

Submitted to Your Majesty with Humble Duty:-

That Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve the new Royal Warrant that makes provision for the payment of monies to holders of Gallantry Awards, their representatives or estates.

An explanatory memorandum is attached.

ROYAL WARRANT DATED 2010

GALLANTRY AWARDS

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WHEREAS WE deem it expedient pursuant to Our powers to make provisions governing the payment of monies to the holders of Gallantry Awards who are members of Our armed forces, their representatives or estates, where such awards were bestowed for deeds committed whilst in service in Our armed forces;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant be established and obeyed as the authority on matters concerning the payment of monies in respect of Gallantry Awards of Our armed forces;

OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE is that Our Defence Council shall be the sole administrators and interpreters of the Schedule attached to this Our Warrant and shall be empowered to issue such detailed instructions in reference thereto as they may deem from time to time necessary; and that any function of the Defence Council under this Our Warrant may be discharged by the Admiralty Board, the Army Board or the Air Force Board or person or persons authorised by such a Board, and accordingly each reference in this Our Warrant to the Defence Council shall include a reference to such a Board or to those persons.

Given at our Court at St James's

This day of

In the year of Our Reign

In the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Ten

By Her Majesty's Command

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Royal Warrant is made under prerogative powers. It makes provision for the payment of sums of money to holders of Gallantry Awards that were awarded for deeds committed whilst serving in the regular and reserve armed forces, or the holders' representatives or estates. The Royal Warrant provides a single structure for the payment of sums of money to recipients of Gallantry Awards and sets out the entitlement, eligibility and conditions in which such payments are made.

The Royal Warrant replaces existing single service and reserve forces instruments relating to the payment of sums of money to holders of Gallantry Awards, their representatives or estates.

The Royal Warrant provides that the sole authority on matters set out in the Schedule is the Defence Council and they may issue such instructions about these matters as they deem necessary. The Defence Council's functions may be discharged by the Admiralty Board, the Army Board or the Air Force Board, or any person or persons authorised by any of them.

The Schedule covers payment of sums of money to holders of Gallantry Awards, their representatives or estates.

SCHEDULE

GALLANTRY AWARDS

Awards

The holders of the following Gallantry Awards, their representatives or estate shall be eligible to receive a payment of money if they satisfy the eligibility criteria -

- 1. The Victoria Cross
- 2. The George Cross
- 2. The Military Cross
- 3. The Distinguished Flying Cross
- 4. The Distinguished Conduct Medal
- 5. The Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)
- 6. The Distinguished Flying Medal
- 7. The Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Naval), if awarded on or after 3 September 1939
- 8. The Distinguished Service Medal, if awarded on or after 3 September 1939
- 9. The Military Medal, if awarded on or after 3 September 1939

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria for receipt of a payment of money in respect of a Gallantry Award shall be –

- (a) that the Award was bestowed in recognition of deeds committed whilst serving in the regular or reserve armed forces; and
- (b) such further criteria as may be determined by the Defence Council and set out in the Joint Service Publication, amended from time to time as the Defence Council considers necessary.

Amount

The amount to be paid to the holder of a Gallantry Award, their representative or estate shall be determined by the Defence Council and set out in the Joint Service Publication and amended from time to time. From time to time, the level of payments may be amended as the Defence Council considers necessary.