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The Director, Pensions Branch
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Attention: Mrs. Elaine Weir

The Accountant General's Department (AGD) is recommending that a clause be included on the Pensions Award Letter which states that a mandatory status letter from the educational institution should be submitted to the AGD bi-annually to ensure continuation of payment. This recommendation forms a part of our ongoing review of policies and procedures to improve and sustain efficiency in our operations in relation to the pension payment process regarding dependents that are currently enrolled in schools or colleges.

This letter should also confirm/verify their registration status for the semester. Additionally, the clause should state that failure to comply will result in the suspension of the payment, as such payment will only be restored when the letters are received.

This request has become necessary due to a recent audit conducted by the Auditor General's Department in an effort to improve the current control environment.

Based on the aforementioned, and as it relates to the current recipients of this benefit, we will take the responsibility to ensure these recipients are duly advised of the change in a timely manner. It is imperative to note that this should come in effect for August/September 2021/2022 academic year.

In continuance of improvement and sustainance in the efficiency of our operations, your usual co-operation and understanding is anticipated.

Regards,

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Rahja Harrison (Mr.)

Deputy Accountant General - Financial Operations (Acting)