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PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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To
All Central Recordkeeping Agencies & NPS Trust

Subject: Rationalization of Nomenclature of Auto Choice / Life Cycle Funds under NPS

Sir / Madam,

PFRDA has undertaken a review of the existing nomenclature and asset allocation tapering pattern of the Auto Choice / Life Cycle (LC) Funds under the NPS.

1. The *Balanced Life Cycle Fund (BLC)* exhibits a higher equity allocation at the ages of 45 and 55 years as compared to that of the LC 75 Fund, which is currently classified under the Aggressive investment pattern under Auto Choice.
2. In view of the above, and with a view to align the fund nomenclature with their respective risk–return profiles, it has been decided to incorporate the BLC within the Auto Choice category. Accordingly, the nomenclature of the existing LC Funds under Auto Choice has been rationalized and revised as per the proposed framework detailed in the *Annexure*. The revised naming convention is aimed at ensuring greater transparency, simplicity, and uniformity for subscribers in understanding fund options, corresponding equity exposure, and related risk characteristics.
3. It may further be noted that the existing investment options under NPS — namely, Auto Choice and Active Choice — shall henceforth be referred to as *Common Schemes (CS)*, in accordance with PFRDA's Circular dated 16th September 2025. Under the Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF), subscribers under their PRAN shall have the flexibility not only to invest across multiple schemes of one or more Pension Funds but also to invest in multiple CS.
4. The Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRAs) and NPS Trust are informed to ensure that the revised nomenclature is reflected across all public-facing interfaces, including websites and digital platforms, by end of day on 6th October 2025.
5. A detailed circular for information of all stakeholders and subscribers shall be issued by the PFRDA shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Chief General Manager - PFRDA

Encl.: Annexure

Existing Names	Proposed Names	Equity allocation (%)	Branding Tagline & Market Positioning
LC 25 (Conservative Life Cycle Fund)	Life Cycle 25 – Low (5E / 55 Y)	25% up to 35 years, falling to 5% at 55+	“Preserve your savings with steady growth — designed for stability as you near retirement.”
LC 50 (Moderate Life Cycle Fund)	Life Cycle 50 – Moderate (10E / 55 Y)	50% up to 35 years, falling to 10% at 55+	“Balance growth and protection — a steady path for building and safeguarding retirement wealth.”
LC 75 (Aggressive Life Cycle Fund)	Life Cycle 75 – High (15E / 55 Y)	75% up to 35 years, falling to 15% at 55+	“Accelerate wealth creation early — harnessing high equity for your retirement goals.”
Balanced Life Cycle Fund	Life Cycle – Aggressive (35E / 55 Y)	50% up to 45 years, falling to 35% at 55+	“Be aggressive & Stay invested longer in growth assets — for a stronger retirement corpus.”

(Growth is presented in four differentiated categories to clearly convey the underlying risk–return characteristics, thereby enabling subscribers to make informed decisions in planning their retirement journey)