

Ref: FOI2021/06476

7 July 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 June 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*“Can you send me copies of the law and policies which relate to war disablement pension claims as not available on line”*

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm all information in scope of your request is held. However, the information you have requested falls entirely within the scope of an absolute exemption under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible by other means. As Section 21 is an absolute exemption, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making the decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may be interested to know that the legislation and policy statement are available at the following links, with the policy statement covering both the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pension Scheme (WPS) at section two:

[The Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. \(Disablement and Death\) Service Pensions Order 2006](#)

[Armed forces Compensation Scheme Statement of Policy \(JSP 765\)](#)

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,

Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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