

# THE GURKHA PENSION MANUAL

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## **GURKHA PENSION SCHEME (GPS)**

### **GENERAL**

1. Basic rates of Gurkha pensions are based upon the Indian Army pensions code in accordance with the terms of the Tripartite and Bipartite Agreements signed in 1947 between the governments of India, Nepal and the United Kingdom. The authority for Gurkha pensions is the Royal Warrant of 1949.
2. For those going to pension prior to 1 January 1973 a number of ad hoc increases, as a supplement to the basic rate, were put into effect from time to time. These were initiated by the Indian government and subsequently promulgated by the UK Ministry of Defence.
3. From 1 January 1973 ad hoc increases ceased and were replaced by the Indian Army system of cost of living addition (COLA), also known as grant of relief or dearness relief.
4. A review of Gurkha pensions was carried out in 1981 and as a result a number of changes were introduced with effect from 1 April 1981. Future pension increases are to be announced on an annual basis as a percentage increase to be applied to the gross pension in issue. All pensions in issue to individuals, including any disability element or child allowance that may be issued, are eligible for the percentage increase, with the following exceptions:
  - a. Gallantry awards.
  - b. Enhanced family pensions. (now included in the pension increase measure).
  - c. Constant attendance allowance.
5. Ad hoc payments to Gurkha pensioners were authorised by Indian Army letters No 1(3)/84/D (Pens/Sers) dated 29 August 1984, No 1(3)/84/I/D (Pensions/Services) dated 29 August 1984, as detailed at Annex A. The effective date for these payments is 1 September 1984. It should be noted that these payments should not be included in the amounts of pension in issue for the purpose of calculating the annual pensions increases.
6. Following the implementation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Indian Central Pay Commission the comparators for Gurkha pensioners are those Indian Army personnel who were discharged prior to 1 January 2006.
7. With the introduction of new terms and conditions of service for serving personnel from March 2007 the Gurkha Pension Scheme (GPS) was closed to new members. The last serving member of the scheme was discharged in 2014.
8. This manual is an updated version of the previous Gurkha Pay and Pensions Manual Part 2 with additional detail taken from Part 1 for certain non-pensionary benefits.

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**AD HOC PAYMENTS TO GURKHA PENSIONERS – EFFECTIVE FROM 1 APRIL 1984**

<b><u>RANK</u></b>	<b><u>RETIRED PRIOR TO 10 SEPTEMBER 1970</u></b>	<b><u>RETIRED BETWEEN 10 SEPTEMBER 1970 AND 31 DECEMBER 1972</u></b>
Cpl and below	25	25
Sgt to WO1	30	25
Lt(QGO), Capt(QGO)	30	25
Maj(QGO)	35	25
Honorary Commissioned Officer	35	-
Lt, Capt, Maj (GCO)	40	-

(Payments are shown in ICRs per month)