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Rates of War Pensions and allowances 2004 - 2005

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About this leaflet

These rates start from the week beginning 12 April 2004. We use Army ranks to show the rates, but they are the same for equivalent ranks in the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

The War Pensions scheme is run by the Veterans Agency. We have prepared this leaflet to give you general guidance, but it is not a complete statement of the law. If you want any advice about anything to do with War Pensions call the Veterans Agency Freeline (UK only) on 0800 169 22 77.

If you live overseas, phone + 44 1 253 866043.

If you have problems with your hearing and you have a Textphone, you can phone the Freeline (UK only) on 0800 169 34 58.

You can contact us by E-mail at:

help@veteransagency.mod.uk

You can find us on the Internet at:

www.veteransagency.mod.uk

We may monitor your phone calls to us to make sure we maintain our high standards of customer service, and to train our staff.

The Veterans Agency does not deal with any other benefits. If you want general information about other benefits, you can contact your local Jobcentre Plus or social security office.

Our service

We aim to provide a quality service and to treat everyone equally.

We are always trying to improve the service that we give you. So that we can give you a better service, we have a Customer Service Manager.

If you want to tell us anything about our service, you can get in touch with our Customer Service Manager.

Write to

Customer Service Manager

Veterans Agency

Norcross

Blackpool

FY5 3WP.

Or you can phone our Freeline (UK only) on 0800 169 22 77 and ask for the Customer Service Manager.

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War Disablement Pension

Other ranks - (Payable on a Wednesday)

Assessment	weekly rate
100%	£127.40
90%	£114.66
80%	£101.92
70%	£89.18
60%	£76.44
50%	£63.70
40%	£50.96
30%	£38.22
20%	£25.48

Officers - (Payday is variable)

Assessment	yearly rate
100%	£6648
90%	£5983
80%	£5318
70%	£4654
60%	£3989
50%	£3324
40%	£2659
30%	£1994
20%	£1330

Gratuities

All ranks

Assessment (less than 20%)

Temporary - less than a year

1-5%	£335
6-14%	£739
15-19%	£1292

Temporary - more than a year

1-5%	£664
6-14%	£1472
15-19%	£2578

Indeterminate

1-5%	£1990
6-14%	£4422
15-19%	£7874

Gratuities for specified minor injuries

All ranks

Fingers

Index finger

For the loss of

More than two
phalanges, including
loss of whole finger £5951

More than one
phalanx, but not
more than two
phalanges £4762

One phalanx or
part of one £3967

Guillotine amputation
of tip without loss of
bone £2375

Middle finger

For the loss of

More than two
phalanges, including
loss of whole finger £5154

More than one
phalanx, but not
more than two
phalanges £3967

Gratuities for specified minor injuries

One phalanx or
part of one £3171

Guillotine amputation
of tip without loss of
bone £1983

Ring or little finger

For the loss of
More than two
phalanges, including
loss of whole finger £3171

More than one
phalanx, but not
more than two
phalanges £2779

One phalanx or
part of one £2375

Guillotine amputation
of tip without loss of
bone £1188

Toes

In this table, a toe may be lost **through the joint** (the metatarso-phalangeal joint), or only **part of the toe** may be lost but with some loss of bone.

All ranks

Great toe

Through the joint	£5951
Part of the toe	£1580

One other toe

Through the joint	£1580
Part of the toe	£810

Two toes, excluding great toe

Through the joint	£2375
Part of the toe	£1188

Three toes, excluding great toe

Through the joint	£2779
Part of the toe	£1580

Four toes, excluding great toe

Through the joint	£3967
Part of the toe	£1580

Allowances and supplements for disablement pensioners

Unemployability Supplement

You are allowed to earn up to £3,744 a year in some cases. The allowance for an adult dependant or spouse has got the same earnings limit as National Insurance Incapacity Benefit (long term) or Retirement Pension.

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly rate	weekly rate
Personal allowance	£4107	£78.70
Adult dependant or spouse	£2314	£44.35
First child	£537	£10.30
Other children	£631	£12.10

Invalidity Allowance. These are the maximum amounts you can get if your unemployability started before you were:

40	£811	£15.55
50	£522	£10.00
60	£261	£5.00

War Pensions Constant Attendance Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
Half day rate	£1255	£24.05
Full day rate	£2510	£48.10
Intermediate rate	£3765	£72.15
Exceptional rate	£5020	£96.20

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
Maximum payable	£2507	£48.04

Comforts Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
Higher rate	£1075	£20.60
Lower rate	£537	£10.30

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
	£2510	£48.10

Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance

Officers	Other ranks
yearly	weekly
£1255	£24.05

Clothing Allowance

	All ranks yearly
Maximum rate	£164.00

Age Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
Disablement	yearly	weekly
40 or 50%	£446	£8.55
60 or 70%	£684	£13.10
80 or 90%	£973	£18.65
100%	£1367	£26.20

Mobility Supplement

Officers	Other ranks
yearly	weekly
£2392	£45.85

War Widow(er)'s Pension

Widow(er) of Private

	weekly rate
Standard rate	£96.50
Lower rate	£23.13

Widow(er) of Corporal

	weekly rate
Standard rate	£96.50
Lower rate	£23.13

Widow(er) of Sergeant

	weekly rate
Standard rate	£96.50
Lower rate	£23.13

Widow(er) of Staff Sergeant

	weekly rate
Standard rate	£96.50
Lower rate	£23.13

Widow(er) of Warrant Officer Class II

	weekly rate
Standard rate	£96.50
Lower rate	£23.13

Widow(er) of Warrant Officer Class I

	weekly rate
Standard rate	£96.50
Lower rate	£23.13

Widow(er) of First or Second Lieutenant

	yearly rate
Standard rate	£5096
Lower rate	£1399

Widow(er) of Captain

	yearly rate
Standard rate	£5116
Lower rate	£1590

Widow(er) of Major

	yearly rate
Standard rate	£5136
Lower rate	£1784

Widow(er) of Lieutenant-Colonel

	yearly rate
Amount of pension per year	£5175

Widow(er) of Colonel

	yearly rate
Amount of pension per year	£5202

Widow(er) of Brigadier

yearly rate

Amount of pension per year £5278

Widow(er) of Major-General

yearly rate

Amount of pension per year £5360

Officers Widow(er)s in receipt of an Attributable Forces Family Pension from the Ministry of Defence

yearly rate

Widow(er) over 40 or under 40 with children

Higher Rate £5035.37

Widow(er) under 40 with no children

Lower Rate £1206.92

1st Eligible Child £793.14

2nd and subsequent children £884.45

Additions to Widow(er)'s Pension

Age Allowance

	Widow(er)s of officers	Widow(er)s of other ranks
Payable at age	yearly	weekly
65	£577.....	£11.05
70	£1104.....	£21.15
80	£1638.....	£31.40

Children's Allowance

	Widow(er)s of officers	Widow(er)s of other ranks
	yearly	weekly
First child	£793.....	£15.20
Other children	£884.....	£16.95

Rent Allowance

Maximum weekly rate (other ranks).....	£36.40
Maximum annual rate (officers).....	£1899

Supplementary Pension

(Payable to the widow(er)s of service personnel whose service ended before 31 March 1973)

Widow(er)s of officers	Widow(er)s of other ranks
yearly	weekly
£3270.64	£62.68

Pensions for other dependants

Dependants	Officers' yearly	Other ranks weekly
Unmarried dependants who lived as spouses (maximum)	£4913	£94.15

Orphans

First child	£900	£17.25
Other children	£989	£18.95
Adult infirm orphan (maximum)	£3869	£74.15

If you live outside the United Kingdom

There are special arrangements for people who live outside the United Kingdom (UK). Some parts of this leaflet may not apply to you.

We can pay you

- straight into your UK bank account,
- by cheque to your home address or your bank or building society in the country where you live,
- by direct deposit in some countries. This will be in local currency at up-to-date exchange rates.

We pay weekly rates every 4 weeks in arrears and yearly rates every calendar month in arrears.

How the Ministry of Defence collects and uses information

The Veterans Agency (VA), as part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) collects information for war pensions purposes. The information we collect about you will depend on the nature of your business with us. We may check information provided, or information about you which someone else has provided against other information we have.

We may also get information about you from other organisations, or give them information. We do this to:

- check the information held;
- prevent or detect crime;
- protect public funds in other ways

as permitted by law.

The organisations we exchange information with include other government departments and local authorities.

We will not disclose information about you to anyone outside the VA unless the law permits us to.

The MoD is the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you want to know more about the information we have about you, or the way we use that information, please write to us quoting your National Insurance number.

Open government

In 1994 the Government published a **Code of Practice on Access to Government Information**. The code has now been revised and there will be a copy in your local library.

A separate leaflet called **Open Government: Explaining the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information** tells you more about the code and how to ask for information. You can get a copy of this leaflet from your local library.

We are committed to the code of practice and will be happy to answer your questions and give you any information you need.

If you want more information, please write to:

Veterans Agency Policy Team

Norcross
Blackpool
FY5 3WP.

When you write to or phone us you need to explain the information you want and give your name, address and National Insurance number (if you know it).