



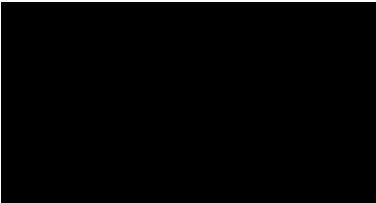
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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

- “1. The total number of recipients that receive payments that are “ongoing” under the War Pension Scheme, that is paid at any level of the scheme as long as the award is a continuing award, irrespective of their country of residence or frequency of payment?”*
- 2. The total number of recipients that receive payments that are “ongoing” under the War Pension Scheme, that is paid at any level of the scheme as long as the award is a continuing award, irrespective of the frequency of payment, who have their country of residence as being outside of the United Kingdom?”*
- 3. The total number of recipients that receive payments that are “ongoing” under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, that is paid at any level of the scheme as long as the award is a continuing award, irrespective of their country of residence or frequency of payment?”*
- 4. The total number of recipients that receive payments that are “ongoing” under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, that is paid at any level of the scheme as long as the award is a continuing award, irrespective of the frequency of payment, who have their country of residence as being outside of the United Kingdom?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the 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 (Information reasonably accessible by other means) of the FOIA. Section 21(1) has been applied, as the information is already in the public domain and therefore, reasonably accessible to you at the link below. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and

as such, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Statistics on the number of people in receipt of an occupational pension under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS), the number in receipt of ongoing pensions under the War Pensions Scheme (WPS) and the number awarded compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) are published on the Gov.UK website. Information in scope of your request can be found within Table 1 of the supplementary tables at the following link – <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients-2021>

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). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)