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Date

Claim for an Ex-Gratia payment for Ex-Far East Prisoners of War, Merchant Seamen imprisoned by the Japanese or Civilian Internees

You may be eligible for the ex-gratia award if you are

- a surviving former member of HM Armed Forces who was held as a Japanese prisoner of war in the Far East during the Second World War,
- a surviving former service personnel who received payments under Article 16 of the 1951 Treaty of Peace with Japan under the auspices of the British Government. These were certain members of the then Colonial Forces,
- a surviving former member of the Colonial Forces who was held as a Japanese prisoner of war, was British at the time of internment and who can show they lived in the United Kingdom for at least twenty years between 1 January 1945 and 7 November 2000,
- a surviving former member of the Merchant Navy who was imprisoned by the Japanese in the Far East during the Second World War. For the purposes of this scheme, a member of the Merchant Navy is a person who has been employed, or engaged as, or for service as a mariner in a British ship,
- a surviving British civilian who was interned in a specially designated camp controlled by the Japanese in the Far East during the Second World War and who has a close link to the United Kingdom.

If you are a surviving widow or widower of a deceased person who would otherwise have been entitled under the categories above, you must complete a different claim form.

Please answer the questions in the reply part of this form then sign and date the Declaration on page 9. If you are unable to answer any of the questions please give as much information as you can. For the questions you have been unable to answer we may have to get in touch with you again or make other enquiries to enable us to process your claim. Return this form to us as soon as possible. A prepaid envelope is enclosed.

After we receive this form back we will keep you informed regarding the progress of your claim.

We may obtain your service records if you were in the Armed Forces.

How the Ministry of Defence collects and uses information

Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA), as part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) collects information for war pensions purposes. The information we collect about you will depend on the nature of your business with us. We may check information provided, or information about you which someone else has provided against other information we have. We do this, as allowed by law to:

- check the facts held;
- prevent or detect crime;
- protect public funds in other ways

The organisations we exchange information with include other government departments and local authorities.

We will not disclose information about you to anyone outside of SPVA unless the law allows us to.

The MoD is the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you want to know more about the information, please write to us quoting your National Insurance number.

Part 1 About you - If you do not tell us all your personal details, we may have to get in touch with you for more information. This will delay your claim.

Please tell us about yourself.

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| | Letters | Numbers | Letter |
| National Insurance (NI) number. (If you have one) | | | |

You can find the number on your National Insurance (NI) Number card, letters from Social Security, payslips, Retirement Pension payments or correspondence.

If you do not know your NI number have you ever had one or used one at any time?

No

Yes

Surname or Family name

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / Rev / Other

All other names in full

All other Surnames or Family names you have been known by or are using now. Include names used when you were in the Far East. Please include maiden name, all former married names and all changes of family name. Please list in date order, the most recent first.

Date of birth

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Address

Daytime phone number (include dialling code), home/work/mobile/fax - please delete as appropriate

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| Code | Number |
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Place of birth

Please send original birth certificate or other official documentation showing your place of birth.

Part 1 About you - continued

Please state your nationality at birth

Please state your nationality at internment

Part 2 About your service

Please tell us about your service in the Armed Forces, Colonial Forces or Volunteer Forces

Have you served in any of the above Forces or the Merchant Navy?

No

For civilians please go to **part 2A**

Yes

Please supply details regarding this below

Please state who you served with

Royal Navy

Royal Marines

Army

Royal Air Force

Mercantile
Marines

Colonial Forces

Volunteer Forces

Your rank on discharge

Your service number

Other names you used

Your regiment, corps or unit on enlistment or ship you were on when captured

Enlisted

Discharged

Dates of service

2A - Civilian internees

If you were a child when you were interned please give names and date of birth of any parents who were also captured.

If you have any contemporary evidence that confirms your internment please enclose it with this form.

If anyone else in your family was held as a civilian internee please tell us about them here

Part 3 About your claim

Please tell us about your claim here.

Please state the date you were captured, your home address at that time, the names of the camps and the countries you were held in, and how long you were held there

Date captured

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Your home address at that time

Camp 1

Country

The dates you were held there

Began

Ended

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Camp 2

Country

The dates you were held there

Began

Ended

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If you have been held in more camps please tell us about them.

Part 3 About your claim - continued

Have you received any other form of ex-gratia payment for being imprisoned or interned by the Japanese?

No

Yes

Please give us more details below

How much was the payment ?

£

Who made the payment?

On what date was the payment made?

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Residing in the United Kingdom

Have you lived in the United Kingdom for at least 20 years between 1 January 1945 and 7 November 2000

No

Yes

Please give more details below

Please list periods of residency and the address(s) you were living at. We may need to get in touch with you at a later date to provide evidence to support this.

Address 1 From To

Address 2 From To

Address 3 From To

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Part 5 For people signing this form for someone else

If a representative who acts as Power of Attorney or Appointee for you is signing this form they must enclose original documentary evidence to show that they are your legal representative. Even though you can fill this form for another adult, they must still sign it themselves unless one or more of these boxes apply. Tick **all** the boxes that apply.

I have power of attorney for them

We may get in touch with you about this. We will normally send all letters about this payment to you.

I am a receiver for them under a Court of Protection Order. Or in Scotland, a tutor, a curator, or guardian appointed in terms of law

The Department of Work and Pensions has already appointed me to get this person's benefits and to deal with their letters from the Department

They cannot manage their own affairs because of a mental illness or a mental disability

If the person does not know you are signing this form for them, tell us why not

Please tell us your personal details

National Insurance (NI) number (if known)

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Surname or Family name

Forenames (in full)

Title (Mr , Mrs, Ms, Miss or other - if other please specify)

Any other names used (including maiden name if appropriate)

Date of birth

Address where you live

Postcode

Declaration

I understand that

- the information I provide will be used to process my claim;
- the Ministry of Defence may obtain and check information about this claim from a number of different sources and I agree that those sources may both give and receive any information needed so that this claim can be dealt with.

I also understand that the Ministry of Defence will give me a list of those sources if I ask them to do so, and that the information which it gets may be used for other purposes, but will only be given to other people as permitted by law.

I agree that the Ministry of Defence may ask for any information which is needed to deal with this claim for ex-gratia payment and any request for this claim to be looked at again and that such information may be given to the Ministry.

I understand that the Ministry may use the information which it has now or may get in future to decide whether I am entitled to the payment I am claiming.

I understand that if I give information that I know is incorrect or incomplete, action may be taken against me.

I declare that during the Second World War I had British subject status and the information I have given on this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and complete.

Remember

You must sign this form yourself if you can - even if someone else has filled it in for you.

Signature

Date

Before returning this form please check the following

- have you signed the declaration above and checked this form carefully?
- have you filled in all the parts that apply to you?
- have you enclosed any other evidence that you feel will support your claim?

Part 6 For Official use only

Date claim received

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Status confirmed

Authorised:

Payment made