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प्रधान मुख्य कार्मिक अधिकारी कार्यालय
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विषय/Sub:Retention of railway accommodation – Common General Provisions.

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A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. E(G) 2026/Awas Niti/QR/5 dated 30.03.2026 on the above subject is enclosed for information, guidance and necessary action.

Railway Board's letters referred therein have been circulated as given below :

Sl.No.	Railway Board letter No. & date	RBE No.	PBC No.
1.	E(G)2022 QR 2-1 dt.04.12.2024	----	264/2024
2.	E(G)2021 RN 2-2 dt. 01.07.2022	75/2022	121/2022
3.	E(G)2026/Awas Niti/QR – 1 dt. 18.03.2026	23/2026	46/2026
4.	E(G)2020 RN 2-1 dt.27.02.2023	37/2023	49/2023
5.	E(G)2020 RN2-1 dt. 10.10.2025	105/2025	207/2025
6.	E(G)2000 QR 1-23 dt. 24.11.2020	99/2020	192/2020
7.	E(G)2024 RN 2-4 dt. 02.05.2024	38/2024	74/2024
8.	E(G)2026/Awas Niti/QR 3 dt. 23.03.2026	26/2026	50/2026
9.	E(G)2005 QR 1-13 dt. 06.07.2006	88/2006	122/2006
10	E(G)2001 RN4-10 dt. 17.09.2002	----	220/2002
11	E(G)2006QR 1-14(A) dt. 20.11.2006	----	224/2006

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RBE No. 029 / 2026

No. E (G) 2026 / Awas Niti / QR / 5

New Delhi, Date: 30.03.2026

The General Manager
PHODs, CAO/C
All Indian Railways

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Subject: Retention of railway accommodation – Common General Provisions

The full Board, in the exercise of the powers vested in it to make reasonable relaxations in public interest for a class / group of employees in all or any of the provisions regarding house allotment / retention, have approved the following common general provisions on retention of railway accommodation:

1. **Only one railway accommodation /quarter can be retained by a railway staff / officer** - either at the first station of retention or at the current place of posting - **Illustration box is as below:**

Illustration-I-A:

Employee (A) is transferred from Station X to Station Y and chooses, under permissible grounds, to retain the railway quarter at Station X. In due course, A also gets allotted a railway accommodation at the current place of posting (Station Y). Subsequently, A is transferred from Station Y to Station Z and on the date of transfer order, A is in retention of quarter at Station X. In this case, even after transfer to Z, and in modification to RB letter no. E (G) 2022 QR 2-10 dated 04.12.2024 where only one month was permitted, A may exercise one option, within two months of the date of relinquishing the charge at Y, to either continue retention at X provided it is on permissible grounds **or** to retain quarter at Y provided it is on permissible grounds and quarter at X has been vacated within this two-month period.

Illustration-I-B

Employee (A) has a retained railway accommodation at a previous place of posting (Station X) and has also been provided accommodation at Y (the current place of posting). A may exercise an option, two (02) months before the due date of superannuation or along-with the voluntary retirement / resignation request, whether she / he would retain the quarter, on superannuation/ voluntary retirement/ resignation ground, at Station X (the previous place of posting) or at Station Y (the current place of posting).

2. **Retainees (i.e those who are in retention of a railway quarter at a previous place of posting) are required to vacate railway accommodation at the current place of posting within two (02) months of the date of relieving / relinquishing the charge and after this two-month period the license fee /rent charged would be equivalent to the rate of HRA for that station w.r.t. that employee's basic pay. Illustration is as below:**

Illustration:

Employee (A) is transferred from Station X to Station Y and chooses under permissible ground to retain the railway quarter at the previous place of posting (Station X). In due course, the Employee (A) also gets allotted a railway accommodation at the current place of posting (Station Y). Subsequently, A is transferred from Y to Z. In this case, if A has opted as per para-1 above to retain the quarter at Station X, then she / he would have to vacate the quarter at Station Y within two months of the date of relinquishing the charge at Station Y and after this two-month period the license fee/ rent for the quarter at Station Y would be equivalent to the rate of HRA for Station Y w.r.t. that A's basic pay. [*Note*: If a retainee takes voluntary retirement or superannuates from Station Y, it would be dealt on similar lines.]

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3. In partial modification to para-3 of RBE 75/2022 and in all transfer cases in Railways: quarters may be retained at the previous place of posting under **'2+6' Rule ;** i.e. initial two (2) months from the date of charge relinquishing / relieving @ normal licence fee *and* next six (6) months @ double the normal licence fee ; **as below:-**

SN	Retention allowed vide RB letter under ref.	Extant retention vide RB letter under ref. at Col. II	as partially modified under instant instructions on retention
I	II	III	IV
(i)	On Transfer / posting to following Zonal Railways viz. SECR, WCR, ECoR, NER, ECR, SWR, RCF, MCF, CLW, RWP-Bela vide ref. para-1-A of RBE 023 / 2026 read with para-3 of RBE 75 / 2022, and including transfer / posting vide RBE 37 / 2023; RBE 105 / 2025 and para-1-vi of RBE 75/2022.	initial 2 months @ normal license fee and thereafter @ special license fee	**'2+6' Rule and thereafter @ special license fee.** **or** **Children education ground (as applicable) + thereafter any remaining tenure @ Special license fee.**
(ii)	On Transfer /posting to Zonal Railways other than at SN (i) above. [Ref. para-1.(a).(i) of RBE 99 /2020]	'2+6' Rule	'2+6' Rule
(iii)	DRMs allowed retention at the previous place of posting. [Ref. RBE 38 /2024] [*note*: double compounding of benefits is not permitted as stipulated vide RBE 026/2026]	initial 2 months @ normal license fee and remaining tenure @ special license fee **or** initial 2 months @ normal license fee + thereafter retention on children education ground (if applicable) + remaining tenure @ Special license fee	**'2+6' Rule and remaining tenure @ special license fee** **or** initial 2 months @ normal license fee + thereafter retention on children education ground (if applicable) + remaining tenure @ Special license fee

footnote:

i. **Benefit would be limited to the duration of a tenure / posting and cannot be claimed in cases where tenure is over or employee /officer posted out.**

ii. **Retention @ normal licence fee on transfer /posting to NF Railway, SCoR, Jammu, Raygada and USBRL Project vide para-1-B of RBE 23 / 2026 shall continue.**

iii. **The above is subject to para-1 and para-2 of the instant letter.**

4. **Residual service: Since there are no extant instructions on retention w.r.t. residual service, Railway quarter may be retained @ normal license fee in transfer in Railways if superannuation is due within one (01) year from the date of transfer order / charge relinquishing.**

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5. This policy excludes earmarked accommodation, retention of which would continue to be governed in terms of extant instructions vide Railway Board's letter nos. E(G) 2001 RN4-10 dated 17.09.2002, para 7 of letter no. E (G) 2006 QR 1-14 (A) dated 20.11.2006, letter no. 2001/G(acc.)/5/17-Part IV dated 13.07.2001 & letter no. E(G)2022RN2-1 dated 05.04.2022 or as revised from time to time by the Board.

6. The policy instructions regarding retention of railway accommodation by staff of Railway Audit Department would continue to be governed in terms of Railway Board letter no E (G) 2005 QR 1-13 dated 06.07.2006 (RBE 88 / 2006) subject to modified provisions w.r.t. the same as contained in the instant policy instructions.

Please acknowledge receipt and ensure compliance.

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Vivek Kalra 30/3/26

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