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1. This annual National Statistics Notice provides summary statistics on claims, awards and recipients of pensions, allowances or other payments under the War Pension Scheme (WPS) where disablement or death occurred as a result of Service prior to 6 April 2005.
2. The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death caused by Service on or after that date. Summary statistics for the AFCS can be found in a separate biannual report, published on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>
3. This report provides figures for claims registered and awards made over the latest five financial years 2010/11 to 2014/15. Some tables show a snapshot of the number of pensions in payment as at 31 March 2015. Details of the time period covered by each table are presented in the List of Tables on page 5. This report updates the previous revised notice for War Pensions Statistics as at 31 March 2014, released on 9 February 2015.

KEY POINTS

4. As at 31 March 2015:
 - 116,050 war disablement pensioners (DPs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 5% (n=5,850) since 31 March 2014 (Table 1.1).
 - 20,535 war widow(er)s (WWs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 9% (n=1,915) since 31 March 2014 (Table 1.1).
 - Approximately one third of disablement pensioners (35%) received pensions at or above the 40% level of disablement (the level at which their condition may affect their mobility). Overall, 3% of disablement pensioners receive a pension at the 100% disablement level (those with the most severe level of disablement) (Table 1.4).
 - Around half of disablement pensioners (48%) and around five-sixths of war widow(er)s (84%) were aged 70 and over (Table 1.6).
 - The average weekly amount received by disablement pensioners, including pension and supplementary allowances, was £86.58. The average weekly amount received by a disablement pensioner at the 100% disablement rate was £381.74 (Table 1.7).

- The average weekly amount received by war widow(er)s was £242.13. The average weekly war widow(er)s pension was £132.42, with the remainder comprising supplementary allowances (Table 1.7).

CONTENTS AND RELATED PUBLICATIONS

5. This report has been provided in response to the increasing number of requests for information about claims and awards under the scheme, and the number of individuals currently in receipt of War Pensions. A range of information is requested including further details of claims and awards (e.g. by claim type or outcome) and further information on those awarded compensation (e.g. age, sex or Service). The report is used by external organisations such as NHS trusts, local Government and Armed Forces charities. The report is also used to support other MOD departments in work planning and policy development.
6. The following areas of information are covered in the report:
 - Current recipients of War Pensions, with information presented by pension type, level of disablement, demographic information and financial information. This is provided to give a better picture of the type of people currently in receipt of compensation. Time trends are also provided to demonstrate the decreasing level of recipients under the scheme.
 - Number of claims, awards and appeals under the scheme, with information presented by scheme type, claim/appeal type, outcome and disablement percentage. This information is provided to show the volume of claims that are dealt with under the scheme, to show the success rates associated with each type of claim and appeal, and to show the key trends over time.
7. Information on WPS claims and awards that are made between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 will be reported in the next publication in June 2016.
8. Defence Statistics have recently carried out internal and external customer consultations on the WPS National Statistic. A full summary of the consultations and planned changes to the report can be found in the War Pension Scheme background quality report: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/287282/background_quality_report_war_pensions-recipients.pdf.
9. Further information on the WPS can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/pensions-and-compensation-for-veterans>.
10. Defence Statistics also publish information on Armed Forces Pension, War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation recipients by location. This is available on the .Gov website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients>.

DATA, DEFINITIONS AND METHODS

Scheme information and definitions

11. A claimant is eligible for consideration under the WPS where disablement or death has occurred as a result of Service in HM Forces, prior to 6 April 2005. In addition, awards may also be made where disablement or death has occurred as a result of:
 - War-time Service in the Naval Auxiliary Service, or the Mercantile Marine
 - Service in the Polish Forces under British command during World War Two
12. Pensions, allowances or other payments may also be awarded where the disablement or death of a civilian or a member of a civil defence organisation is the direct result of an injury sustained as a result of enemy action in World War Two.
13. Claims for injuries/illnesses as a result of Service can not be made until an individual has left the Services.
14. Injuries and illnesses are awarded under the scheme based on an individual's percentage disablement. The degree of disablement is assessed on a percentage basis by the War Pension Agency medical advisors. The medical adviser assesses the level of disablement in comparison to that of an able-bodied person of the same age and sex.

15. If an individual is assessed at a disablement percentage of 20% to 100%, they will be awarded an ongoing War Pension. This is paid at a rate which varies according to the degree of disablement. A gratuity award is a single payment where war disablement has been accepted, but the disablement has been assessed at less than 20%. A nil award (0% degree of disablement) will be given where the medical condition has been accepted as being due to Service but has not led to any degree of disablement. Further information on the current rates paid for each level of disablement can be found at the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/426441/Vetsukleaflet9_accessible_v0_1.pdf
16. From 8 April 2002 a change in the law governing the War Pensions Scheme means that the provisions for war widowers have been equalised to align with those available to war widows. This change in the war pension law applies from the 8 April 2002 onwards and means that war widowers are now entitled, as appropriate, to the same basic pension, supplementary pension and allowances (e.g. in respect of any dependant children) as war widows. In particular, the means-testing element previously applied to war widowers' claims and pensions has been removed.
17. For war widow(er)s the standard rate of pension may be paid if the widow(er) has a dependant child, or is over 40, or is incapable of self-support. The lower rate is paid to childless widow(er)s under the age of 40. If the spouse was receiving Constant Attendance Allowance, or at the time of his/her death was 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement, a war widow(er)s Pension is awarded automatically irrespective of the cause of death.
18. The following periods of Service (each known as a 'principal scheme') are covered under the WPS:
 - 1914 War - Disabled due to service between 4 August 1914 and 30 September 1921.
 - Inter War - Disabled due to service between 1 October 1921 and 2 September 1939.
 - 1939 Onwards - Disabled due to service from 3 September 1939 to 5 April 2005.
19. This Statistical Notice presents information on pension recipients by principal scheme. For the first time this Notice does not present information on the 1914 War scheme since all previous recipients are now deceased.
20. The following individuals receive payments under the scheme:
 - Disablement pensioner - member of former Service personnel with an injury/illness as a result of Service
 - War widow(er) - spouse of ex-Service person whose death was whilst in Service or related to a disablement due to Service prior to 6 April 2005.
 - Adult Dependant - adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.
 - War Orphan - child of deceased service person who has no surviving mother or father. Child whose mother was divorced from a service person at the time of death. Child who is not in the care of the surviving parent.
 - War Parent - parent of the deceased service person.
 - Unmarried Dependant - partner who lived with the ex-service person for at least 6 months before his enlistment, was maintained by him and who has borne his child.
 - Child Allowance Only - there is a Child Allowance Only Pension in payment, i.e. no award has been given to war widow(er)s Pension but her child has been awarded.
21. Some individuals receive supplementary allowances in addition to their war pension. The definitions are provided in Annex A.

Medical condition information

22. Illnesses and injuries awarded under the WPS are recorded in both a free-text field and as a medical diagnosis code. To produce the figures for War pensions in payment for mental health conditions (see paragraph 55), records with a medical diagnosis code 4000 to 4008, indicating a mental disorder, were identified. The free-text field was also searched for terms such as 'PTSD', 'psych', 'phobia', 'depression', 'adjustment', 'anxiety', 'panic', 'dysthymic', 'schizophrenia', 'mood disorder', 'substance abuse' and 'mania', as well as any probable misspellings or alternate spellings. As conditions are sometimes spelt incorrectly it is

possible that some records with reference to mental health have not been identified. Therefore the figures supplied should be treated as a minimum.

Data sources and quality

23. Figures presented in this Statistical Notice are based on data stored on the War Pensions Computer System (WPCS). Defence Statistics receive quarterly data extracts from the WPCS which are used to compile the figures provided.
24. Veterans UK are responsible for ensuring the quality of WPCS data supplied to Defence Statistics.
25. When Defence Statistics receive the WPCS data extracts basic consistency checks are carried out. For example, the numbers of records received is compared to the previous extract to ensure the total number is as expected. If any data quality issues are evident following receipt of data, Defence Statistics liaise with Defence Business Services (DBS) to determine whether any changes are required.
26. Further validation checks are carried out after the data has been processed to ensure that all processes and queries have run correctly and the final numbers are an accurate reflection of War Pensions Computer System data. Manual checks are then carried out on the final report to ensure that figures quoted in the commentary reflect those in the tables, and that the numbers sum to the totals provided.

Presentation

27. In line with Defence Statistics Rounding Policy to maintain anonymity of claimants, all figures have been rounded to the nearest five (totals may not add due to rounding). Figures fewer than 5 have been suppressed and shown as '~'. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest 1%.

Revisions policy

28. The figures reported for each quarter are based on the War Pensions Computer System data extract as at the end of each quarter, and will be correct as at the time each extract was taken. Therefore any update to claim information made on the WPCS after each quarterly snapshot will not be reflected in the report.
29. Historic data is only revised if errors are found in the data processing or statistical methods used during their publication. If an error was found all historic data would be revised, based on the quarterly snapshots of data, and Defence Statistics would highlight the error and the impact on the numbers presented.

National Statistics

30. The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.
31. Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:
 - meet identified user needs;
 - are well explained and readily accessible;
 - are produced according to sound methods; and
 - are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.
32. Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

Conventions

~	Negligible (greater than zero, fewer than 5)
r	Revised
	Break in series
Q1	1 April to 30 June
Q2	1 July to 30 September
Q3	1 October to 31 December
Q4	1 January to 31 March

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Section 1: Recipients of War Pensions

33. **Table 1.1** provides a summary for the number of War Pensions in payment by type of pension, scheme and quarter, for the last five quarters of data (31 March 2014 to 31 March 2015).
34. Between 31 March 2014 and 31 March 2015 the number of war disablement pensioners in receipt of an ongoing pension decreased 5% (from 121,900 to 116,050) and the number of war widow(er)s in receipt of a pension decreased 9% (from 22,445 to 20,535).
35. This decline is primarily due to the number of individuals leaving the scheme each year being considerably higher than the number of individuals joining the scheme. The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly, the age profile of current recipients; 48% of DPs and 84% of WWs were aged 70 or over as at 31 March 2015 (see **Table 1.6** for age group breakdown). Secondly, compensation claims for injury, illness, or death caused by Service on or after the 6 April 2005 are now processed under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). As such, the number of claimants joining the WPS is expected to reduce further.

Table 1.1: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, principal scheme¹ and quarter, 31 March 2014 to 31 March 2015, numbers²

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-14	30-Jun-14	30-Sep-14	31-Dec-14	31-Mar-15
ALL IN PAYMENT	145,005	143,385	141,625	139,645	137,215
Disablement Pensioners	121,900	120,670	119,340	117,865	116,050
in receipt of an ongoing war pension					
Inter-war	10	10	10	10	10
1939 war onwards	120,360 [†]	119,180	117,885	116,460	114,705
Civilian	980	955	930	905	870
Polish	230	215	215	200	185
Mercantile marine	320	310	300	290	280
Not known ³	0 [†]	0	0	0	0
War Widow(er)s	22,445	22,060	21,640	21,140	20,535
War widows pension	22,365	21,980	21,560	21,065	20,460
War widowers pension	80	80	80	75	70
Other Pensioners	660	655	645	640	635
Disablement pensioners (ALSO allowance only)	345	345	340	335	335
War orphans pension	20	20	20	20	20
War parents pension	10	10	10	10	10
Adult dependant pension	~	~	~	~	~
Unmarried dependant pension	~	~	~	~	~
Child allowance only	280	280	270	270	265

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ No longer includes the 1914 War principal scheme. See paragraph 19 for details

² The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

³ An additional validation check was introduced in 2014/15 on the 'not known' disablement pensioners to put them in the correct payment category

[†] Revised figure. See paragraph 28 for further explanation

36. **Table 1.2** provides a summary for the number of War Pensions in payment by type of pension, gender and financial year. **Table 1.2** shows that of the 137,215 individuals in receipt of war pensions as at 31 March

2015, 81% (n=110,935) were males and 19% (n=26,280) were females. As at 31 March 2015, 95% of disablement pensioners were males (n=110,410), and less than one percent of individuals in receipt of war widow(er)s pensions were males (n=70). We would expect the majority of disablement pensioners to be males, as they make up the majority of the overall Armed Forces population.

37. **Table 1.2** and **Figure 1** show that the number of disablement pensioners receiving a payment has fallen each year over the past five years, from 141,715 as at 31 March 2011, to 116,050 as at 31 March 2015, an overall decrease of 18%. Over the same period the number of war widow(er)s fell 38%, from 28,425 to 20,535.

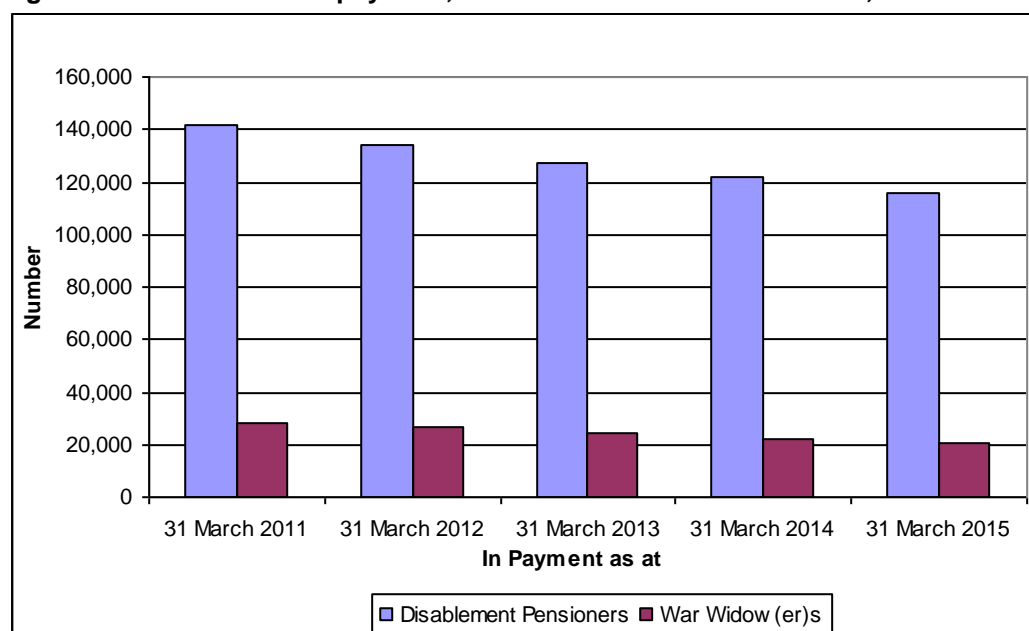
Table 1.2: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, gender and financial year end, 31 March 2011 to 31 March 2015, numbers¹

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	31-Mar-15
ALL IN PAYMENT	170,910	161,535	152,695	145,005	137,215
Men	135,740	128,720	122,105	116,610	110,935
Women	35,175	32,820	30,590	28,395	26,280
Disablement Pensioners	141,715	134,430	127,590	121,900	116,050
Men	135,120	128,130	121,530	116,055	110,410
Women	6,595	6,305	6,060	5,845	5,640
War Widow(er)s	28,425	26,375	24,415	22,445	20,535
Men	75	80	85	80	70
Women	28,350	26,295	24,330	22,365	20,460
Other Pensioners	770	730	690	660	635
Men	540	510	490	470	455
Women	230	220	200	185	180

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

Figure 1: War Pensions in payment, 31 March 2011 to 31 March 2015, numbers



Source: War Pensions Computer System

38. **Table 1.3** provides the total intake and outflow from the War Pension Scheme in the last five financial years, by pension type. This table shows that the number of new entrants to the scheme has reduced by 19% over the last four financial years, from 2,640 in 2010-11 to 2,135 in 2014-15. During each of the last five financial years the numbers leaving the scheme have been much higher than the numbers of new entrants. Overall during 2014-15 there were 2,135 new entrants to the scheme, while 9,920 individuals left the scheme.
39. Individuals leave the scheme (outflow) for a number of reasons the main reason is that the ageing population of war pension recipients is leading to an increase in the number of deaths (see Table 1.6 for age profile of recipients). Individuals can also leave the scheme due to re-marriage (for pensions post 1973), failure to draw pension for one year, refusal to undergo medical/provide medical evidence or imprisonment.
40. Whilst there has been an overall decrease in the annual intake to the scheme during the past five financial years, 2013/14 saw an increase in the number of new entrants. This may be a result of the increase in Service leavers during this period, due to the Armed Forces conforming to redundancy targets as set out in the Strategic Defence and Security Review¹ (SDSR). As the number of people leaving the Armed Forces increases so too does the number of people eligible to make a claim under the WPS for injury/illness caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005.

Table 1.3: War Pensions flows by type of pension and financial year, 2010-11 to 2014-15, numbers¹

	Financial Year				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
ALL IN PAYMENT	170,910	161,535	152,695	145,005	137,215
Total intake in financial year	2,640	2,145	2,010	2,475	2,135
Total outflow in financial year	12,125	11,520	10,855	10,165	9,920
Disablement Pensioners	141,715	134,430	127,590	121,900	116,050
Intake during financial year	1,975	1,525	1,435	1,910	1,685
Outflow during financial year	9,210	8,810	8,275	7,600	7,540
War Widow(er)s	28,425	26,375	24,415	22,445	20,535
Intake during financial year	650	605	575	555	445
Outflow during financial year	2,880	2,655	2,535	2,520	2,355
Other Pensioners	770	730	690	660	635
Intake during financial year	10	10	5	10	5
Outflow during financial year	35	50	45	40	25

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding.

¹ Securing Britain in an Age of Uncertainty: The Strategic Defence and Security Review.
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/62482/strategic-defence-security-review.pdf

41. **Table 1.4** provides the number of disablement pensions in payment as at 31 March 2015 at each degree of disablement and scheme type. The degree of disablement shows the level of disablement an individual has in comparison to an able-bodied person of the same age and sex. Further information on the disablement assessment procedures can be found in paragraphs 14 and 15.
42. Individuals with a disablement percentage of 40% or above would generally have conditions affecting their mobility. Those at 80% disablement and above are considered to be the most seriously disabled, needing constant care. Anyone with a disablement percentage below 40% would generally have sustained more minor injuries.
43. **Table 1.4** shows that the majority, 65% (n=74,990), of disablement pensioners received a pension at a degree of disablement below 40%. A much smaller proportion of disablement pensioners were in receipt of pensions at 80% disablement or above (6%, n=6,575), indicating those with the most serious disabilities.
44. **Table 1.4 and Figure 2** show that as the percentage disablement increases (i.e. disablement level gets more severe) the number of individuals in receipt of pensions decreases. This is what we would expect as the majority of individuals claiming have more minor injuries/illnesses. However this trend changes at the 100% disablement level, with an increase in the number of recipients from 800 at 90% disablement to 3,235 at 100% disablement. This is likely to be because there are a number of prescribed injuries for which a pension at 100% disablement is automatically payable, for example mesothelioma, certain amputations, loss of sight and deafness. There are fewer injuries that are automatically payable at the 80% and 90% level. The increase may also be due to cases where an individual is awarded for multiple injuries/illnesses. In these cases the overall disablement level can not exceed 100%.
45. **Figure 2** shows that the proportion of DPs at each degree of disablement has remained constant between March 2011 and March 2015.

Table 1.4: Disablement Pensions in payment by degree of disablement and principal scheme¹ as at 31 March 2015, numbers²

Men and Women	TOTAL	Inter War	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not Known
ALL	116,050	10	114,705	870	185	280	0
20	47,010	~	46,670	200	50	80	0
30	27,980	~	27,665	190	40	80	0
40	16,545	~	16,305	155	30	55	0
50	8,715	0	8,605	80	10	20	0
60	5,465	0	5,390	45	15	10	0
70	3,195	0	3,135	45	10	10	0
80	2,545	0	2,495	30	10	5	0
90	800	~	775	20	~	~	0
100	3,235	~	3,115	95	10	10	0
Not Known ³	560	0	550	5	~	~	0

Men

ALL	110,410	10	109,615	335	175	280	0
20	44,815	~	44,605	75	45	80	0
30	26,675	~	26,480	70	40	80	0
40	15,730	~	15,575	65	30	55	0
50	8,325	0	8,265	30	10	20	0
60	5,165	0	5,125	15	15	10	0
70	3,025	0	2,995	15	10	10	0
80	2,400	0	2,370	15	10	5	0
90	765	~	750	5	~	~	0
100	3,035	~	2,970	40	10	10	0
Not Known ³	480	0	480	0	0	~	0

Women

ALL	5,640	0	5,095	535	10	0	0
20	2,195	0	2,060	125	5	0	0
30	1,305	0	1,185	120	~	0	0
40	815	0	730	85	0	0	0
50	395	0	340	50	0	0	0
60	300	0	265	30	~	0	0
70	170	0	140	30	0	0	0
80	145	0	125	20	0	0	0
90	35	0	25	10	0	0	0
100	200	0	145	55	0	0	0
Not Known ³	80	0	70	5	~	0	0

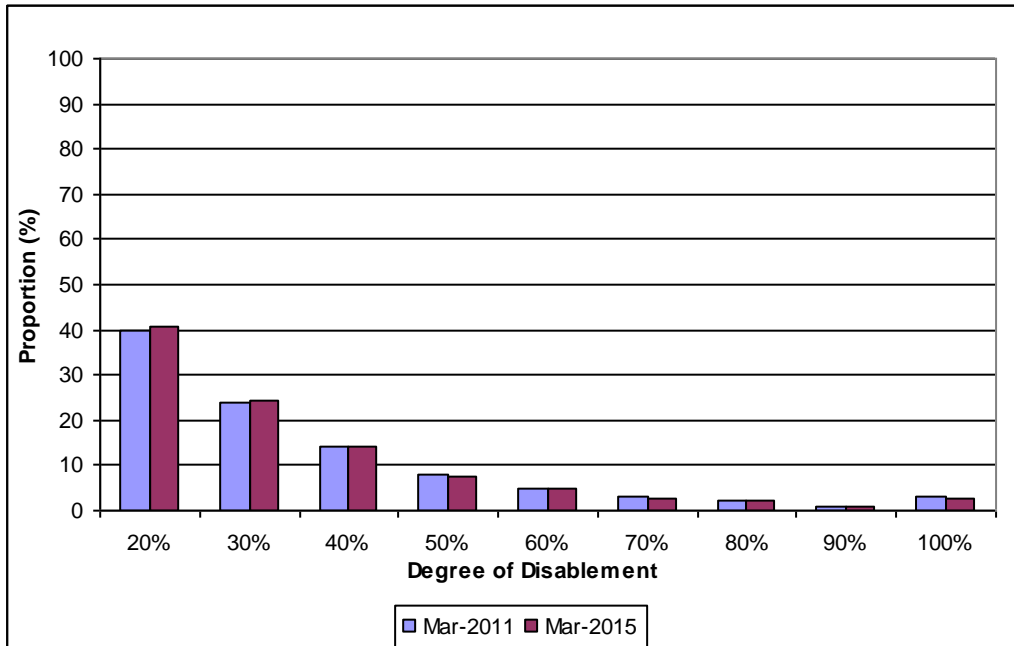
Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ No longer includes the 1914 War principal scheme. See paragraph 19 for details

² The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

³ 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases

Figure 2: Comparison of disablement pensioners at each degree of disablement as at 31 March 2011 and 31 March 2015, percentages



Source: War Pensions Computer System

46. **Table 1.5** provides the number of pensions in payment as at 31 March 2015 broken down by Region and type of pension. This table shows that the highest numbers of pensions were in payment to individuals with a contact address in the South West (n=19,330) and the South East (n=17,925). We would expect to see a high level of claimants in these areas, as the majority of Armed Forces personnel are stationed within these areas of the UK (see Defence Statistics personnel statistics by stationed location for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-quarterly-statistics-2014>)

Table 1.5: Pensioners by type of pension, principal scheme¹ (DPs) and Region as at 31 March 2015, numbers²

Region	Disablement Pensioners									
	All Pensioners	All DPs	Inter-war	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not known	War Widow(er)s	Other Pensioners ⁴
ALL	137,215	116,050	10	114,705	870	185	280	0	20,535	635
North East	8,940	8,130	0	8,070	30	~	25	0	765	50
North West	14,760	12,775	0	12,575	125	20	55	0	1,915	70
Yorkshire and the Humber	9,935	8,425	~	8,370	35	10	10	0	1,445	60
East Midlands	9,115	7,785	0	7,735	30	15	10	0	1,285	40
West Midlands	7,935	6,605	0	6,545	40	10	5	0	1,300	35
East of England	9,325	7,500	~	7,390	95	10	10	0	1,790	30
London	4,050	3,075	~	2,925	120	25	~	0	960	15
South East	17,925	14,460	~	14,240	175	10	30	0	3,390	80
South West	19,330	16,450	~	16,330	95	10	20	0	2,785	95
Wales	7,780	6,625	~	6,575	25	5	20	0	1,120	35
Scotland	12,760	11,150	0	11,075	30	15	30	0	1,555	55
N. Ireland	4,245	3,675	0	3,665	5	0	~	0	550	20
Other UK ³	375	315	0	315	~	0	~	0	55	~
UK Unknown	385	320	0	310	10	0	~	0	65	0
Overseas	10,215	8,625	~	8,455	55	55	60	0	1,550	45
Not Known	140	130	0	130	0	0	0	0	5	~

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ No longer includes the 1914 War principal scheme. See paragraph 19 for details

² The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

³ Other UK includes Isle of Man and Channel Islands

⁴ Other Pensioners' includes War Orphans, War Parents, Adult Dependant, Unmarried Dependents, Juvenile Dependant and Child Allowance

47. **Table 1.6** provides the number of War Pensions in payment as at 31 March 2015 by age group, pension type and disablement percentage (for DPs). This table shows that 48% (n=56,205) of DPs and 84% (n=17,335) of WWs were aged 70 or over as at 31 March 2015. It is anticipated that the proportion of recipients in the older age groups will rise as those in receipt of pensions get older and as new entrants to the scheme decrease with more claimants eligible to apply for compensation under the AFCS.

Table 1.6: War Pensions in payment by pension type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2015, numbers¹

AGE GROUP	All Pensioners	Disablement Pensioners										Not Known ²	War Widow(er)s	Other Pensioners ³
		All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%			
ALL	137,215	116,050	47,010	27,980	16,545	8,715	5,465	3,195	2,545	800	3,235	560	20,535	635
Under 30	275	195	105	50	20	~	5	~	~	0	0	5	5	75
30 to 34	1,465	1,435	710	355	170	75	45	15	15	~	20	25	30	0
35 to 39	2,640	2,580	1,230	610	350	145	100	40	40	~	30	35	50	5
40 to 44	7,150	6,955	3,115	1,675	980	485	290	130	95	25	100	55	145	50
45 to 49	9,805	9,495	4,045	2,365	1,380	635	425	210	155	40	175	70	265	45
50 to 54	10,955	10,535	4,285	2,525	1,525	815	495	290	205	65	275	55	365	55
55 to 59	10,605	10,000	3,760	2,450	1,525	785	540	290	220	70	315	40	530	75
60 to 64	9,190	8,435	3,135	1,990	1,310	690	465	275	210	55	275	30	680	75
65 to 69	11,420	10,215	4,015	2,385	1,450	795	550	330	260	85	315	30	1,125	80
70 to 74	11,435	9,720	4,000	2,180	1,345	780	470	290	235	75	320	25	1,645	70
75 to 79	15,835	13,475	5,995	3,245	1,700	885	540	340	280	90	355	40	2,310	55
80 to 84	14,920	11,900	5,080	3,035	1,605	810	440	295	235	80	295	35	2,990	30
85 to 89	13,220	9,240	3,580	2,230	1,365	750	435	265	225	80	275	40	3,970	15
90 to 94	13,855	9,380	3,150	2,300	1,455	825	515	330	285	100	360	60	4,470	10
95 +	4,450	2,490	800	570	370	245	155	95	85	40	120	15	1,955	~

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

² 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases

³ 'Other Pensioners' includes War Orphans, War Parents, Adult Dependant, Unmarried Dependant, Juvenile Dependant, Child Allowance only and Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation only Pensioners

48. **Table 1.7** and **Figures 3** and **4** show the average weekly amounts received by DPs and WWs in War Pensions and allowances, broken down by age group and degree of disablement (for DPs) as at 31 March 2015.

49. **Table 1.7** shows that the average weekly amount received by DPs was £86.58. Of this, £61.02 was from their disablement pension, whilst £25.56 came from supplementary allowances. The average weekly amount received by a DP at the 100% disablement rate was £381.74.

50. **Table 1.7** shows that the average weekly amount received by WWs was £242.13. Of this, £132.42 was from their pension, whilst £109.71 came from supplementary allowances.

51. **Figures 3** and **4** show that the average weekly amounts paid in supplementary allowances differs for each age group. This is likely to be linked to the various eligibility criteria and rates for each allowance. For example certain allowances can only be claimed by those aged under 65 (e.g. allowance for lower standard of occupation and unemployability supplement). A description of each supplementary allowance can be found in Annex A. The following link gives details of the current pension rates, and also details of the eligibility criteria for each of the supplementary allowances: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/426441/Vetsukleaflet9_accessible_v0_1.pdf

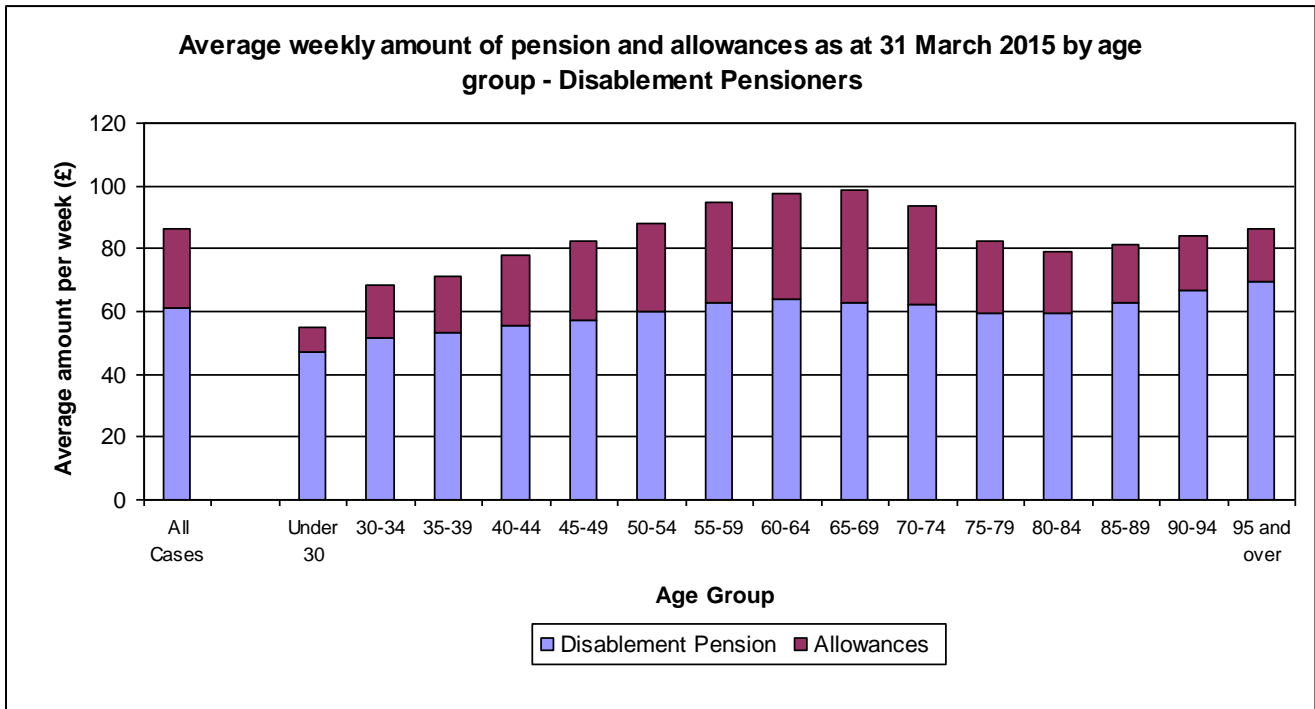
Table 1.7: Average weekly amounts of pension entitlement by type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2015, currency (£)

(All figures are in £s)

AGE GROUP	Disablement Pension										War Widow(er)s
	All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	
PENSION & ALLOWANCES											
All Cases	86.58	36.60	56.81	101.71	132.76	183.06	214.45	272.65	298.33	381.74	242.13
Under 30	54.77	35.16	52.02	100.07	108.87	194.44	123.27	362.98	0.00	0.00	85.12
30 to 34	68.47	35.24	52.29	97.32	122.65	206.22	230.87	344.25	262.52	424.93	96.48
35 to 39	70.99	35.23	52.51	100.72	128.94	197.83	232.08	273.09	161.19	388.07	139.61
40 to 44	77.93	35.80	54.05	104.23	134.01	199.37	239.97	309.06	365.69	401.91	156.42
45 to 49	82.62	36.45	55.64	103.81	136.97	203.18	235.54	304.95	343.01	416.31	154.94
50 to 54	88.27	36.66	56.76	102.02	140.11	197.89	233.83	295.11	322.07	399.21	150.90
55 to 59	94.70	37.54	58.36	105.41	141.06	198.03	231.96	299.82	335.33	392.49	147.20
60 to 64	97.60	37.90	59.85	104.88	143.58	196.97	233.94	292.21	316.09	403.36	160.50
65 to 69	98.52	37.39	58.77	112.14	147.27	206.04	243.35	304.92	347.23	419.01	190.90
70 to 74	93.80	37.23	59.33	107.04	141.88	193.83	220.16	298.42	314.93	402.30	221.68
75 to 79	82.34	36.53	57.43	102.37	130.61	175.83	222.53	267.82	297.78	388.59	235.25
80 to 84	79.25	36.20	56.99	99.15	126.87	167.04	195.54	257.48	283.78	369.40	258.86
85 to 89	81.47	36.06	55.25	94.36	118.61	151.33	177.21	231.50	261.92	344.63	263.51
90 to 94	84.12	35.67	54.42	88.88	111.64	138.63	160.88	210.62	237.54	324.27	265.43
95 +	86.28	36.02	53.71	87.54	109.44	132.20	156.18	189.42	213.17	302.45	264.04
PENSION ONLY											
All Cases	61.02	35.13	52.66	69.88	87.23	104.70	122.44	139.99	157.49	173.64	132.42
Under 30	47.27	35.16	52.02	70.03	76.42	105.66	123.27	140.88	0.00	0.00	65.84
30 to 34	51.80	34.85	52.27	66.65	84.19	101.06	114.00	138.48	158.49	163.31	69.61
35 to 39	53.29	35.00	52.25	68.12	83.99	100.59	115.86	133.09	125.09	157.22	91.58
40 to 44	55.58	34.87	52.25	68.29	85.22	102.52	118.74	137.55	152.39	166.41	113.73
45 to 49	57.34	35.04	52.39	68.98	85.36	102.85	120.24	136.52	154.37	167.91	122.64
50 to 54	60.12	35.09	52.48	69.37	86.29	103.45	122.28	138.62	154.54	170.07	129.64
55 to 59	62.61	35.14	52.59	69.82	87.22	104.56	122.61	139.62	156.63	170.58	133.12
60 to 64	63.77	35.12	52.76	70.09	87.39	104.83	123.00	140.73	158.19	173.87	131.88
65 to 69	63.01	35.19	52.74	70.18	87.70	105.46	122.70	140.73	158.16	174.57	132.10
70 to 74	62.41	35.20	52.76	70.44	87.85	105.38	122.77	140.65	158.40	175.90	131.91
75 to 79	59.21	35.20	52.81	70.38	87.98	105.63	123.19	140.68	158.44	176.02	132.33
80 to 84	59.22	35.19	52.80	70.41	88.01	105.55	123.17	140.86	158.49	175.84	132.51
85 to 89	62.67	35.20	52.80	70.41	88.00	105.61	123.11	140.88	158.49	176.06	133.24
90 to 94	66.72	35.20	52.79	70.42	88.04	105.65	123.26	140.86	158.49	176.09	133.59
95 +	69.72	35.21	52.82	70.43	88.04	105.64	123.20	140.88	158.49	176.09	133.63
ALLOWANCES ONLY (including Widows special allowance)											
All Cases	25.56	1.47	4.15	31.82	45.53	78.36	91.94	132.66	140.84	208.10	109.71
Under 30	7.50	0.00	0.00	30.05	32.45	88.78	0.00	222.10	0.00	0.00	19.28
30 to 34	16.67	0.39	0.02	30.67	38.46	105.16	116.87	205.77	104.03	261.62	26.87
35 to 39	17.70	0.23	0.26	32.59	44.95	97.24	116.22	140.00	36.10	230.85	48.03
40 to 44	22.35	0.93	1.80	35.95	48.78	96.84	121.22	171.51	213.30	235.50	42.69
45 to 49	25.28	1.41	3.25	34.83	51.61	100.32	115.30	168.43	188.64	248.41	32.30
50 to 54	28.14	1.57	4.28	32.65	53.82	94.45	110.84	156.49	167.53	229.14	21.27
55 to 59	32.09	2.40	5.77	35.59	53.84	93.48	109.35	160.21	178.70	221.91	14.09
60 to 64	33.83	2.78	7.09	34.79	56.19	92.14	110.94	151.48	157.90	229.49	28.62
65 to 69	35.51	2.20	6.03	41.96	59.58	100.58	120.64	164.19	189.07	244.44	58.80
70 to 74	31.39	2.02	6.57	36.61	54.03	88.46	97.39	157.77	156.53	226.40	89.77
75 to 79	23.13	1.33	4.63	31.99	42.63	70.20	99.33	127.14	139.33	212.56	102.93
80 to 84	20.03	1.01	4.18	28.74	38.86	61.49	72.37	116.62	125.29	193.55	126.35
85 to 89	18.80	0.86	2.45	23.95	30.62	45.72	54.10	90.62	103.43	168.57	130.27
90 to 94	17.40	0.47	1.63	18.46	23.60	32.98	37.62	69.75	79.05	148.18	131.84
95 +	16.57	0.81	0.89	17.11	21.40	26.57	32.98	48.54	54.68	126.36	130.41

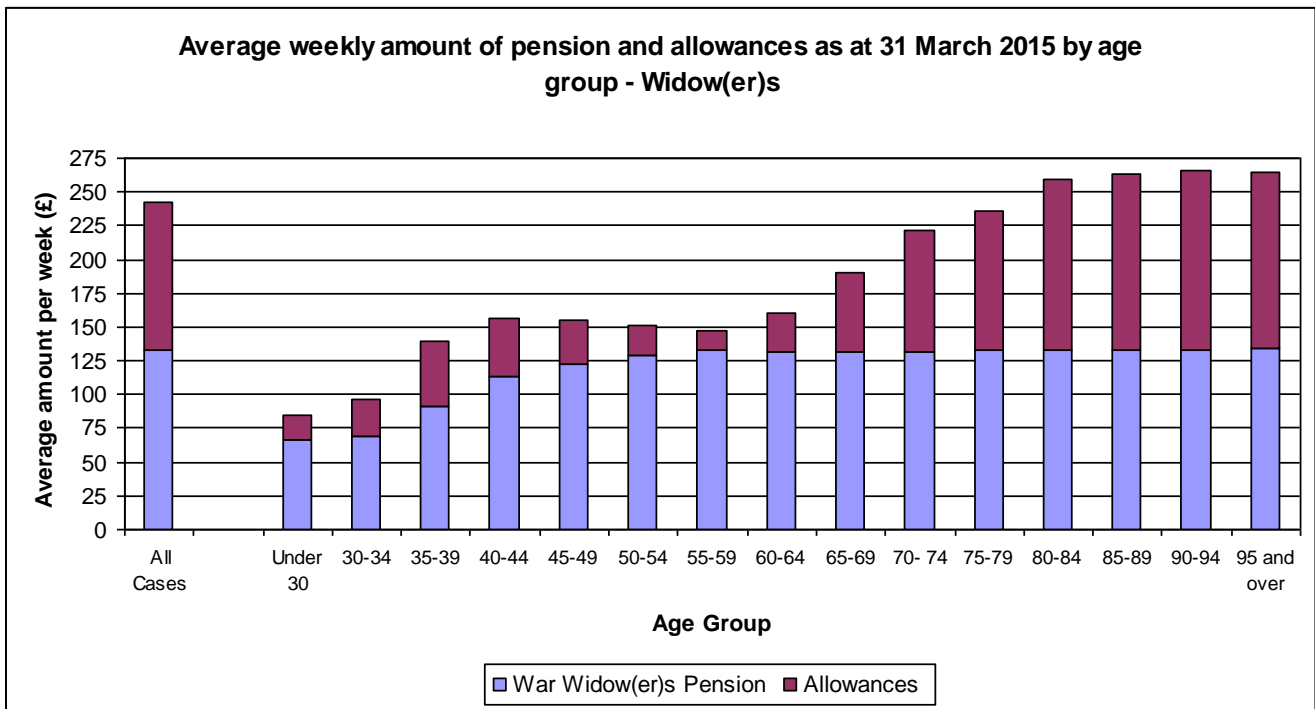
Source: War Pensions Computer System

Figure 3: Disablement pensioners' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2015, by age group, currency (£)



Source: War Pensions Computer System

Figure 4: War widow(er)s' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2015 by age group, currency (£)



Source: War Pensions Computer System

52. **Table 1.8** provides the number of supplementary allowances in payment over the last five quarters, broken down by allowance type and quarter. A description of each supplementary allowance can be found in **Annex A**.

53. **Table 1.8 and Figure 5** show that as at 31 March 2015 over one third (38%) of supplementary allowances are paid out in the form of age addition allowances. Age addition allowances are made to help a pensioner cope with the increased costs associated with the burden of ageing and having a disablement, rather than any acceptance that the disablement worsens with age. For disablement pensioners, the age allowance is paid at age 65, at four different rates depending on the level of disablement. For war widow(er)s there are three age allowances paid at one rate, payable at ages 65, 70 and 80. The high proportion of individuals in receipt of age addition allowances reflects the age profile of disablement pensioners and war widow(er)s - 57% of disablement pensioners and 90% of war widow(er)s are aged 65 or over.

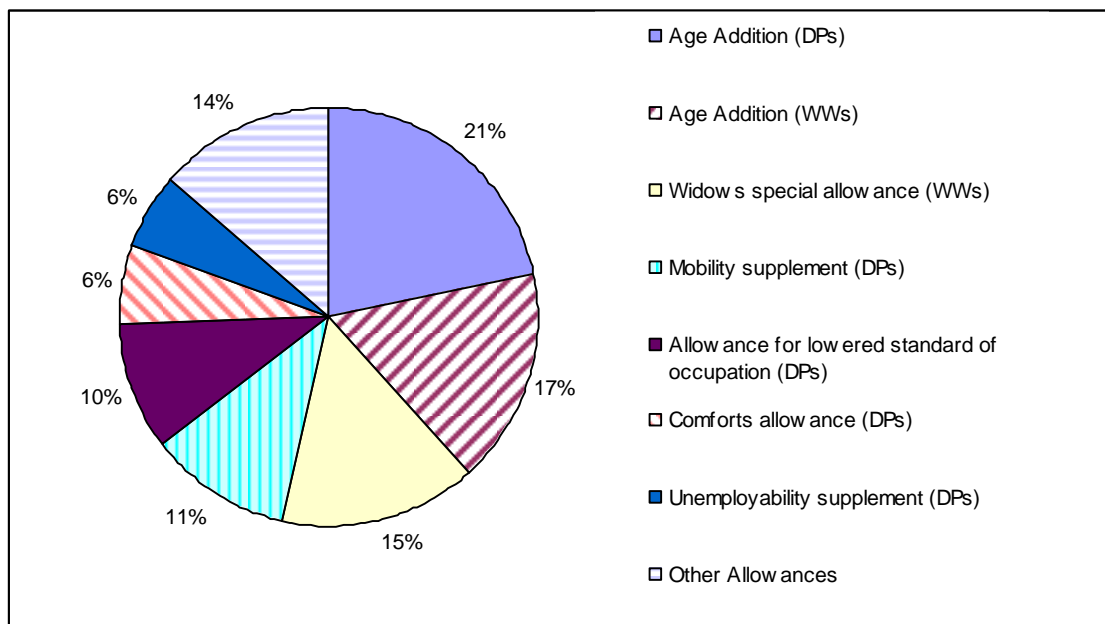
Table 1.8: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of allowance and quarter, 31 March 2014 to 31 March 2015, numbers¹

Allowance type	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-14	30-Jun-14	30-Sep-14	31-Dec-14	31-Mar-15
ALL ALLOWANCES	115,910	114,415	112,600	110,720	108,365
Age 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	740	725	710	680	635
Age addition - Disablement	25,500	25,055	24,610	24,115	23,455
Age addition – Widows	19,960	19,615	19,235	18,755	18,160
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	10,730	10,695	10,645	10,595	10,530
Clothing allowance	2,785	2,755	2,725	2,690	2,650
Comforts allowance	7,065	7,010	6,955	6,865	6,785
Constant attendance allowance	2,220	2,190	2,150	2,100	2,080
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	510	500	495	485	480
Severe disablement occupational allowance	~	~	~	~	~
Invalidity allowance	5,765	5,740	5,715	5,675	5,630
Mobility supplement	12,375	12,290	12,205	12,110	12,010
Unemployability supplement	6,470	6,430	6,390	6,335	6,250
Modified unemployability supplement	25	25	25	25	20
Additional allowance spouse	1,065	1,055	1,040	1,035	1,010
Modified allowance for spouse	95	90	90	85	85
Additional allowance dependant	~	~	~	~	~
Additional allowance child	1,055	1,085	940	990	1,035
Child allowance	530	535	475	495	510
Over age infirm child allowance	225	225	220	220	210
Modified over age infirm child allowance	10	10	10	10	10
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	120	115	105	100	130
Widow(er)s rent allowance	235	235	245	240	225
Widow(er)s special allowance	18,425	18,030	17,615	17,105	16,460

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

Figure 5: All supplementary allowances in payment as at 31 March 2015, percentages



Source: War Pensions Computer System

54. **Table 1.8a** provides the overall number of supplementary allowances in payment at the end of each of the last five financial years. The average weekly amount paid in allowances to DPs and WWs at the end of each of these years is also provided. The average weekly payments to war widow(er)s are considerably higher than for disablement pensioners as the war widow(er)s payments relate to a death of a spouse/eligible partner caused by Service. The majority of pensions in payment to disablement pensioners are at the lower disablement percentages (Table 1.4) and therefore equate to lower financial amounts compared to the standard war widow(er)s pension rate.

Table 1.8a: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of pension, 31 March 2011 to 31 March 2015, numbers and average weekly amount (£)¹

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	31-Mar-15
ALL ALLOWANCES	140,645	131,870	123,420	115,910	108,365
Average Weekly Allowances Entitlement (in £s)					
Disablement Pensioners	21.66	22.5	23.88	24.61	25.56
War Widow(er)s	101.34	103.44	107.48	108.19	109.71

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

55. Defence Statistics receive a high volume of requests for the number of disablement pensioners in receipt of war pensions for specific medical conditions. Due to the free text nature of the condition information, it is not possible to provide a summary table for all conditions. However it is possible to carry out searches of medical diagnosis codes and free-text condition information for specific conditions. We have had a lot of interest in the number of disablement pensioners in receipt of war pensions for mental health conditions and therefore the number has been provided below.

56. As at 31 March 2015, there were 13,755^r (12%) disablement pensioners in receipt of ongoing War Pensions for a mental health condition related to Service. Of these, 6,665^s had claimed for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), though it is not possible to determine whether their awarded claim was for PTSD or another claimed mental health condition.

^r Please note this figure as at March 2014 has been revised from 10,610 to 13,680

^s Please note this figure as at March 2014 has been revised from 5,920 to 6,400

Section 2: Number of claims, awards and appeals

57. This section provides information on the numbers of claims and appeals registered under the WPS and the outcomes of these claims. Further information on the claim and appeal process under the WPS can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/claim-for-injury-received-while-serving>.
58. Individuals can make multiple claims under the WPS, for example a claim for an initial war pension followed by a claim for a further condition. For this reason the tables in this section include figures for both the number of people who have registered claims and the number of claims registered.
59. **Table 2.1** provides the number of claims registered under the War Pension Scheme during the last five quarters, broken down by claim type and quarter. During Q4-2014/15, 5,145 people registered a total of 5,855 claims, of which 52% (n=3,070) were disablement claims. Although the AFCS replaced the WPS for injuries/illness from 6 April 2005 onwards, there is still currently a high volume of new disablement claims each quarter (from 3,200 in Q4-2013/14 to 3,070 in Q4-2014/15). Many people with injuries/illnesses due to Service prior to 6 April 2005 will not yet have claimed for a war pension, as individuals can only claim under the WPS once they have left Service.
60. **Table 2.1** shows that the number of claims made by war widow(er)s ranged from a high of 265 in Q4-2014/15 and a low of 200 in Q3-2014/15. These are likely to be cases where a disablement pensioner has been in receipt of a war pension for an injury/illness due to Service prior to 6 April 2005 and has subsequently died as a result of this disablement. In these cases the widow(er) will be entitled to claim for a pension under the WPS.

Table 2.1: Claims registered during quarter, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers¹

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q4-2013/14	Q1-2014/15	Q2-2014/15	Q3-2014/15	Q4-2014/15
All claims - number of people	5,880	4,495	4,860	4,250	5,145
All Claims - number of claims	6,370	5,110	5,625	4,860	5,855
Disablement claims	3,200	2,600	2,920	2,450	3,070
War Widow(er)s claims	250	205	215	200	265
Supplementary allowance claims	1,025	815	850	720	895
Supplementary allowance reviews	645	500	610	605	700
Medical expenses	470	435	520	440	410
Appeals	780	560	510	435	515

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

61. **Table 2.1a** provides a more detailed breakdown for each type of claim. There are a number of different types of claim that a disablement pensioner can make:

- Current invalidating claims and first claims to pension cover the initial claim that an individual makes for an injury/illness caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005.
- Further condition claims - disablement pensioners who already have entitlement to a war disablement pension can claim for an additional medical condition.
- Conditional list review - these cases arise because DBS Medical Services have previously made an interim assessment for a limited period because the level of disablement was likely to change. A review date is calculated so that disablement can be reassessed before the given period expires.
- Deterioration claims – an application can be made to increase a war pension if an accepted condition has worsened, or, if another condition has made the accepted war pension disablement worse.
- Departmental review – a review can be carried out to reassess a case when a condition has been rejected and an award for a war pension has not been made.

Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers¹

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q4-2013/14	Q1-2014/15	Q2-2014/15	Q3-2014/15	Q4-2014/15
Disablement claims - number of people	3,045	2,495	2,765	2,355	2,935
Disablement claims - number of claims	3,200	2,600	2,920	2,450	3,070
Current invaliding	235	145	190	175	145
First claim to pension	1,385	1,125	1,210	980	1,365
Further condition	760	580	665	625	680
Deterioration	735	680	790	595	810
Departmental review	40	35	35	35	30
Conditional list review	45	40	40	40	40
War Widow(er)s claims - number of people	245	200	205	200	260
War Widow(er)s claims - number of claims	250	205	215	200	265
Widow(er)s	240	195	205	190	240
Restored Widow(er)s	15	10	10	10	20
Review Widow(er)s	0	0	0	~	~
Supplementary allowance claims - number of people	895	710	740	630	790
Supplementary allowance claims - number of claims	1,025	815	850	720	895
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	115	90	110	95	95
Clothing allowance	55	25	40	35	35
Constant attendance allowance	50	50	60	50	65
Mobility supplement	200	180	165	145	165
Unemployability supplement	55	65	70	45	65
Additional allowance spouse	15	20	15	20	20
Additional allowance dependant	~	0	~	~	0
Additional allowance child	20	20	20	20	15
Child allowance only	~	~	5	~	~
Widow(er)s child allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	105	60	40	30	20
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	70	55	60	70	70
Funeral expenses	335	255	255	210	335
Supplementary allowance reviews² - number of people	605	455	520	550	625
Supplementary allowance reviews² - number of claims	645	500	610	605	700
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	315	310	380	380	400
Constant attendance allowance	15	10	10	20	10
Mobility supplement	15	10	20	15	25
Unemployability supplement	115	55	60	85	85
Additional allowance spouse	140	25	20	25	135
Additional allowance dependant	~	0	~	0	~
Child allowance ³	45	85	115	80	45
Appeals - number of people	665	490	435	385	455
Appeals - number of claims	780	560	510	435	515
Entitlement - Disablement	235	155	145	140	145
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	30	15	15	20	20
Assessment	435	325	300	220	285
Supplementary Allowances	60	45	45	45	55
Miscellaneous	25	20	15	10	15

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers (Continued)¹

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q4-2013/14	Q1-2014/15	Q2-2014/15	Q3-2014/15	Q4-2014/15
Medical expenses⁴ - number of people	425	400	465	380	350
Medical expenses⁴ - number of claims	470	435	520	440	405
Appliance	0	~	~	~	~
Chiropody	~	0	~	~	~
Convalescence	5	5	5	~	~
Dental	~	15	15	5	15
Hearing aid	5	~	10	~	10
Home nursing equipment	~	5	~	~	~
Hospital travel expenses	40	25	30	40	25
House adaptation grant	20	25	25	25	20
Prescription	5	10	10	15	10
Priority treatment	45	40	50	40	30
Private treatment	25	10	10	10	5
Provision of treatment	200	170	220	200	210
Remedial treatment	80	90	105	70	50
Skilled nursing care	~	~	0	0	0
Spectacles	15	10	15	10	10
Treatment allowance (inc. loss of earnings)	20	20	15	20	15

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

² Reviews of allowances which involve rates of pay are traditionally held in the first quarter of the year

³ Contains widow(er)s' child allowance and child allowance only reviews

⁴ Excludes NI and Eire

62. **Table 2.2** provides information on the outcomes of claims cleared during each of the last five financial years. Percentages are also provided for each claim outcome in **Figure 6**.
63. **Table 2.2** shows that in the financial year 2014-15, 74% (n=3,300) of first claims resulted in an ongoing war pension or gratuity and 48% (n=2,135) of second claims resulted in an increased entitlement or new award. Second claims include claims for further conditions or deterioration of an existing condition. They also include reviews made by DBS to assess whether the level of disablement has changed since the initial assessment was made. Awarded second claims are likely to reflect the increase in severity of some conditions with age. A small proportion (8% of second claims in 2014-15) resulted in a rejected claim or a reduced assessment.
64. The increased number of cleared claims seen in 2013-14 is mainly due to the increased number of new entrants seen in the same year. The increased number of new entrants is likely to be as a result of the Armed Forces redundancies (paragraph 40)
65. **Table 2.2** also shows that 51% (n=430) of war widow(er)s' claims resulted in an ongoing widow(er)s' pension.

Table 2.2: Claim outcomes by financial year, 2010-11 to 2014-15, numbers and percentages¹

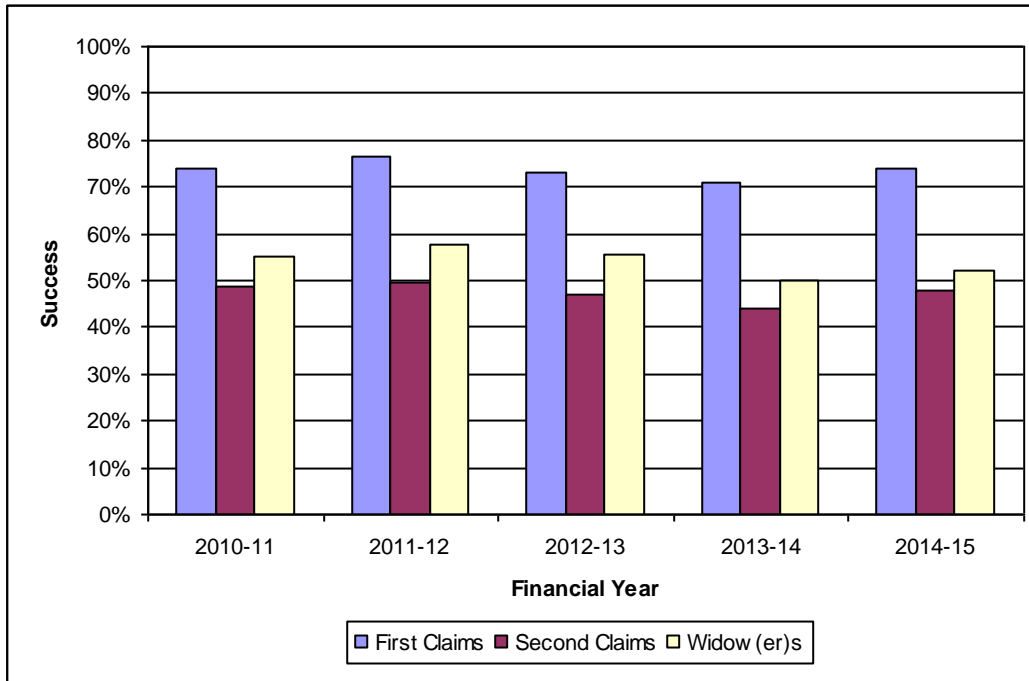
Claim Type	Financial Year:									
	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All First Claims - number of people	4,765 ^r		4,030 ^r		3,665 ^r		5,655 ^r		4,415	
All First Claims - number of claims	4,825		4,090		3,730		5,720		4,470	
Awarded 20–100%	1,130	23%	905	22%	890	24%	1,225	21%	1,070	24%
Awarded 1-19%	2,425	50%	2,225	54%	1,830	49%	2,875	50%	2,230	50%
Awarded 0%	730	15%	575	14%	705	19%	1,140	20%	790	18%
Rejections	535	11%	380	9%	305	8%	480	8%	380	9%
All Second/Subsequent Claims - number of people	5,510 ^r		4,600 ^r		3,865 ^r		6,135		4,385	
All Second/Subsequent Claims - number of claims	5,720		4,730		3,930		6,140		4,475	
Awarded 20–100%	30	<1%	35	<1%	40	<1%	45	1%	35	1%
Awarded 1-19%	50	<1%	30	<1%	25	<1%	30	1%	25	1%
Awarded 0%	35	<1%	15	<1%	35	<1%	55	1%	20	0%
Increased assessments	2,715	47%	2,275	48%	1,785	45%	2,635	43%	2,075	46%
Maintained assessments	2,550	45%	2,065	44%	1,800	46%	3,010	49%	1,950	44%
Reduced assessments	40	1%	40	1%	45	1%	80	1%	50	1%
Rejections	300	5%	260	6%	205	5%	285	5%	295	7%
All Widow(er)s Claims² - number of people	1,115 ^r		1,015		985 ^r		1,070		815	
All Widow(er)s Claims² - number of claims	1,120		1,015		990		1,070		815	
Awards	620	55%	585	57%	550	55%	535	50%	430	52%
Rejections	500	45%	430	43%	440	45%	540	50%	390	48%

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

² Includes restored Widows; Since 2005/06 figures do not include Widow(er)s' reviews

Figure 6: Successful first claims¹, second claims², and widow(er)s claims³ by financial year, 2010-11 to 2014-15, percentages



Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ Successful first claims are awarded 1% and above

² Successful second claims are increased assessments or awarded 1% and above

³ Successful widow(er)s claims are awards only

66. **Table 2.2a** provides the numbers of claims cleared during the last five quarters by claim type and outcome. This table shows that the largest category of claims cleared during Q4-2014/15 were first claims to pension. There were 1,035 claims cleared during this latest quarter, with 74% of these claims (n=765) resulting in an ongoing war pension or gratuity.

Table 2.2a: Claim outcomes by quarter, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers¹

Claim type		Claims cleared during:				
		Q4-2013/14	Q1-2014/15	Q2-2014/15	Q3-2014/15	Q4-2014/15
First claims - number of people		1,830	1,385	965	930	1,190
First claims - number of claims		1,830	1,385	965	930	1,190
Current Invaliding	All	195	160	125	115	155
	Awarded 20-100%	110	95	65	60	80
	Awarded 1-19%	50	40	35	35	45
	Awarded 0%	20	25	20	15	20
	Rejected	10	~	10	5	10
First Claim to Pension	All	1,640	1,225	840	810	1,035
	Awarded 20-100%	365	270	175	140	185
	Awarded 1-19%	815	620	430	445	580
	Awarded 0%	330	205	155	155	195
	Rejected	130	125	80	70	80
Second/Subsequent claims - number of people		1,495^r	1,235	885	965	1,360
Second/Subsequent claims - number of claims		1,500	1,250	890	970	1,360
Further Condition	All	770	655	435	530	790
	Awarded 20-100%	10	5	~	5	10
	Awarded 1-19%	5	5	5	5	~
	Awarded 0%	15	~	10	~	15
	Increased	380	335	225	290	400
	Maintained	295	220	140	175	275
	Reduced	15	10	10	10	5
	Rejected	50	75	45	40	80
Conditional List Review	All	40	40	30	30	35
	Awarded 20-100%	0	~	0	~	0
	Awarded 1-19%	0	0	0	0	0
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	0
	Increased	5	~	5	~	~
	Maintained	35	30	20	30	30
	Reduced	0	0	~	~	0
Rejected	0	~	~	0	0	
Deterioration Claim	All	655	520	405	380	500
	Awarded 20-100%	~	~	~	0	~
	Awarded 1-19%	~	~	0	~	~
	Awarded 0%	5	~	~	~	~
	Increased	290	270	180	145	200
	Maintained	340	235	210	225	290
	Reduced	5	0	~	~	~
	Rejected	10	10	5	~	~
Departmental Review	All	35	35	20	30	35
	Awarded 20-100%	~	~	0	~	0
	Awarded 1-19%	0	~	0	0	0
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	0
	Increased	~	~	0	~	~
	Maintained	20	20	10	15	20
	Reduced	~	~	~	0	5
	Rejected	5	10	5	5	10
Widow(er)s Claims² - number of people		260	205	210	170	235
Widow(er)s Claims² - number of claims		260	205	210	170	235
	Awards	135	110	100	90	130
	Rejections	125	95	110	80	105

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

² Figures include restored Widows; Figures do not include widow(er)s' reviews

67. **Table 2.3** provides the numbers of successful nil and gratuity awards during each of the last five financial years. A nil award (0% degree of disablement) will be given where the medical condition has been accepted as being due to Service but has not led to any degree of disablement. No payment is made for nil awards. A gratuity award is a single payment where war disablement has been accepted, but the disablement has been assessed at less than 20%. This table shows that during the last financial year 2014-15 a total of 3,095 nil and gratuity awards were made. The total number of nil and gratuity awards has decreased from 3,260 in 2010/11 to 3,095 in 2014/15, a 5% decrease.

Table 2.3: Successful gratuity & nil percentage awards cleared during financial year, 2010-11 to 2014-15, numbers¹

	Financial Year:				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All Nil and Gratuity Awards - number of people	3,190^r	2,805^r	2,550^r	4,060^r	3,045
All Nil and Gratuity Awards - number of claims	3,260	2,865	2,600	4,120	3,095
Nil awards	780	605	740	1,210	840
Gratuity awards					
1 - 5%	895	790	730	1,185	925
6 - 14%	1,340	1,250	1,120	1,720	1,330
15 - 19%	245	220	10	~	~

Source: War Pensions Computer System

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68. **Table 2.4** provides the numbers of claims for supplementary allowances that were cleared during the latest five quarters by allowance type and outcome. During Q4-2014/15 most cleared claims for supplementary allowances were for funeral expenses (n=280) and mobility supplement (n=205). For each of these allowance types respectively, 49% (n=135) and 65% (n=135) of claims had a successful outcome.

Table 2.4: First claims to supplementary allowances cleared during quarter, by allowance type and outcome, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers ^{1,2}

Allowance type		First awards made during:				
		Q4-2013/14	Q1-2014/15	Q2-2014/15	Q3-2014/15	Q4-2014/15
Supplementary allowance claims - number of people		770	645	690	595	800
Supplementary allowance claims - number of claims		840	710	750	675	885
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	All	85	90	90	95	95
	Awarded	50	60	50	60	55
	Rejected	35	30	40	35	40
Clothing allowance	All	20	30	25	30	50
	Awarded	5	15	10	15	20
	Rejected	10	15	15	15	30
Constant attendance allowance	All	55	45	35	40	80
	Awarded	30	20	15	25	45
	Rejected	25	25	15	15	35
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	All	~	~	~	5	10
	Awarded	~	~	~	5	10
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Severe disablement occupational allowance	All	~	~	0	~	0
	Awarded	~	~	0	~	0
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Mobility supplement	All	175	140	195	170	205
	Awarded	105	85	95	110	135
	Rejected	65	55	100	55	70
Unemployability supplement	All	55	55	60	50	55
	Awarded	40	40	40	40	35
	Rejected	15	10	20	15	20
Additional allowance spouse	All	20	15	15	15	15
	Awarded	10	10	5	~	5
	Rejected	5	5	10	10	10
Additional allowance dependant	All	~	0	0	~	~
	Awarded	0	0	0	~	~
	Rejected	~	0	0	0	0
Additional allowance child	All	25	15	10	15	15
	Awarded	20	15	10	15	15
	Rejected	~	~	0	~	0
Child allowance only	All	~	~	5	0	~
	Awarded	~	~	~	0	~
	Rejected	~	0	~	0	~
Widow(er)s child allowances	All	~	~	~	~	0
	Awarded	~	~	~	~	0
	Rejected	0	~	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	All	10	~	10	5	5
	Awarded	5	~	10	5	5
	Rejected	~	~	0	0	0
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	All	70	60	55	60	80
	Awarded	70	60	55	60	80
	Rejected	~	~	~	~	0
Funeral expenses	All	320	250	250	175	280
	Awarded	150	115	105	75	135
	Rejected	170	135	140	100	145

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter

² The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

69. There are certain allowances available under the WPS that are paid automatically to all individuals who are eligible. A claim form does not need to be submitted to receive these allowances. **Table 2.4a** provides the numbers of supplementary allowances that were automatically awarded under the scheme during the latest five quarters, by allowance type. Age allowances made up the majority of automatic allowances during Q4-2014/15 (n=345).

Table 2.4a: First claims to supplementary allowances automatically awarded during quarter, by allowance type¹, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers²

Allowance type	First awards made during:				
	Q4-2013/14	Q1-2014/15	Q2-2014/15	Q3-2014/15	Q4-2014/15
Supplementary allowance claims - number of people	340^P	335^P	330^P	290^P	345^P
Supplementary allowance claims - number of claims	340	335	330	290	345
Age – 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	0	5	10	~	0
Age – disablement	245	225	230	195	240
Age – Widow(er)s	85	100	90	85	95
Comforts allowance	5	0	0	~	~
Invalidity allowance	5	~	0	~	~

Source: War Pensions Computer System

¹ Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter

² The sum of the sub-totals may not sum to the totals due to rounding

^P provisional due to ongoing data quality assurance

70. If a claimant disagrees with the decision made by Veterans UK about their claim an appeal can be made to an independent tribunal, the Pensions Appeal Tribunal (PAT). This process is managed by the Ministry of Justice. Individuals have one year from the initial decision date to make an appeal. The tribunal may agree or disagree with the initial decision. Once the decision of the tribunal is received, any further appeal must be made within six weeks.

71. An individual can make an entitlement appeal if they disagree with the decision regarding their entitlement to a war pension (i.e the decision of whether an injury/illness was caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005). A PAT hearing on an Entitlement Appeal may:

- decide the condition was caused or made worse by service
- decide that a condition already accepted as made worse by service was caused by it
- confirm the decision that a condition was not caused or made worse by service
- confirm the decision that a condition was made worse by service, but was not caused by service

72. An individual can make an assessment appeal if they disagree with the decision made by medical advisors about the severity level of their injury/illness (the percentage disablement). A PAT hearing on an Assessment Appeal may decide:

- to keep the assessment as it is
- to increase the assessment
- to reduce the assessment
- to change the period of award

73. **Table 2.5** provides the numbers of appeals that were cleared by Veterans UK to the PAT during each of the last five quarters by type of appeal. Of the 525 appeals cleared to the PAT during Q4-2014/15 the majority (n=290) were assessment appeals.

Table 2.5: Appeals cleared to Pensions Appeal Tribunal for consideration during quarter, by appeal type, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers¹

Appeals cleared	Appeals cleared during:				
	Q4-2013/14	Q1-2014/15	Q2-2014/15	Q3-2014/15	Q4-2014/15
All Appeals Cleared - number of people	485	605	505	395	460
All Appeals Cleared - number of claims	550	695	585	465	525
Entitlement - Disablement	160	195	160	135	160
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	15	25	15	10	20
Assessment	310	400	345	260	290
Supplementary Allowances	45	60	50	45	40
Temporary Allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	20	20	10	20	15

Source: War Pensions Computer System

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74. **Table 2.6** and **Figure 7** provide information on the decisions made by the PAT for appeals cleared during the last five quarters.

75. **Table 2.6** and **Figure 7** show that the success of appeals has varied over the last five quarters. Between Q4-2013/14 and Q4-2014/15, the percentage of successful entitlement appeals (including WWs entitlement appeals) has ranged from a high of 31% in Q1-2014/15 to a low of 22% in Q4-2014/15. During the same period, the percentage of assessment appeals resulting in an increased award ranged from a high of 42% in Q4-2014/15 to a low of 34% in Q2-2014/15. The percentage of successful allowance appeals ranged from a high of 36% in Q4-2013/14 to a low of 18% in Q1-2014/15. Please note some of these results are based on small numbers of appeals.

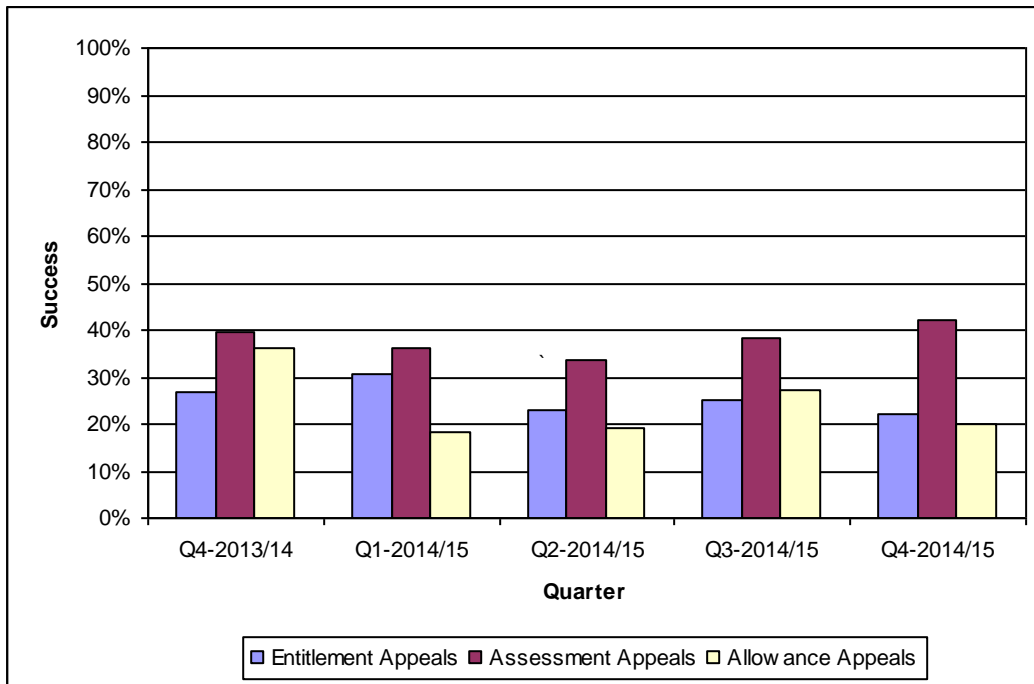
Table 2.6: Pensions Appeal Tribunal decisions during quarter by appeal type, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, numbers and percentages¹

	Decisions made during:									
	Q4-2013/14		Q1-2014/15		Q2-2014/15		Q3-2014/15		Q4-2014/15	
		%		%		%		%		%
Entitlement Appeals - number of people	105		125		105		95		105	
Entitlement Appeals - number of claims	105		125		105		95		105	
Disablement										
All	95		110		95		85		100	
Allowed	30	30%	35	32%	25	25%	25	29%	25	23%
Disallowed	65	70%	75	68%	70	75%	60	71%	75	77%
Widow(er)s										
All	10		15		10		10		5	
Allowed	0	0%	~	24%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Disallowed	10	100%	15	76%	10	100%	10	100%	5	100%
Overall										
Allowed	30	27%	40	31%	25	23%	25	25%	25	22%
Disallowed	75	73%	90	69%	80	77%	70	75%	80	78%
Assessment Appeals - number of people	145		210		200		180		195	
Assessment Appeals - number of claims	145		210		200		180		195	
Increased	60	39%	75	36%	65	34%	70	38%	80	42%
Upheld	85	59%	135	63%	130	65%	110	61%	110	57%
Reduced	~	<1%	~	<1%	~	1%	~	1%	~	<1%
Allowance Appeals - number of people	25		20		25		20		25	
Allowance Appeals - number of claims	25		20		25		20		25	
Allowed	10	36%	~	18%	5	19%	5	27%	5	20%
Disallowed	15	64%	20	82%	20	81%	15	73%	20	80%

Source: War Pensions Computer System

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Figure 7: Successful entitlement appeals, assessment appeals and allowance appeals by quarter, Q4-2013/14 to Q4-2014/15, percentages



Source: War Pensions Computer System

Annex A - definitions of supplementary allowances

Age Allowance - This may be paid to a war disablement pensioner (man or woman) who is aged 65 or over and whose disablement is assessed at 40% or more.

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO) - This may be paid if a pensioner's earning capacity is reduced because their pensioned disablement permanently prevents them following their regular occupation. To gain entitlement new claimants must be under age 65, with a service disablement of at least 40% when they make their claim. This allowance plus their basic War Disablement Pension cannot exceed the 100% disablement pension rate.

Clothing Allowance (CLOT) - This may be paid if the disablement causes exceptional wear and tear on clothing.

Comforts Allowance (COMF) - This may be paid to a severely disabled pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance or Unemployability Supplement or both. It is intended to help with the extra expenses associated with severe disablement.

Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA) - This may be paid to a pensioner who needs regular personal attention because of their pensioned disablement and that disablement is assessed at 80% or more. It is payable at one of four rates. The rate varies according to the level of attendance they need.

Elderly Widow(er)'s Age Allowance - A war widow(er) may receive an additional allowance at age 65 which is increased at age 70 and again at age 80.

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance (ESDA) - This may be paid to a pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, or would be receiving it if they were not in hospital.

Funeral Expenses (FE) - Funeral expenses may be paid if the pensioner died as a result of his service disablement, or died while having treatment for that disablement in hospital, or was entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance, or was at the time of his death 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement.

Invalidity Allowance (IVA) - This may be paid to a pensioner receiving Unemployability Supplement and under the age of 60. The rate varies according to the age at which unemployability began.

Modified Over Age Infirm Allowance (MOIA) - Compensation/Allowances (including that paid to children living in the Irish Republic or Overseas) due to infirmity are taken into account when calculating an award of OAIA and adjustments are made if necessary. (See OAIA below)

Modified Unemployability Supplement (MSUP) - The basic conditions of eligibility to UNSUPP for a pensioner living abroad (including the Irish Republic and the Channel Islands) are the same as for the UK, however, if they become eligible for Retirement Pension or other benefit payable out of the public funds of that country then UNSUPP may be adjusted with that benefit, or paid at a nominal rate to allow continued payment of comforts allowance.

Over Age Infirm Allowance (OAIA) - Over Age Infirm Allowance for children of deceased pensioners unable to support themselves dates back to the 1914 War. The allowance can be awarded or continued beyond the normal age limits on the grounds of infirmity if the ailment is of a nature which is likely to prevent the person from earning a living either permanently or for a prolonged period and infirmity commenced before age 16. The person is still referred to as a child even though they may be quite elderly.

Rent Allowance (RENT) - A war widow(er) with a child or children may be eligible for a rent allowance.

Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance (SDOA) - This may be paid to a pensioner who is entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, but who still normally has a gainful occupation.

Temporary Allowance for Widow(er)s (TAW) - This may be paid to a widow(er), irrespective of the cause of their spouse's death, if he/she were awarded Unemployability Supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance or both. The allowance is approximately equal to the disablement pension and allowances paid to their late spouse. It is paid for the first 26 weeks of widowhood.

Treatment Allowance (TA) - This is equivalent to a disablement pension paid at the 100% rate. It may be paid instead of a disablement pension to a pensioner who incurs a loss of earnings as a result of receiving treatment for their pensioned disablement.

Unemployability Supplement (UNSUPP) - This may be paid to a pensioner who is unemployable or virtually unemployable as a result of the war pensioned disablement. To gain entitlement, new claimants must be under age 65, with a pensioned disablement assessed at 60% or more when they make their claim. Additional allowances may be paid for a spouse and a child or children.

War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS) - This is intended to help with the mobility costs of a pensioner who is unable to walk, or virtually unable to walk. New claimants must have a service disablement of at least 40%. It is paid to double amputees and to those pensioners who need help getting about because they are both deaf and blind as a result of their pensioned disablement.

War widow(er)'s Special Allowance - This is a Supplementary Pension payable to "pre-1973 war widow(er)s" (the widow(er)s of Service personnel who died or left the services before 31st March 1973, and who did not benefit from the improvements made from that date to the MOD's Armed Forces Pension Scheme).