

## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISISON

COMMISSION CIRCULAR NO. 955

No. 20, Ward Place, Colombo 07.

28.04.2011.

Vice-Chancellors of Universities Rectors of Campuses Directors of Institutes

## RECKONING OF ALLOWANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTATION OF UNIVERSITIES PROVIDENT FUND, EMPLOYEES TRUST FUND AND PAYMENT OF GRATUITY

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Commission Circular No. 703 of 04<sup>th</sup> March 1997, Establishments Circular Letter No. 08/1997 of 30<sup>th</sup> March 1997, Establishments Circular Letter No. 08/98 of 20<sup>th</sup> May 1998 and the letter No. UGC/HR/3/9/48 dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2005, regarding the above matter.

- 2. The Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 23.03.2011, having considered the opinion of the Hon. Attorney-General that the Academic Allowance cannot be included within the definition of "earnings", decided that it should not be taken into account for computation of Universities Provident Fund, Employees Trust Fund and Gratuity.
- 3. Therefore, Higher Educational Institutions/Institutes are informed that the Academic Allowance should not be taken into account for the purpose of computation of contributions to Universities Provident Fund, Employees Trust Fund and payment of Gratuity, with effect from 01.05.2011, for all the teachers in the University System as defined in the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended, irrespective of their date of recruitment.
- 4. Section (4) of Establishments Circular Letter No. 08/1997 of 30<sup>th</sup> March 1997, Establishments Circular Letter No. 08/1998 of 20<sup>th</sup> May 1998 and letter No. UGC/HR/3/9/48 of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2005 are hereby cancelled.

Please take action accordingly.

( Prof. Gamini Samaranayake Chairman

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