

GURKHA VETERANS' ADVICE CENTRE
POKHARA/ KATHMANDU/ DHARAN (delete as appropriate)

PENSIONER'S LIFE CERTIFICATE

Once a year, a Life Certificate is required in order to prove that the pensioner is still alive. Pension payment will stop if a signed Certificate is not received by Gurkha Veterans' Advice Centre (GVAC) before its expiry date. Please fill in the form in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Part 1: To be completed by the Pensioner (Please read notes before completing)

I, Number: Rank: Regiment:

Name: declare that*:

OFP Holder's Name:

- I am still alive and entitled to my pension.
- I understand that providing misleading or false information regarding my status on this form could lead to a criminal prosecution.

My address is as follows:

Village/House No:	_____	Ward No/Street:	_____
GP/NP/Town:	_____	Post Code:	_____
District/County:	_____	Pradesh/State:	_____
Tel:	_____	Email:	_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part 2: To be completed by the Witness (Please read notes before completing)

The witness can be a serving/retired Gurkha or a staff (Grade E1 and above) employed at AWC/GVAC.

I, Number: Rank: Regiment:

Name: confirm that the above pensioner is alive and he/she has signed the declaration in my presence and my address is:

Village/House No:	_____	Ward No/Street:	_____
GP/NP/Town:	_____	Post Code:	_____
District/County:	_____	Pradesh/State:	_____
Tel:	_____	Email:	_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notes:

Please return this form to your pension paying GVAC address. Alternatively, scanned copy of the Life Certificate can be emailed to the relevant GVAC as follows:

- GVAC Kathmandu, Nepal, BFPO 4 Email: BGN-VS-GVACK-GroupMailBox@mod.gov.uk
- GVAC Pokhara, Nepal, BFPO 4 Email: BGN-VS-GVACP-GroupMailBox@mod.gov.uk
- GVAC Dharan, Nepal, BFPO 4 Email: BGN-VS-GVACD-GroupMailBox@mod.gov.uk

WITNESS DECLARATION

1. Persons who qualify to witness this declaration are:

a. Where the declaration is made in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or the Isle of Man the witness must be registered in the United Kingdom as a Parliamentary elector or on the electoral roll of Jersey, Guernsey or Sark, or the register of electors of Alderney or the Isle of Man.

b. Where the declaration is made outside the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man the following people may witness:

- (1) A person registered in the UK as a Parliamentary elector.
- (2) An officer on active or half-pay or pension list of any of Her Majesty's armed forces.
- (3) A person who is on the active or pension list of the permanent civil service of any territory within the British Commonwealth or Republic of Ireland.
- (4) A member of her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.
- (5) An Officer of a bank authorised to sign documents on its behalf.
- (6) A physician or surgeon registered as such under the laws of the territory where the declaration is made.
- (7) A minister of religion.
- (8) A graduate of a university within the British Commonwealth or Republic or Ireland.
- (9) A barrister, solicitor or advocate authorised to practise in the territory where the declaration is made.
- (10) A master of a merchant ship who is a British national.
- (11) A magistrate.
- (12) A notary public or other person competent by the laws of the territory where the declaration is made to administer oaths.
- (13) A staff employed at GWAC UK.

<p>WARNING: providing misleading or false information regarding the status of a witness on the declaration form could lead to a criminal prosecution.</p>
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2. Member unable to sign the declaration due to incapacity:

a. If you hold Power of Attorney or a Court of Protection Order for the member and this letter is addressed to you, please sign the form in the presence of a witness and return it to the office.

b. If you hold Power of Attorney for the member and this letter is addressed to the member, send the Power of Attorney or certified copy to this office for registration with the signed and witnessed declaration.

c. If you do not hold Power of Attorney for the member, please advise this office in writing.