

Royal Warrant

The Gurkha Pension Scheme

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WHEREAS we deem it expedient to make provision for the grant of retired pay, pensions, gratuities and other non-effective benefits to Gurkha personnel of The Brigade of Gurkhas and to their dependants;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that, subject to the exceptions and special provisions set out in the Schedule attached hereto, such awards as aforesaid may be made at the rates and subject to the conditions which were on 1st January, 1948, applicable to Gurkha personnel of the Indian Army of equivalent rank;

AND OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the provisions of this Our Warrant shall be disregarded for the purposes of the Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Act, 1948*.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 19th day of December, 1949, in the 14th year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

E. SHINWELL

* The effect of this provision is that a soldier awarded a service pension by virtue of the present Warrant will not be liable to compulsory recall under the terms of the Act referred to

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POLICY

1. The policy governing Gurkha pension matters is formulated by Army Policy and Secretariat, the Scheme Managers. DBS, the Scheme Administrators, are responsible for the implementation and administration of the policy.

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2. The policy on Gurkha pensions is issued in accordance with the Pension Regulations for the Army (India) 1961 Part I and II (PRA(I)) as updated periodically by instructions issued by the Government of India.

3. Following the move of the serving Brigade to the Armed Forces Pension Scheme in 2007 the Gurkha Pension Scheme was closed to new entrants. The updated Indian Army regulations of 2009 apply to personnel who were in Indian Army service on 1st July, 2008 and do not apply to the Gurkha Pension Scheme.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AGC SPS	Adjutant General's Corps Staff and Personnel Support Branch
APC, PPPA	Army Personnel Centre, Pay Personnel and Pensions Administration
ARO	Area Retired Officer
BG Pokhara	British Gurkhas Pokhara
G Wing FG&IMRO	G Wing, Foot Guards and Infantry Manning and Record Office
ROIG	Record Office Instructions Gurkha
BGSI	Brigade of Gurkhas Standing Instruction
BG Kathmandu	British Gurkhas Kathmandu
BGN	British Gurkhas Nepal
DBS	Defence Business Services
DSPS(A)	Directorate Staff and Personnel Support (Army)
FDD	Final Discharge Date
FFR	Forces Fixed Rate of Exchange
GAR	General Accounting Rate of Exchange
GCO	Gurkha Commissioned Officer
GOR	Gurkha Other Rank
GWT	Gurkha Welfare Trust
HQBG	Headquarters Brigade of Gurkhas
HQ BGN	Headquarters British Gurkhas Nepal
QGO	Queen's Gurkha Officer
SSC(G)	Short Service Commission (Gurkha)