

Housing Benefit Circular

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WHO SHOULD READ	All Housing Benefit staff
ACTION	For information
SUBJECT	War Pensions: Uprating 2017-18

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1. The Ministry of Defence announced the new 2017-18 War Pensions rates on 2 February 2017. The rates are set out in the Annex 1.
2. The annual uprating of War Pensions and allowances for 2017 will take place from week beginning 10 April 2017. The effective date of change will be the following Monday 17 April 2017.
3. Rates for 2017-18 are increasing by 1.0% in line with the September 2016 Consumer Price Index.
4. Additional information can be obtained from the Veterans UK section of the GOV.UK
5. Circular [HB A12/2016](#) provides full details of all social security benefit rates that will apply from April 2017.

Annex A

War Pension rates

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2016 £ Weekly	April 2017 £ Weekly
Armed Forces Independence Payment	139.75	141.10
War Pensions		
Disablement Pension (100% rates) officer (£ per annum)	9,298	9,392
Other ranks	178.20	180.00
Age allowances payable from age 65		
40% - 50%	11.95	12.05
Over 50% but not over 70%	18.35	18.55
Over 70% but not over 90%	26.10	26.35
Over 90%	36.70	37.10
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment)		
Specified minor injury (min)	1,136.00	1,147.00
Specified minor injury (max)	8,474.00	8,559.00
1 – 5% gratuity	2,834.00	2,862.00
6 – 14% gratuity	6,300.00	6,363.00
15 – 19% gratuity	11,018.00	11,128.00
Supplementary allowances		
Unemployability allowance		
Personal	110.10	111.20
Adult dependency increase	61.20	61.80
Increase for first child	14.20	14.35
Increase for subsequent children	16.75	16.90
Invalidity allowance		
Higher rate	21.80	22.00
Middle rate	14.20	14.30
Lower rate	7.10	7.15
Constant attendance allowance		
Exceptional rate	134.40	135.80
Intermediate rate	100.80	101.85
Full day rate	67.20	67.90
Part day rate	33.60	33.95
Comforts allowance		
Higher rate	28.90	29.20
Lower rate	14.45	14.60
Mobility supplement	64.15	64.80
Allowance for lowered standard occupation (maximum)	67.20	67.88
Therapeutic earnings limit (annual rate)	5,590.00	6,240.00

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2016 £ Weekly	April 2017 £ Weekly
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	67.20	67.90
Severe disablement occupational allowance	33.60	33.95
Clothing allowance (£ per annum)	230.00	232.00
Education allowance (£ per annum) (max)	120.00	120.00
Widow(er)s benefits		
Widow(er) – other ranks (basic with children) (weekly amount)	135.15	136.50
Widow(er) – Officer higher rate both wars (basic with children) (per annum)	7,187.00	7,259.00
Childless widow(er) under 40 (other ranks)(weekly amount)	32.37	32.69
Widow(er) – officer lower rate both wars (£ per annum)	2,496.00	2,521.00
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers pension	90.41	91.31
Age allowance		
(a) age 65 to 69	15.40	15.55
(b) age 70 to 79	29.60	29.90
(c) age 80 and over	43.90	44.35
Children’s allowance		
Increase for first child	21.20	21.40
Increase for subsequent children	23.75	24.00
Orphan’s pension		
Increase for first child	24.25	24.50
Increase for subsequent children	26.55	26.80
Unmarried dependant living as spouse (max)	132.80	134.15
Rent allowance (maximum)	50.90	51.40
Adult orphan’s pension (maximum)	103.85	104.90