

## CHAPTER 43

### PENSIONS INCREASE

The pension guidance enclosed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (1999) of Queen's Regulations (RAF) which relate to Armed Forces Pension Scheme 1975 (AFPS 75) remain extant for RAF Service personnel who left the Service prior to 6 April 10. RAF Service personnel still serving after 6 April 10 should refer to the appropriate RAF document found in the Tri-Service Armed Forces Pension Scheme 1975 and Attributable Benefits Scheme Prerogative Instruments 2010. This document may be found in the Intranet Publications library

<http://defenceintranet.diif.r.mil.uk/Personnel/Military/Remuneration/Pages/PensionsfortheArmedForces.aspx>

#### SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

**3150.**

*Sponsor: SPP(Pens)*

Provision has been made for the increase of certain pensions granted in respect of service in the RAF to correspond, as nearly as maybe, with the benefits provided in the case of certain civil pensions, by the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 as amended by the Social Security Act, 1979, and the Social Security and Housing Benefit Act 1983.

**3151.**

*Sponsor: SPP(Pens)*

The pensions to which these regulations relate are:

- (1) Officers service retired pay, service invaliding retired pay, service attributable retired pay, the service portion of disability retired pay and preserved pensions.
- (2) Service retired pay, preserved pensions, service invaliding retired pay, service attributable retired pay and the service portion of disability retired pay of officers of the PMRAFNS.
- (3) Airmen's service pensions, preserved pensions, service invaliding pensions and service attributable pensions including elements for rank and age, and supplements for war service.
- (4) Forces Family Pensions including attributable Forces Family pensions, short-term family pensions and Special Widows Pensions.
- (5) Pensions for gallant conduct and seditious service annuities.

**3152.**

*Sponsor: SPP(Pens)*

The Pensions to which these regulations relate may be increased provided that:

- (1) The pensioner has attained the age of 55 years or the pension is a surviving spouse's or surviving civil partner's pension; or
- (2) The pensioner is a child of a deceased officer or airmen; or
- (3) The pensioner was invalided from the RAF with service invaliding retired pay, service attributable retired pay, or service invaliding pension or service attributable pension; or
- (4) The pensioner is permanently incapable of working through physical or mental infirmity.

**3153.**

*Sponsor: SPP(Pens)*

These regulations do not apply to pensions awarded to locally enlisted personnel.

#### SECTION 2 - PENSIONS INCREASE 2004

**3154.**

*Sponsor: SPP(Pens)*

The provisions of this order are effective from 12 April 2004.

**3155.**

*Sponsor: SPP(Pens)*

Awards may be increased as follows:

- (1) 2.8% for retired pay and pensions which began before 28 April 2003.
- (2) 2.8% for Forces Family Pensions, including those awarded at minimum rates, which began before 28 April 2003.
- (3) For retired pay and pensions which began on or after 28 April 2003 the increases are as follows:-

<u>Pensions Beginning</u>	<u>Percentage Increase %</u>
On or before 27 April 2003	2.80
28 April - 27 May 2003	2.57
28 May - 27 June 2003	2.33
28 June - 27 July 2003	2.10
28 July - 27 August 2003	1.87
28 August - 27 September 2003	1.63
28 September - 27 October 2003	1.40
28 October - 27 November 2003	1.17
28 November - 27 December 2003	0.93
28 December - 27 January 2004	0.70
28 January - 27 February 2004	0.47
28 February - 27 March 2004	0.23
28 March 2004 onwards	nil

(4) For Forces Family Pensions which began on or after 28 April 2003, the percentage which would have been awarded to the scheme member from whose service the pension is derived, had the scheme member been alive and eligible for pension increases, whether or not he qualified for these increases by virtue of age or health.

(5) In the case of Forces Family Pensions awarded to the widows of Marshals of the Royal Air Force which were based on the husband's rate of half pay, 2.8% for those family pensions which began before 28 April 2003, and for those which began on or after 28 April 2003 the appropriate percentage provided for in sub paragraph (3) above.

**3156.**

*Sponsor: SPP(Pens)*

The amount of the increase shall be the appropriate percentage of the retired pay or pension being paid to the pensioner at the time the increase becomes payable, including any pension increases awarded or admissible under former Pension Increase regulations. Where commutation is effected on or after 12 April 2004 the amount commuted shall be included, as if it were still part of the pension, when assessing the increase admissible.

**3157-3169. (Omitted)**