complete (100%) Withdrawal.



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B. As per PFRDA (Exits & Withdrawals under NPS) Regulations 2015 & amendments thereto, following Exit categories are allowed for the <u>Subscribers who have joined NPS on or after attaining the age of sixty years:</u>

• **Upon Normal Superannuation (Exit after completion of three years in NPS):** When a Subscriber exits after completion of three years in NPS, at least 40% of the accumulated pension wealth of the Subscriber needs to be utilized for purchase of an Annuity providing for a regular pension to the Subscriber and the balance pension wealth is paid as lump sum to the Subscriber.

In case, the total corpus in the NPS account is less than or equal to Rs. 5 Lakh, Subscriber can avail the option of complete (100%) Withdrawal.

By using Lump Sum share, Subscriber can opt for Systematic Lump Sum Withdrawal (SLW) on a periodical basis viz. monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually for a period till 75 years as per the choice of the subscriber at the time of superannuation exit. For more information on SLW, please visit www.npscra.nsdl.co.in.

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• **Pre-mature Exit (Exit before completion of three years in NPS)**: In case of pre-mature exit (exit before completion of three years in NPS), at least 80% of the accumulated pension wealth of the Subscriber needs to be utilized for purchase of an Annuity providing for a regular pension to the Subscriber and the balance pension wealth is paid as a lump sum to the Subscriber.

In case the total corpus in the NPS account is less than or equal to Rs. 2.5 Lakh, the Subscriber can avail the option of complete (100%) Withdrawal.



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The exit process for eNPS Subscribers is a paperless process wherein eNPS Subscriber is not required to submit any physical documents or not required to visit any Point of Presence (POP) to process his/her Exit request. The Subscriber has **two options** for initiating online Exit request in CRA system as given below:

- Exit through Self-Authorization –This option will be applicable only if the NPS Corpus of the Subscriber is less than Rs. 10 lakh. As part of the withdrawal process, the KYC details of the Subscriber will be verified through Aadhaar based KYC. The request will get processed in the CRA system directly on successful KYC verification & eSign. Verification and authorization of request is not required.
- **Exit through Bank-POP Authorization** This option will be available if the NPS Corpus of the Subscriber is greater than Rs. 10 lakh or if Subscriber wishes to initiate Exit request with Bank-POP authorization option. As part of the withdrawal process, the KYC details of the Subscriber will be verified by the registered Bank of the Subscriber (registered as Bank-POP in the CRA system).

As per PFRDA guidelines, Exit request processing fee payable to the Bank by eNPS Subscribers is 0.125% of total NPS corpus (minimum Rs. 125 and maximum Rs. 500). For example, if corpus of eNPS Subscriber initiating Exit request is Rs. 90,000 then processing fees payable will be Rs. 125 (minimum amount). In case, Corpus is Rs. 3, 00,000, the processing fee will be Rs. 375 (0.125% of corpus). However, in case corpus is Rs. 7, 00,000 then applicable processing fee is Rs. 500 (maximum).

You may refer the regulations/guidelines/circulars/FAQs available on PFRDA website (www.pfrda.org.in) / CRA website (www.npscra.nsdl.co.in) for more information on exit under NPS.



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4. Procedure for Processing Online Exit request of eNPS Subscriber

A. <u>Pre-requisite for Exit:</u>

The 10 digit Claim ID is required to initiate Exit request. Claim ID is generated by CRA six months before attaining the age of attaining 60 years of age. The Claim ID is communicated to eNPS Subscribers through SMS/email alerts by CRA. At the time of initiating superannuation exit request in CRA, the Claim ID gets auto-populated in online exit request. In case of superannuation, the Subscriber can initiate the Superannuation Exit request in the CRA system six months before reaching the age of 60 years. Though, request will get executed in the CRA system on completion of 60 years of age.

In case of Premature Exit, Claim ID gets generated at the time of initiating exit request. However, Subscriber can exit from NPS only after completion of 5 years in NPS.

In case of Incapacitation under All Citizens of India Sector (Enps), the Subscriber is required to raise online grievance in CRA for generation of Claim ID by accessing CRA system (www.cra-nsdl.com) with PRAN as User ID and password or Subscriber may contact/approach CRA along with required documents for generation of Claim ID. CRA will verify required documents and generate Claim ID online in the CRA system and communicate the same to Subscriber. On receipt of Claim ID from CRA, the Subscriber can initiate exit request online in CRA.

In case of Superannuation/Premature Exit under All Citizens of India, Claim ID is not required for the Subscriber who has joined NPS on or after attaining the age of sixty years. Subscriber can directly initiate withdrawal request in the CRA system whenever he/she wishes to exit.

The Subscriber should ensure the following before initiating Exit request:

- ✓ Claim ID is available for PRAN.
- ✓ NPS account is FATCA compliant Exit from NPS is not allowed if PRAN is not FATCA-compliant.
- ✓ PAN is registered in NPS account wherever applicable.
- ✓ Subscriber details (like address, contact details, etc.) are updated in NPS account.
- ✓ Bank details should be correct/valid During request initiation, Bank Account No., Bank IFS Code and Name of the Subscriber will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). If Online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop) fails, request initiation will not be allowed. Hence, Bank account number and IFS Code should be active and operative. Also Name of Subscriber as per CRA and bank record should match.
- ✓ Subscriber is required to submit the Exit request using OTP Authentication / eSign using Aadhaar. Hence, valid Mobile Number and email ID of the Subscriber should be registered in CRA to receive OTP as part of OTP Authentication. Or, for eSign using Aadhaar, Subscriber's Mobile Number registered with Aadhaar should be valid to receive OTP as part of eSign. eSign will be successful only if name of the Subscriber as per CRA records and name of the Subscriber as per UIDAI (Aadhaar) records matches 100% and Active Mobile Number is registered with UIDAI.

If required, the Subscriber can update above details online in CRA system (www.cra-nsdl.com) by logging with PRAN as User ID & Password. Alternatively, Subscriber can raise online grievance in CRA for modification of details by accessing CRA system (www.cra-nsdl.com) with PRAN as User ID and password and then initiate exit request.



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B. Brief steps to be followed by Subscriber with Self-Authorization:

This option will be applicable only if the NPS Corpus of the Subscriber is less than Rs. 10 lakh. The Subscriber will follow below steps:

- ✓ Subscriber will initiate online Exit request in CRA system (www.cra-nsdl.com) by logging with PRAN as User ID & Password.
- ✓ Subscriber will select the "Exit from NPS" Menu and select sub menu "Initiate Request" under "Manage My Withdrawal" Tab and then select "Self-Authorization" option/choice.
- ✓ The Subscriber will be required to complete eKYC with any one option viz. Online Aadhaar / Virtual ID / Offline KYC / CKYC / PAN.
- ✓ The Subscribers details such as complete name and date of birth registered with Aadhaar need to match with details registered in CRA. On successful updation of KYC details (Address details), the Subscriber will be allowed to initiate exit request.
- ✓ Subscriber again needs to select the "Exit from NPS" Menu and select sub menu "Initiate Request" under "Manage My Withdrawal" Tab and then select "Self-Authorization" option/choice.
- ✓ The registered details of Subscriber such as PRAN, contact details, Bank detail, nomination details etc. will be auto-populated. All these details (except nominee details) will be non-editable.
- ✓ Subscriber needs to capture details such as lump sum withdrawal percentage, annuity percentage, Annuity Service Provider, Annuity scheme, etc.
- ✓ Bank details should be correct/valid During request initiation, Bank Account no., Bank IFS Code and Name of the Subscriber will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). If Online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop) fails, request initiation will not be allowed.
- ✓ Subscriber will upload valid and legible scanned copies of all the relevant documents such as KYC Documents (Identity & Address Proof), copy of bank proof and copy of PRAN card/ePRAN etc. Scanned documents should be appropriate i.e. scanned images should be legible and all documents to be uploaded in a single file.
- ✓ Subscriber is required to submit the request using Aadhaar eSign. In case of eSign, the OTP will be sent on Mobile Number registered with Aadhaar.
- ✓ On successful eSign of the exit request by eNPS Subscriber, the request will get executed in the CRA System.
- ✓ For Superannuation Exit, if Subscriber has not completed 60 years, request will get executed in CRA system after completion of 60 years.

C. Brief steps to be followed by Subscriber with Bank-POP Authorization:

If the NPS Corpus of the Subscriber is greater than Rs. 10 lakh or if Subscriber wishes to initiate Exit request with Bank-POP authorization option, the Subscriber will follow below steps:

- ✓ Subscriber will initiate online Exit request in CRA system (www.cra-nsdl.com) by logging with PRAN as User ID & Password.
- ✓ Subscriber will select the "Exit from NPS" Menu and select sub menu "Initiate Request" under "Manage My Withdrawal" Tab and then select "Bank-POP authorization" option/choice.
- ✓ The registered details of Subscriber such as PRAN, contact details, Bank detail, nomination details etc. will be auto-populated. All these details (except nominee details) will be non-editable.
- ✓ Subscriber needs to capture details such as lump sum withdrawal percentage, annuity percentage, Annuity Service Provider, Annuity scheme, etc.
- ✓ Bank details should be correct/valid During request initiation, Bank Account no., Bank IFS Code and Name of the Subscriber will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop



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facility). If Online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop) fails, request initiation will not be allowed.

- ✓ Subscriber will upload valid and legible scanned copies of all the relevant documents such as KYC Documents (Identity & Address Proof), copy of bank proof and copy of PRAN card/ePRAN etc. Scanned documents should be appropriate i.e. scanned images should be legible and all documents to be uploaded in a single file.
- ✓ Subscriber is required to submit the Exit request using OTP Authentication / eSign.
 - In case of OTP Authentication, two distinct One Time Passwords (OTP) will be sent on Mobile Number and email ID registered in CRA.
 - In case of eSign, the OTP will be sent on Mobile Number registered with Aadhaar.
- ✓ On successful OTP Authentication / eSign of the exit request by eNPS Subscriber, the request will be submitted to the registered Bank of Subscriber (registered as Bank-POP in CRA system) for KYC verification online in the CRA system. Bank POP, upon receiving the withdrawal request, shall take the necessary steps to identify the Subscriber. It is the responsibility of the Bank POP to check the veracity of the supporting documents submitted by the Subscriber along with claim and may obtain additional supporting documents if required to ensure that claim amount is given to the Subscriber.
- ✓ On successful authorization of request by Bank-POP, the request will get executed in the CRA system.
- ✓ For Superannuation Exit, if Subscriber has not completed 60 years, request will get executed in CRA system after completion of 60 years.

This document describes the detailed procedure to be followed by the Subscribers and Bank-POPs for processing eNPS Exit request in the CRA system. The process mentioned below is for Superannuation exit. The similar process/steps are applicable for initiation and authorization of Pre-mature exit/Incapacitation request. The conditions mentioned above for superannuation, pre-mature, Incapacitation, PRAN generation before 60 years & PRAN generation after 60 years as relevant would be applicable while initiating exit request.



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I) Exit through Self-Authorization: -

5. <u>Steps to initiate online Exit request in CRA System by Subscriber with Self-</u> Authorization

In order to initiate Online Exit request, Subscriber needs to login to CRA system www.cra-nsdl.com with PRAN as User ID & Password as given below in **Figure 1.**



Figure 1

Subscriber needs to click on Menu "Exit from NPS" and select sub menu "Initiate Request" under "Manage My Withdrawal" Tab as given below in Figure 2.

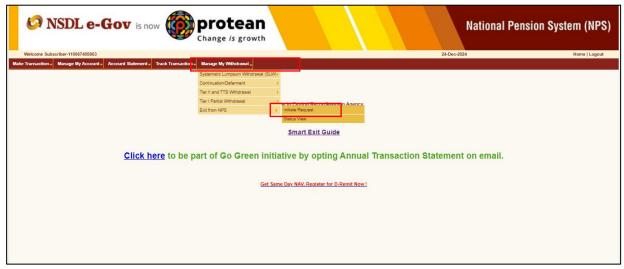


Figure 2



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At this stage, the Subscriber has two options for initiating online Exit request in CRA system.

- I) Exit through Self-Authorization
- II) Exit through Bank-POP Authorization.

Please refer below **Figure 3**.



Figure 3

In this case, Subscriber selects "**Self- Authorization**" option/choice as NPS Corpus of the Subscriber is less than Rs. 10 Lakh. After selecting "**Self- Authorization**" option/choice, System will display below pop-up message. Please refer below **Figure 4A and Figure 4B.**

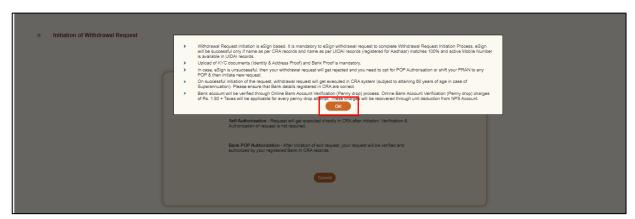


Figure 4A



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Figure 4B

After clicking on "**Submit**" button, System will display a pop-up message. Pop-up message contains information about completion of eKYC (Address details) through various options viz. Online Aadhaar / Virtual ID / Offline KYC / Digi locker / CKYC / PAN. Please refer below **Figure 5**.

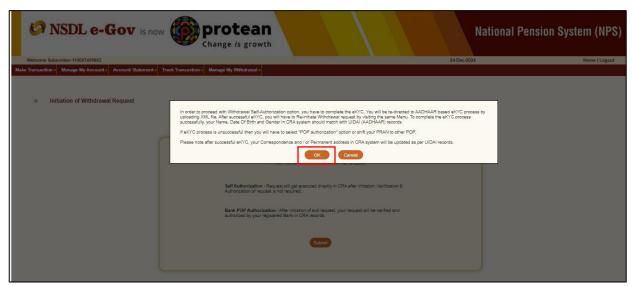


Figure 5

At this stage, Subscriber needs to select any one of the options and complete eKYC (Address details) process. Please refer below **Figure 6** with Option "Online Aadhaar".

As Subscriber is selected "Online Aadhaar", he/she needs to enter his/her Aadhaar Number and click on "**Continue**" tab.

On successful completion of eKYC (Address details), the Subscriber will be allowed to initiate exit request.



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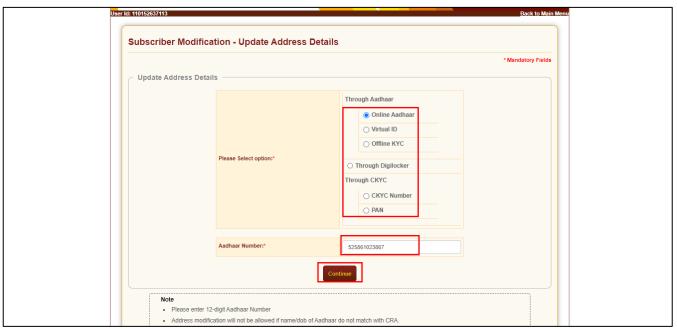


Figure 6

On clicking "Continue" tab, System will display Pop-up message. Subscriber needs to click on "Proceed" button as shown below in Figure 7.

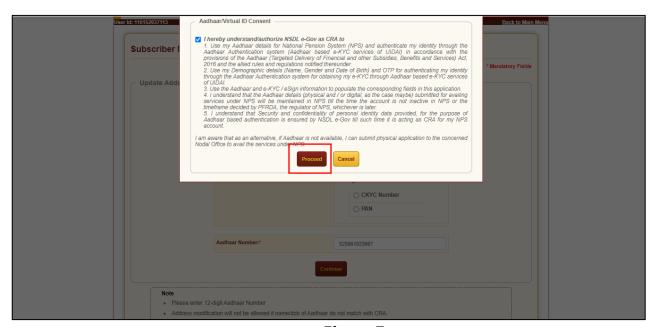


Figure 7

At this stage, Subscriber will receive an OTP from UIDAI (Aadhaar) on Mobile Number registered with Aadhaar. Subscriber needs to enter OTP and click on "**Submit OTP**" button. Please refer below **Figure 8**.



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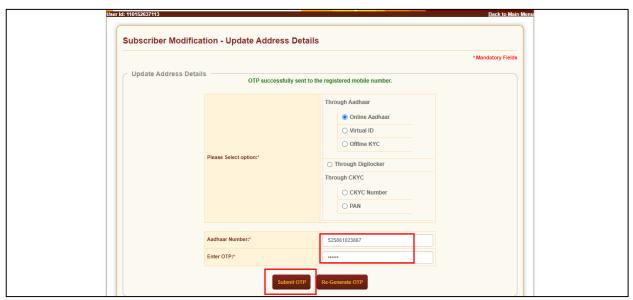


Figure 8

On clicking "**Submit OTP**" button, System will display 'Subscriber Modification' (Address details) screen. Subscriber needs to click on "**Generate OTP**" button to receive OTP. OTP will be sent by CRA on registered mobile number in NPS record. Subscriber needs to enter OTP and click on "**Submit OTP**" button to complete eKYC.

Please refer below Figure 9A and Figure 9B.

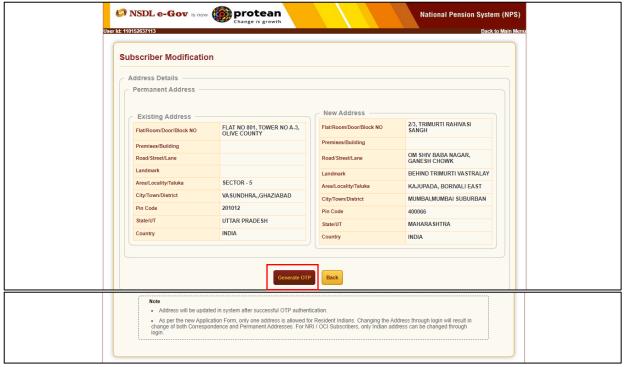


Figure 9A



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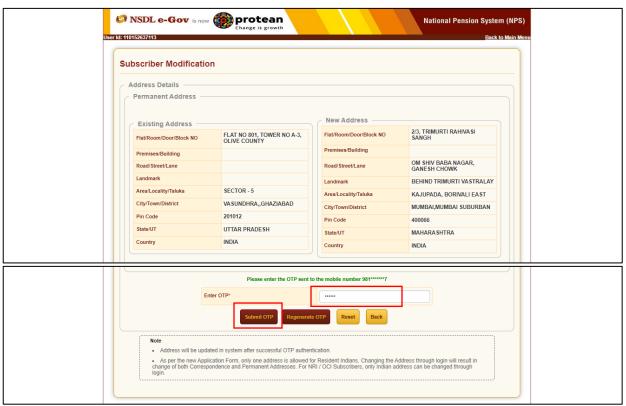


Figure 9B

After clicking on "Submit OTP" button, Address will be updated in System after successful OTP authentication. Please refer below Figure 10.



Figure 10

After successful completion of eKYC, Subscriber needs to re-login to CRA system www.cra-nsdl.com with PRAN as User ID & Password and select sub menu "Initiate Request" from menu "Exit from NPS" under "Manage My Withdrawal" tab. Please refer above Figure 1 to Figure 4.

Once Subscriber selects "**Self- Authorization"** option/choice, System will display below screen. At this stage, Subscriber needs to select Withdrawal type as "Exit at 60" from the Drop down menu. The System will display a Pop-up message after selecting Withdrawal Type as "Exit at 60" as shown below in **Figure 11A and Figure 11B**.

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Figure 11A

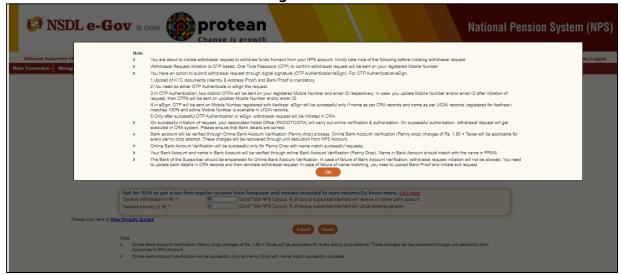


Figure 11B

The Pop-up message will contain information related to exit request such as Verification of request through OTP, upload of documents, eSign of exit request, Online bank account verification etc. The Subscriber is required to click on "OK" button.

At this stage, corpus of the Subscriber as on date is also displayed at the field "Total Valuation as on Date". Subscriber needs to provide withdrawal fund allocation percentage. In case corpus is greater than Rs. 5 Lakhs, then percentage towards Lump sum is displayed as 60% and percentage towards annuity as 40%. The Subscriber can also utilize more than 40% pension wealth for annuity, as per his/her choice. In case corpus is less than or equal to Rs. 5 Lakhs, then percentage towards Lump sum is displayed as 100% and percentage towards Annuity as 0%.

The Subscriber is required to Click on "Submit" button as shown in below Figure 12.



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Figure 12

On clicking **`Submit**' button, Pop-up message will be displayed to the Subscriber. The Pop-up contains information on Existing bank details, Mobile Number, email ID, PAN of the Subscriber and other instructions. If details are correct, Subscriber needs to click on **'OK'** button to proceed further. Kindly refer below **Figure 13**.

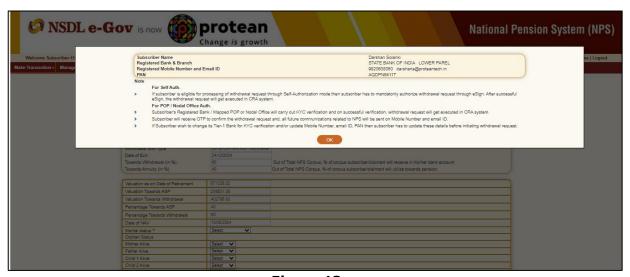


Figure 13

At this stage, Subscriber needs to select his/her Marital Status. If Subscriber is Married & Spouse is alive, then Subscriber needs to enter Spouse Name, Spouse Gender, Spouse DOB etc. Similarly, the Subscriber may also capture other family member's (Mother, father and children) details.

Then Subscriber needs to select Annuity Service Provider from the drop down list. List of the Annuity Service providers is displayed on the basis of Age and Corpus of the Subscriber. Further, Subscriber needs to select Annuity Scheme. Under 'Select Annuity Scheme', The option of multiple Annuities from the same ASP is available for those Subscribers who earmark the annuity corpus more than Rs 10 lakhs wherein Rs 5 lakhs utilized to buy each annuity scheme. List of Annuity Schemes is displayed on the basis of Marital Status of the Subscriber. Subscriber needs to select Annuity Frequency from the drop down menu. Please refer below **Figure 14**.



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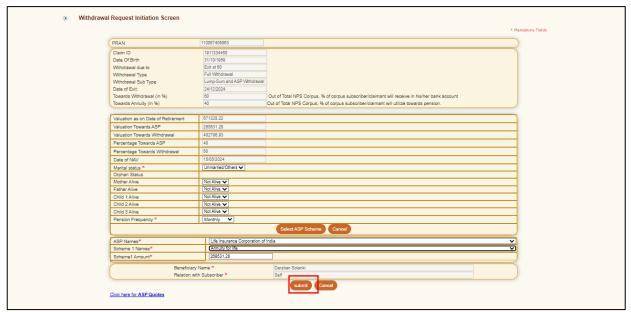


Figure 14

At this stage, various options selected along with existing address is displayed to the Subscriber. Also option is available to the Subscriber to provide Maiden Name (only in case of female Subscriber) and CKYC Number. However, these two fields Maiden Name & CKYC Number are non-mandatory. Please refer below **Figure 15**.



Figure 15

At this stage, existing bank details of the Subscriber along with Mobile number, email ID and PAN of the Subscriber are displayed. If existing bank details, contact details and PAN are correct, Subscriber needs to click on "Online bank a/c verification" Tab to proceed further. Please refer below Figure 16.



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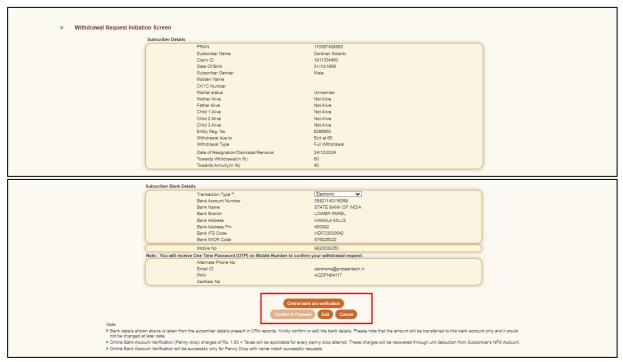


Figure 16

At this stage, after clicking on "Online bank a/c Verification" tab, Bank Account No., Bank IFS Code and Name of the Subscriber (registered in CRA) will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). On successful verification, a Pop-up message will display to the Subscriber i.e. "Online bank a/c verification is successful". Subscriber needs to click on "OK" button and then click on "Confirm & Proceed" button to proceed further. Please refer below Figure 17A and 17B.

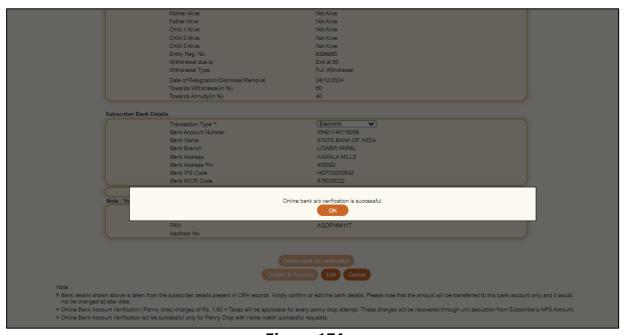


Figure 17A



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Figure 17B

At this stage, existing nomination details of the Subscriber are displayed. Subscriber needs to click on **"Edit"** button to enter Nominee address. If required, Subscriber can add/update nominee details. Please refer below **Figure 18**.

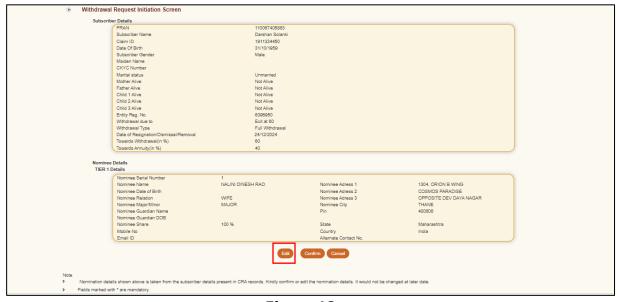


Figure 18

Subscriber can enter maximum of three nominees. Subscriber needs to click on "Add" button to add more than one nominee. After entering nominee details and/or address details, Subscriber needs to click on "Confirm" button to proceed further. Please refer below **Figure 19**.



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Figure 19

At this stage, Declaration Page is displayed to the Subscriber. Subscriber needs to select from the drop down menu whether he is politically exposed person, related to politically exposed person and history of conviction under criminal proceedings.

Further, Subscriber needs to select Declaration. After selection of declaration, Subscriber needs to click on "Confirm" button. Please refer below **Figure 20.**



Figure 20

At this stage, document Check List is displayed to the Subscriber. After selection of document check list, Subscriber needs to click on "Submit" button. Please refer below **Figure 21**.



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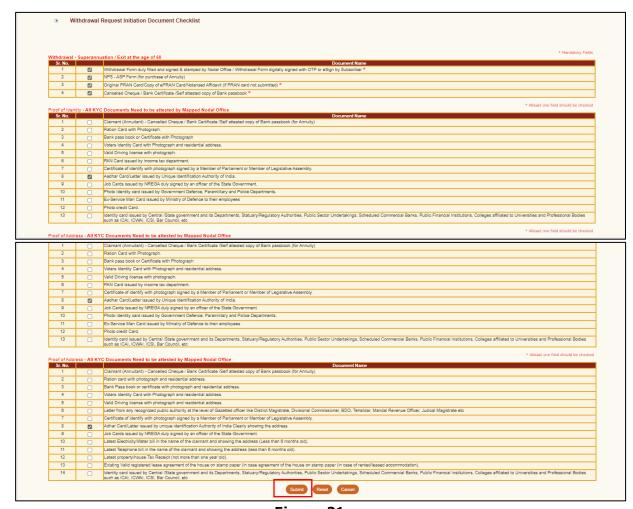


Figure 21

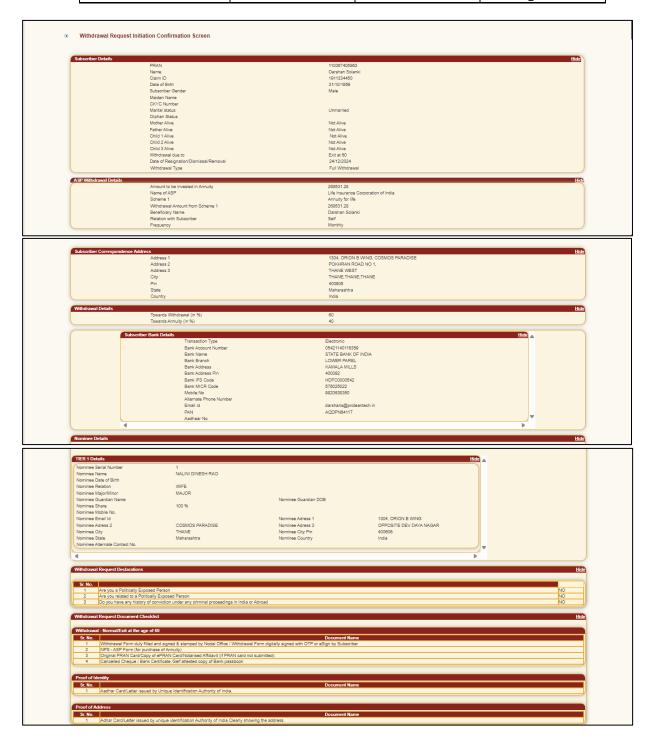
At this stage, details entered by the Subscriber are displayed for confirmation.

It is mandatory for Subscriber to upload valid and legible scanned copies of KYC documents (Identity & Address Proof), Copy of PRAN Card/ePRAN and Bank Proof as selected in document checklist for seamless processing of Exit and annuity request. Subscriber is required to upload all documents in a single scanned file. Please refer below **Figure 22.**

After uploading documents, Subscriber needs to click on "Send OTP" button to receive OTP. OTP will be sent by CRA on registered mobile number. Subscriber needs to enter OTP and click on "Submit OTP" button to complete initiation process.



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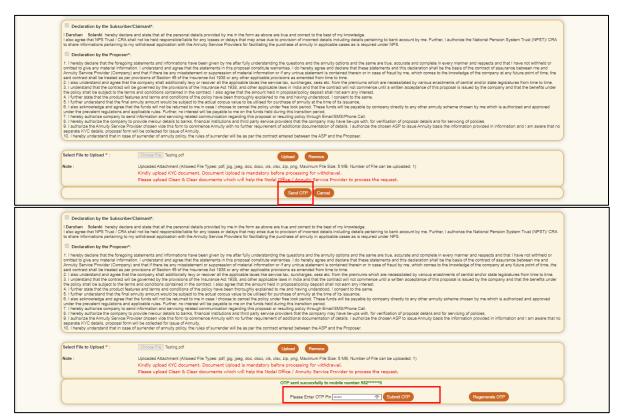


Figure 22

At this stage, after clicking on "Submit OTP" button, Subscriber needs to proceed with eSign. Exit request will get initiated in CRA system only after successful eSign.

If eSign is not done within 15 days, then Exit request will get auto-cancelled in the CRA system and Subscriber needs to initiate new request.

Subscriber needs to select "Esign" radio button and then click on "Proceed to e-Sign the Form" tab. Please refer below Figure 23.



Figure 23



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At this stage, once Subscriber clicks on "Proceed to e-Sign the Form" Tab, system will redirect Subscriber to eSign Service Provider's Web Page. Subscriber needs to enter his/her Aadhaar/Virtual ID and click on "Send OTP" button to receive OTP. Subscriber will receive an OTP from UIDAI (Aadhaar) on Mobile Number registered with Aadhaar. Please refer below Figure 24.

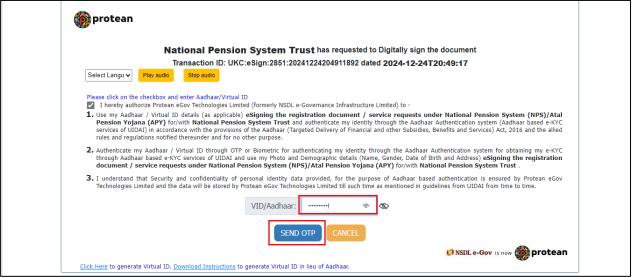


Figure 24

Once OTP is received, Subscriber needs to enter OTP and click on "Verify OTP" button to complete eSigning of the request. Please refer below **Figure 25**.

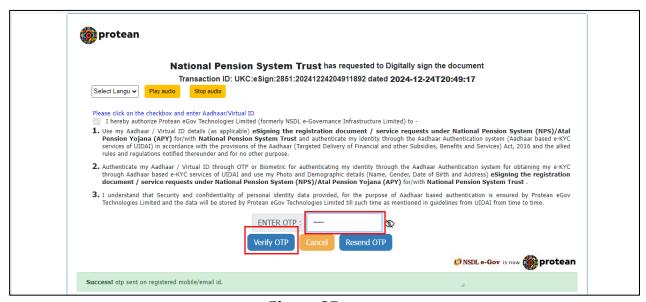


Figure 25

Once Subscriber clicks on "Verify OTP" button, Exit request will get captured in the CRA system and an Acknowledgement Number will get generated.

At this stage, option is provided to Subscriber to view & download system generated Withdrawal Form. Further, message regarding successful completion of eSigning is also displayed.

Please refer below Figure 26.



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Figure 26



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II) Exit through Bank-POP Authorization: -

6. <u>Steps to initiate online Exit request in CRA System by Subscriber with Bank-POP Authorization</u>

In order to initiate Online Exit request, Subscriber needs to login to CRA system www.cra-nsdl.com with PRAN as User ID & Password as given below in **Figure 27.**

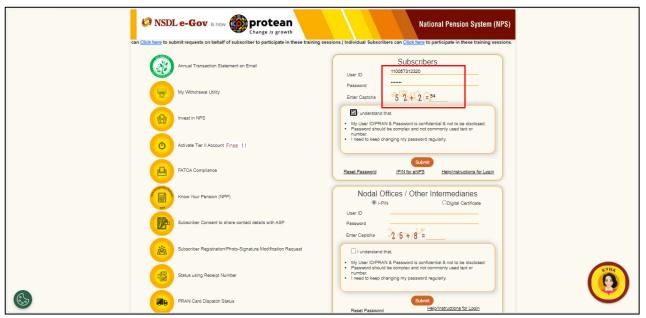


Figure 27

Subscriber needs to click on Menu "Exit from NPS" and select sub menu "Initiate Request" under "Manage My Withdrawal" Tab as given below in Figure 28.

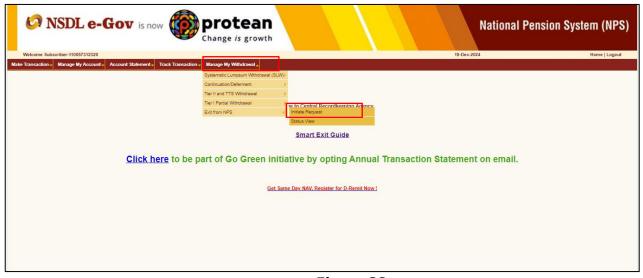


Figure 28



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At this stage, Subscriber needs to select Withdrawal type as "Exit at 60" from the Drop down menu as shown below in **Figure 29.** In case Premature Exit, the Subscriber will select withdrawal type as "Premature Exit".



Figure 29

At this stage, System will display a Pop-up message after selecting Withdrawal Type. Pop-up message will contain information related to Verification of request through OTP, Mandatory upload of documents, OTP authentication/eSign of withdrawal request, Online bank account verification etc. Subscriber is required to click on **'OK'** button. Please refer below **Figure 30**.

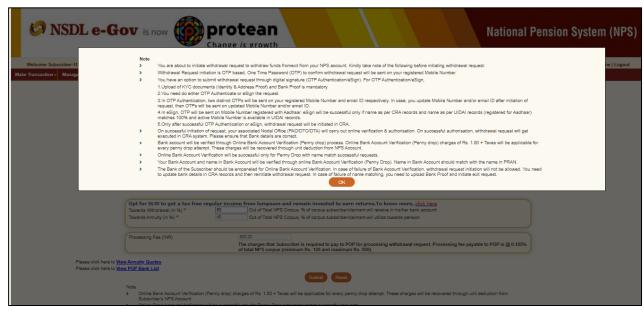


Figure 30

At this stage, corpus of the Subscriber as on date is also displayed at the field "Total Valuation as on Date" which helps Subscriber to identify whether he is eligible for complete withdrawal or not.

Subscriber needs to provide withdrawal fund allocation percentage. In case corpus is greater than Rs. 5 Lakhs, then percentage towards Lump sum is displayed as 60% and percentage towards annuity SOP on Online Exit Process for eNPS Subscriber



as 40%. The Subscriber can also utilize more than 40% pension wealth for annuity, as per his/her choice. In case corpus is less than or equal to Rs. 5 Lakhs, then percentage towards Lump sum is displayed as 100% and percentage towards Annuity as 0%.

The charges that Subscriber is required to pay to POP for processing of withdrawal request are also displayed alongwith relevant instructions. Please refer below **Figure 31**.



Figure 31

On clicking '**Submit**' button, Pop-up message will be displayed to the Subscriber. The Pop-up message contains information on Existing bank details, Mobile Number, email ID, PAN of the Subscriber and other instructions. If details are correct, Subscriber needs to click on "**OK**" button to proceed further. Kindly refer below **Figure 32**.

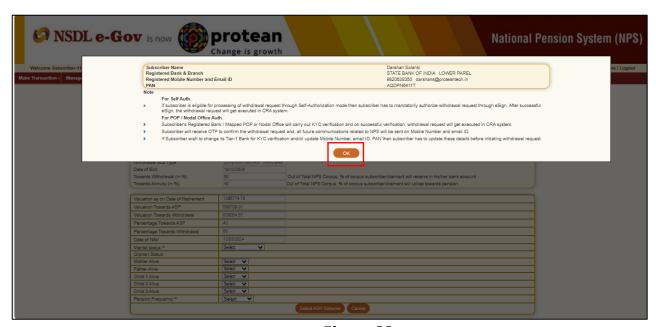


Figure 32

At this stage, Subscriber needs to select his/her Marital Status. If Subscriber is Married & Spouse is alive, then Subscriber needs to enter Spouse Name, Spouse Gender, Spouse DOB etc. Similarly, the Subscriber may also capture other family member's (Mother, father and children) details.



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Then Subscriber needs to select Annuity Service Provider from the drop down list. List of the Annuity Service Providers is displayed on the basis of Age and Corpus of the Subscriber. Further, Subscriber needs to select Annuity Scheme. Under 'Select Annuity Scheme', The option of multiple Annuities from the same ASP is available for those Subscribers who earmark the annuity corpus more than Rs 10 lakhs wherein Rs 5 lakhs utilized to buy each annuity scheme. List of Annuity Schemes is displayed on the basis of Marital Status of the Subscriber. Subscriber needs to select Annuity Frequency from the drop down menu. Please refer below **Figure 33**.

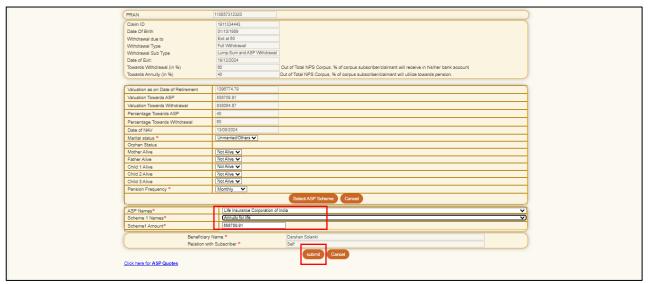


Figure 33

At this stage, various options selected along with existing address is displayed to the Subscriber. Also option is available to the Subscriber to provide Maiden Name (only in case of female Subscriber) and CKYC Number. However, these two fields Maiden Name & CKYC Number are non-mandatory. Please refer below **Figure 34**.

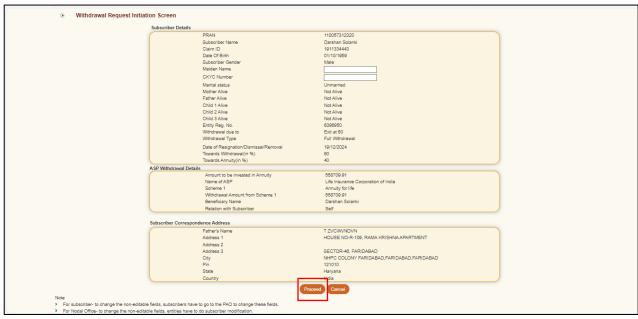


Figure 34



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At this stage, existing bank details of the Subscriber along with Mobile number, email ID and PAN of the Subscriber are displayed. If existing bank details, contact details and PAN are correct, Subscriber needs to click on "Online bank a/c verification" Tab to proceed further. Please refer below Figure 35.

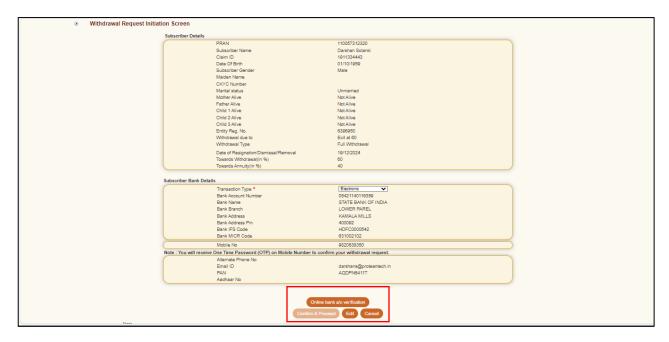


Figure 35

At this stage, after clicking on "Online bank a/c Verification" tab, Bank Account No., Bank IFS Code and Name of the Subscriber (registered in CRA) will be verified through online Bank Account Verification (Penny drop facility). On successful verification, a Pop-up message will display to the Subscriber i.e. "Online bank a/c verification is successful". Subscriber needs to click on "OK" button and then click on "Confirm & Proceed" button to proceed further. Please refer below Figure 36A and 36B.

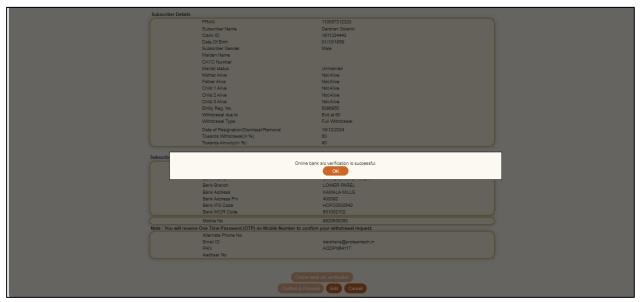


Figure 36A

SOP on Online Exit Process for eNPS Subscriber



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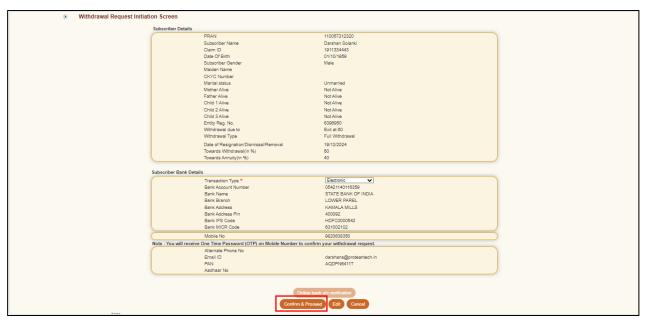


Figure 36B

At this stage, existing nomination details of the Subscriber are displayed. **Subscriber needs to click on "Edit" button to enter Nominee address.** If required, Subscriber can add/update nominee details. Please refer below **Figure 37**.



Figure 37

Subscriber can enter maximum of three nominees. Subscriber needs to click on "Add" button to add more than one nominee. After entering nominee details and/or address details, Subscriber needs to click on "Confirm" button to proceed further. Please refer below **Figure 38**.



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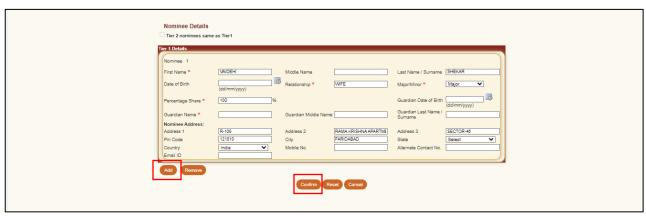


Figure 38

At this stage, Declaration Page is displayed to the Subscriber. Subscriber needs to select from the drop down menu whether he is politically exposed person, related to politically exposed person and history of conviction under criminal proceedings.

Further, Subscriber needs to select Declaration. After selection of declarations, Subscriber needs to click on "Confirm" button. Please refer below **Figure 39.**



Figure 39

At this stage, document Check List is displayed to the Subscriber. After selection of document check list, Subscriber needs to click on "Submit" button. Please refer below **Figure 40**.



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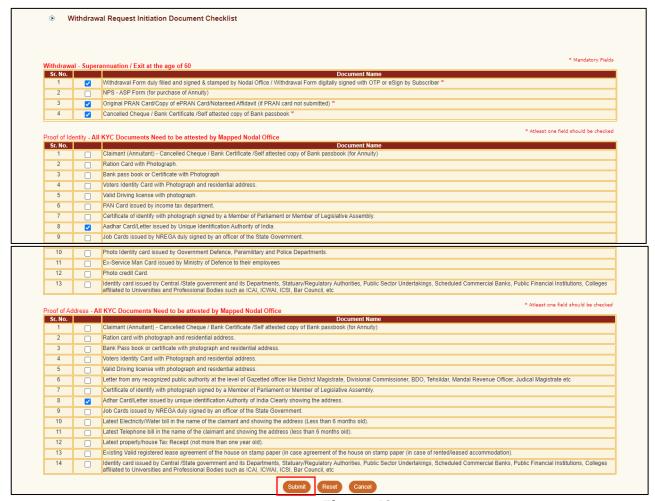


Figure 40

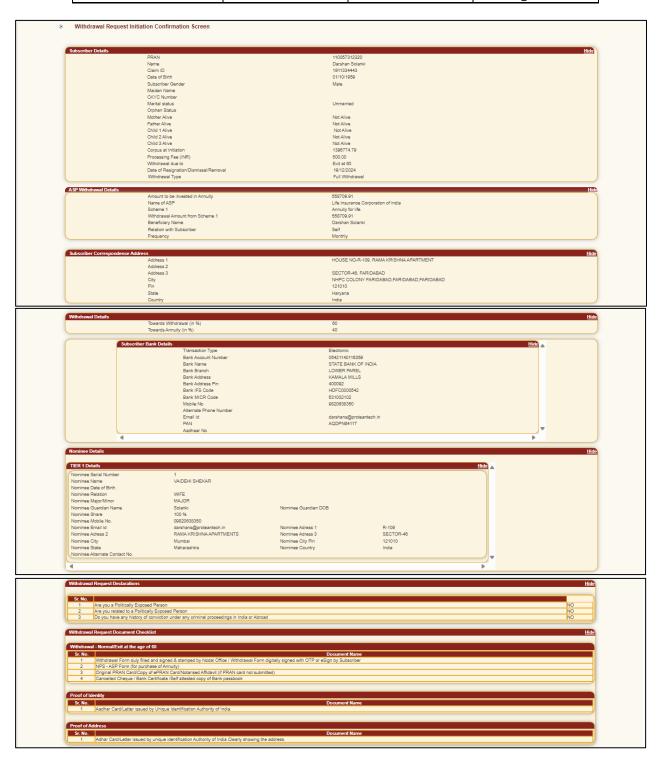
At this stage, details entered by the Subscriber are displayed for confirmation.

It is mandatory for Subscriber to upload valid and legible scanned copies of KYC documents (Identity & Address Proof), Copy of PRAN Card/ePRAN and Bank Proof as selected in document checklist for seamless processing of Exit and annuity request. Subscriber is required to upload all documents in a single scanned file. Please refer below **Figure 41.**

After uploading documents, Subscriber needs to click on "Send OTP" button to receive OTP. OTP will be sent by CRA on registered mobile number. Subscriber needs to enter OTP and click on "Submit OTP" button to complete initiation process.



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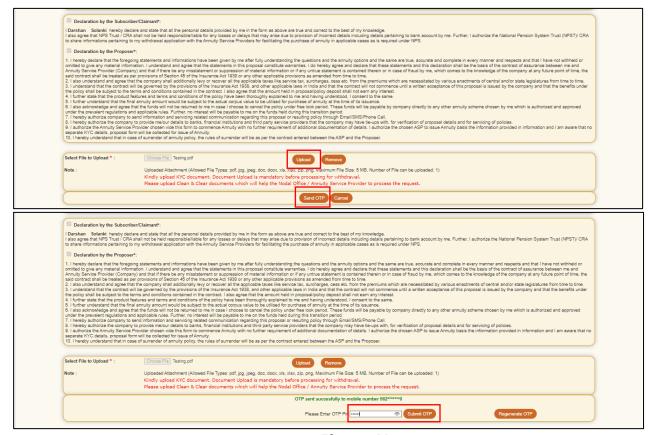


Figure 41

At this stage, after clicking on "Submit OTP" button, Subscriber needs to proceed with OTP Authentication/eSign. Exit request will get initiated in CRA system only after successful OTP Authentication/eSign. Subscriber has a choice to select any of the options.

Please refer below Figure 42.



Figure 42

Process of submission of exit request through OTP Authentication/eSign is explained below in two sections viz. Section-I (for OTP Authentication) and Section-II (For eSign).



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Section-I

- Process for completion of exit request using OTP Authentication.
- Two distinct One Time Password (OTPs) will be sent on Mobile Number and email ID registered in CRA.

Section-II

- Process for completion of exit request using eSign.
- One Time Password (OTP) will be sent on Mobile Number registered with Aadhaar.
- eSign will be successful only if name of the Subscriber as per CRA records and name of the Subscriber as per UIDAI (Aadhaar) records matches 100% and Active Mobile Number is registered with UIDAI.

If OTP Authentication/eSign is not done within 15 days, then Exit request will get autocancelled in the CRA system and Subscriber needs to initiate new request.

Section I- Process for completion of exit request using OTP Authentication:

At this stage, Subscriber needs to select "OTP" radio button and then click on "Proceed to OTP Authentication" tab. Please refer below Figure 43.



Figure 43

After clicking on "Proceed to OTP Authentication" Tab, Dual OTP Authentication screen will be displayed to the Subscriber. Subscriber needs to enter One Time Password (OTP) sent on Mobile Number and email ID registered in CRA at the designated place and click on "Submit OTP" button to complete the process.

Please refer below **Figure 44**.



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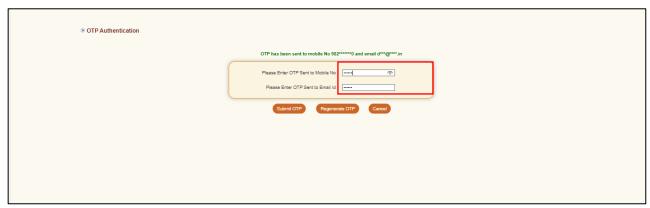


Figure 44

Once Subscriber clicks on "Submit OTP" button, exit request will get captured in the CRA system and an Acknowledgement Number will get generated.

At this stage, option is provided to Subscriber to view & download system generated Withdrawal Form. Further, message regarding completion of OTP Verification is also displayed. Refer below **Figure 45**.



Figure 45



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Section II- Process for completion of exit request using eSign:

At this stage, Subscriber needs to select "Esign" radio button and then click on "Proceed to e-Sign the Form" tab. Please refer below Figure 46.



Figure 46

At this stage, once Subscriber clicks on "**Proceed to e-Sign the Form**" Tab, system will redirect Subscriber to eSign Service Provider's Web Page. Subscriber needs to enter his/her Aadhaar/Virtual ID and click on "Send OTP" button to receive OTP. Subscriber will receive an OTP from UIDAI (Aadhaar) on Mobile Number registered with Aadhaar. Please refer below **Figure 47.**

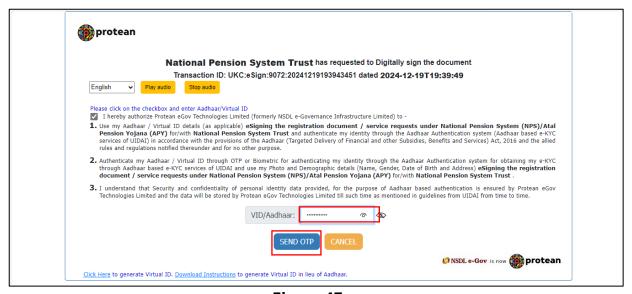


Figure 47

Once OTP is received, Subscriber needs to enter OTP and click on "Verify OTP" button to complete eSigning of the request. Please refer below **Figure 48**.



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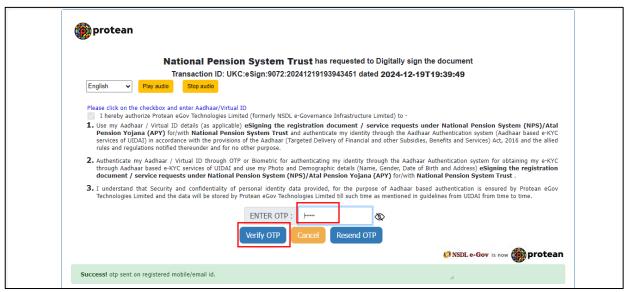


Figure 48

Once Subscriber clicks on "Verify OTP" button, Exit request will get captured in the CRA system and an Acknowledgement Number will get generated.

At this stage, option is provided to Subscriber to view & download system generated Withdrawal Form. Further, message regarding successful completion of eSigning is also displayed.

Please refer below Figure 49.



Figure 49

On successful OTP Authentication / eSign of the exit request by eNPS Subscriber, the request will be submitted to the registered Bank of Subscriber (registered as Bank-POP in CRA system) for KYC verification online in the CRA system.

If Subscriber fails to OTP Authentication / eSign Exit request during Exit request initiation process, then an option is available to OTP Authentication / eSign request subsequently. Following steps are required to be followed by the Subscriber:



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- a) Login to your NPS Account by accessing CRA system (www.cra-nsdl.com) with PRAN as User ID and password
- b) Select Menu "Exit from NPS"
- c) Click on Sub-Menu "Status View"
- d) Click on Acknowledgement No Hyperlink
- e) Details entered at the time of initiation will be displayed
- f) Click on the button "Proceed to OTP Authentication /eSign" displayed at bottom of the page

Further, if Subscriber fails to OTP Authentication / eSign Exit request, his/her request will get auto cancelled after 15 days from the date of capturing of Exit request. In such case, the Subscriber is required to capture new Exit request in CRA system.

Rejection of Exit request:

If name of the Subscriber as per CRA records and name as per Aadhaar is not matching then eSign will not be possible and Exit request of the Subscriber will get rejected. In such case,

- The Subscriber is required to update his/her name either in CRA records or in UIDAI (Aadhaar) records.
- Subscriber can also opt for 'Bank-POP Authorization' Option and submit Exit request through OTP Authentication.
- Alternatively, the Subscriber can shift his/her PRAN to any other POP and then initiate exit request.
 The list of POPs is available on this website. The Form UOS-S06 Change of POP Subscriber is
 available under "Forms" section, which is available under All Citizens of India sector on the
 website. The Subscriber needs to submit Form UOS-S06 to desired POP for shifting of PRAN.



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7. Steps to verify Online Exit request in CRA System by Bank-POP

In order to verify Online Exit request of eNPS Subscriber, Bank-POP User needs to click on the link www.cra-nsdl.com select the Digital certificate menu and enter User ID to login to CRA system as given below in **Figure 50**.

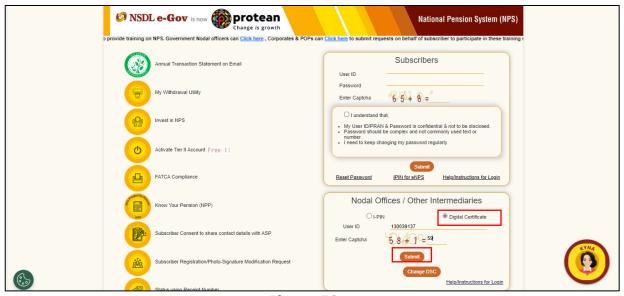


Figure 50

User needs to click on Menu "Exit Withdrawal Request" and select Sub-Menu "Verify Subscriber Withdrawal Initiation". Please refer below Figure 51.

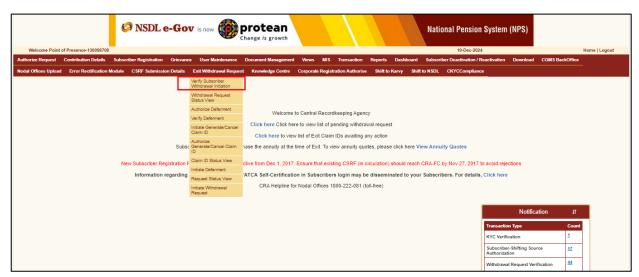


Figure 51

User needs to enter PRAN of the Subscriber and select Complete Withdrawal Sub type as "ALL Withdrawal" and select "Exit Requests for eNPS Subscriber" radio button. User needs to click on "Search" Button to search request. Please refer below **Figure 52**.



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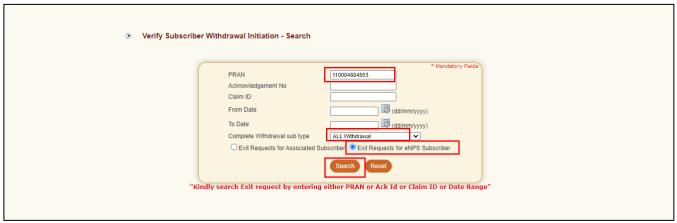


Figure 52

At this stage, a table is displayed to the User containing Acknowledgment Number, PRAN, Request Initiation Date, Request Initiated By, Exit type and Subscriber Category. User needs to click on Hyperlink provided on Acknowledgment Number to view and verify details captured at the time of Initiation of Exit request by Subscriber. Please refer below **Figure 53.**

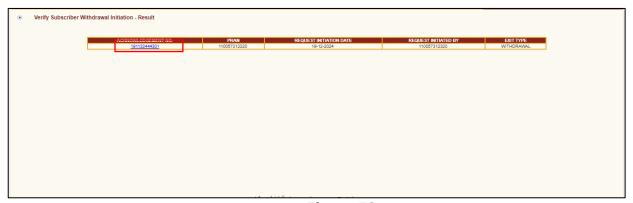


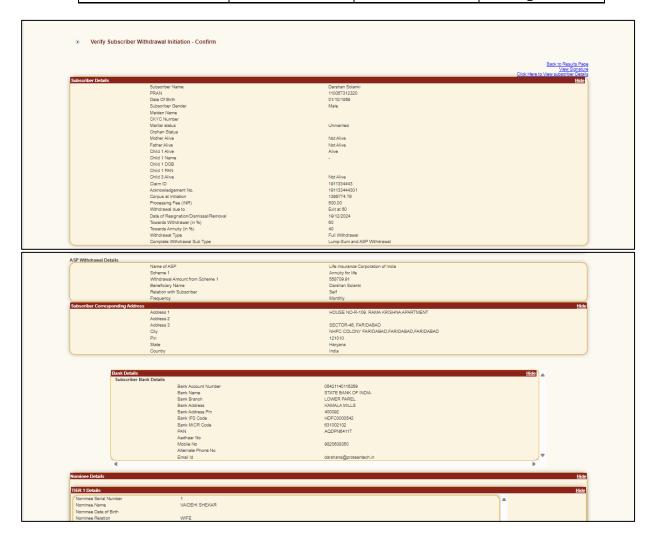
Figure 53

At this stage, User can also check documents uploaded by the Subscriber by clicking on "View" button. It is the responsibility of Bank POP to ensure that the uploaded documents are valid, complete and legible.

If details entered are not correct, User needs to click on "Reject" radio button and click on "Submit" button. In case of rejection of request, Reason for Rejection is mandatory. If details entered are correct, User needs to click on "Verify" button to complete the verification process. Please refer below **Figure 54**.



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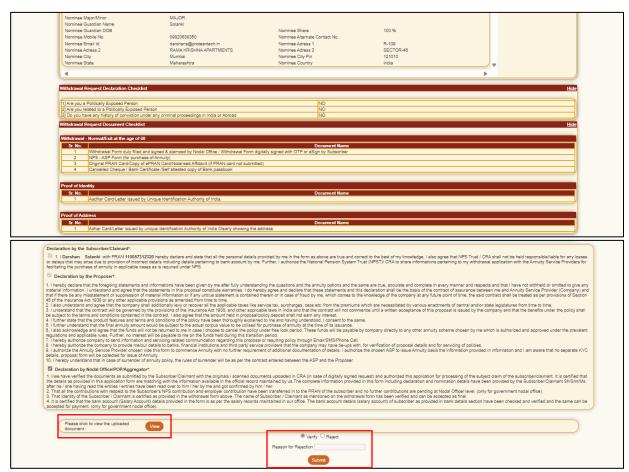


Figure 54

Once request is verified, confirmation window is displayed to the User as given below in Figure 55.



Figure 55



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8. Steps to authorize Online Exit request in CRA System by Bank-POP

In order to authorize Online Exit requests of eNPS Subscribers, Bank-POP User needs to click on the link www.cra-nsdl.com select the Digital certificate menu and enter another User ID to login to CRA system as given below in **Figure 56**.



Figure 56

User needs to click on Menu "**Transaction**" and select Sub-Menu "**Authorize Transaction**". Please refer below **Figure 57**.

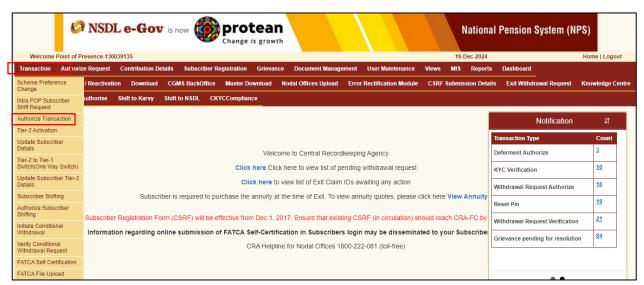


Figure 57

At Transaction type, User needs to select "Withdrawal Request" from the drop down, enter PRAN of the Subscriber and select Complete Withdrawal Sub type as "All Withdrawal" or "Lump-Sum and ASP Withdrawal". User needs to click on "Search" Button to search request. Please refer below **Figure 58**.



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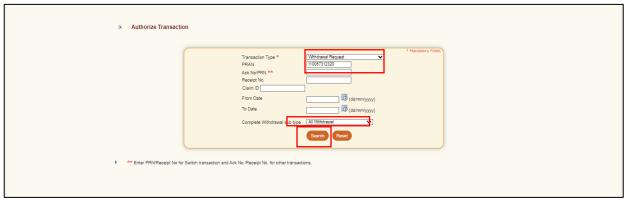


Figure 58

At this stage, a table is displayed to the User containing Acknowledgment Number, PRAN, Request Initiation Date, Request initiated by and Request type. User needs to click on Hyperlink provided on Acknowledgment Number to view and verify details captured at the time of Initiation of Exit request. Please refer below **Figure 59**.

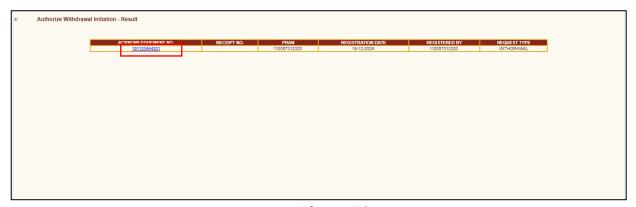


Figure 59

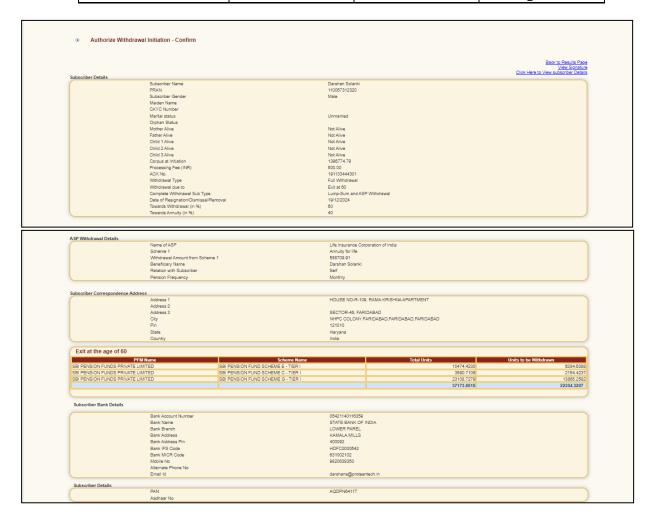
At this stage, User can check details entered by the Subscriber at the time of initiation of request. User can also check documents uploaded by the Subscriber by clicking on "View" button.

If details entered are not correct, User needs to click on "Reject" radio button and click on "Submit" button. In case of rejection of request, Reason for Rejection is mandatory.

If details entered are correct, User needs to click on **"Submit**" Tab to proceed further. Please refer below **Figure 60**.



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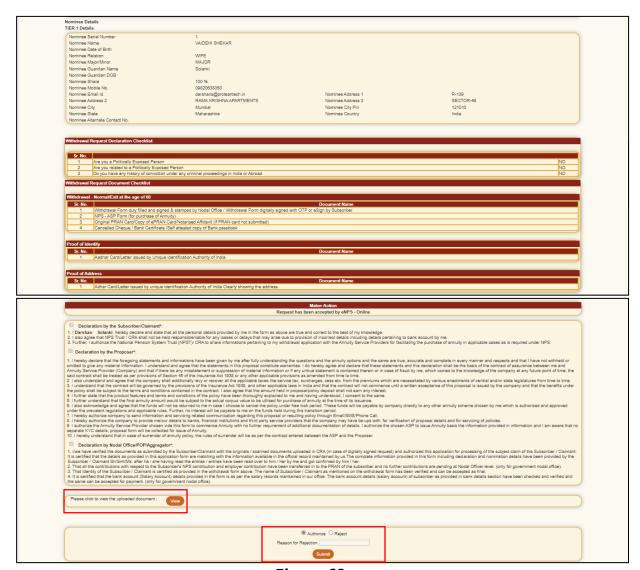


Figure 60

Once User clicks on "Submit" button, Exit request will get authorized in the CRA system and confirmation window is displayed to the User as given below in **Figure 61**.

At this stage, option is provided to the User to view & download system generated Withdrawal Form and to view Annuity Quotes.



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Figure 61

On successful authorization of Exit request by Bank-POP, same will get executed in the CRA system. Accordingly, Lump sum and Annuity share (if applicable) will be transferred to Beneficiary's Bank Account within stipulated withdrawal timeline as mentioned below point 10.

However, for Superannuation Exit, if Subscriber has not completed 60 years, request will get executed in the CRA system after completion of 60 years.



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9. Annuity Issuance Process:

On processing of exit request in CRA, the Subscriber details and scanned documents will be shared with Annuity Service Provider (ASP) opted by Subscriber during initiation of exit request, if annuity is applicable. ASP will issue Annuity policy on the basis of details entered by the Subscriber and documents uploaded at the time of initiation of exit request.

If documents uploaded are not sufficient/incorrect or any additional documents required, then ASP may contact Subscriber for completion of annuity formalities. Alternatively, if required, Subscriber may contact ASP. The complete contact details of ASP are available on CRA Website (www.npscra.nsdl.co.in).

On completion of annuity formalities, ASP will confirm Annuity request of the Subscriber online in the CRA system. On successful authorization of Annuity request by ASP, same will get executed in the CRA system and Funds (Annuity Corpus) will be transferred to ASP's Bank Account by Trustee Bank (Axis Bank) within stipulated withdrawal timeline as mentioned below point 10(f).



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10. Withdrawal Timeline (Lump sum and Annuity):

Lump sum and Annuity Withdrawal: -

- a. The process of Lump sum and Annuity withdrawal involves redemption of applicable units from Subscriber's NPS account and then transfer of lump sum funds in Subscriber's Bank Account & Annuity funds (if applicable) in selected Annuity Service Provider's (ASPs) Bank Account. Lump sum and annuity withdrawals are processed in two different settlement cycle.
- b. In CRA system, redemption of units happens only on working day (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays) which is called a Settlement Day. The settlement cycle runs between 10.30 AM* to 12.30 PM*.
- C. If withdrawal request is authorized by Nodal Office before cut-off time of settlement (before 10.30 AM), then withdrawal request is considered in same day settlement cycle (T). The redemption of lump sum share units happens on same working day (Day T) with NAV of same working day (Day T) and then fund transfer happens on Day of redemption + 2 working days. For example, if withdrawal request is authorized by Nodal Office on January 2, 2024 (at 9.30 am), the request will get considered for processing on same day, redemption of lump sum share units will happen on January 2, 2024 with NAV of January 2, 2024 and fund transfer will happen on January 4, 2024.
- d. If withdrawal request is authorized by Nodal Office after cut-off time of settlement (after 10.30 AM*), then withdrawal request is considered for processing on next day settlement cycle (T). The redemption of *lump sum share* units happens on next working day (Day T+1) with NAV of next working day (Day T+1) and then fund transfer happens on Day of redemption + 2 working days. For example, if request is authorized by Nodal Office on January 2, 2024 (at 01.30 pm), the request will get considered for processing on next working day, redemption of lump sum share units will happen on January 3, 2024 with NAV of January 3, 2024 and fund transfer will happen on January 5, 2024.
- e. After completion of settlement cycle of lump sum withdrawal (stated in point C/D) by 12.30 PM, subscriber details are made available in the CRA system to selected ASP on the day of settlement of lumpsum after 12.30 PM (i.e in case of Point C on January 2,2024 after 12,30 PM, and in case of point D on January 3, 2024 after 12.30 PM). Selected ASP can view the subscriber details in their ASP login for further processing.
- f. On completion of annuity formalities, ASP confirms annuity request in CRA system, and it gets considered in next settlement cycle (Day T). Accordingly, annuity share units get redeem in Day T & funds transfer to ASP's bank account on T +2 days (T being date of settlement) for issuance of annuity. For example, i) if annuity request is submitted/authorised by ASP on January 9, 2024 (at 02.30 pm), the request will get considered for processing on next working day settlement cycle, redemption of annuity units will happen on January 10, 2024 with NAV of January 10, 2024 and fund transfer will happen on January 12, 2024. ii) If annuity request is submitted/authorised by ASP on January 9, 2024 (at 09.30 am), the request will get considered for processing on same working day settlement cycle, redemption of annuity units will happen on January 9, 2024 with NAV of January 9, 2024 and fund transfer will happen on January 11, 2024.



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Annuity policy shall be issued by ASP within T+2 working days of receiving the funds at their end

* Cut-off time for considering request for settlement may extend due to various factors.

Point to Note - Quality Check:

As part of the remittance monitoring process, documents / validations (as per the PFRDA regulations) are checked and if found successful, funds are transferred to the respective beneficiary's bank account as per the settlement process and timelines as stipulated above. If not, funds are kept on hold.

Cases for which funds are kept on hold are shared with respective Nodal Offices/POPs for necessary clarification/documents. On receipt of response from the Nodal Office/POP along with valid supporting documents, reverification is carried out and if documents/clarifications are found to be in order, funds will be transferred within 3 working days of receipt of response from the Nodal offices/POP.

Submission of Physical Documents:

Physical Withdrawal Form and supporting documents are not required to be submitted by Bank-POP to Protean-CRA for storage purpose for exit request initiated by Subscriber online in CRA through digital signature (OTP Authentication/eSign).
