



**Ministry
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

"Please could you confirm the rate of annual AWE (Average weekly Earnings) index that has been applied to AFPS 2015 pension pots for the years from 2016 to 2023."

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 MOD and I can confirm all information in scope of your request is held and is shown below:

The Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS) applies an annual indexation (effective 1 April each year) on the value of in-year (1 April to 31 March) Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) Pot inputs. This means simply that money being added to the pension value in any one full scheme-year is then increased on 1 April. Members who discharge part-way through a scheme-year receive a partial indexation of their in-year CARE Pot inputs.

The revaluation orders made by HM Treasury and applied by AFPS are as follows:

Year	Indexation Percentage	Applied to
2016	2%	1 Apr 15 – 31 Mar 16 AFPS15 pot inputs
2017	2.6%	1 Apr 16 – 31 Mar 17 AFPS15 pot inputs
2018	3%	1 Apr 17 – 31 Mar 18 AFPS15 pot inputs
2019	2.8%	1 Apr 18 – 31 Mar 19 AFPS15 pot inputs
2020	4%	1 Apr 19 – 31 Mar 20 AFPS15 pot inputs
2021	2.4%	1 Apr 20 – 31 Mar 21 AFPS15 pot inputs
2022	4.1%	1 Apr 21 – 31 Mar 22 AFPS15 pot inputs
2023	7%	1 Apr 22 – 31 Mar 23 AFPS15 pot inputs

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,



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