



**Rates of War
Pensions
and allowances
2008 - 2009**



About this leaflet

These rates start from the week beginning 7 April 2008. We use Army ranks to show the rates, but they are the same for equivalent ranks in the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

The War Pensions Scheme is run by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency. We have prepared this leaflet to give you general guidance, but it is not a complete statement of the law. If you want any advice about anything to do with war pensions call the Veterans Helpline (UK only) on 0800 169 22 77.

If you live overseas, phone + 44 1 253 866043.
If you have problems with your hearing and you have a Textphone, you can phone the Freeline (UK only) on 0800 169 34 58.

You can contact us by E-mail at:

veterans.help@spva.gsi.gov.uk

You can find us on the Internet at:

www.veterans-uk.info

We may monitor your phone calls to us to make sure we maintain our high standards of customer service, and to train our staff.

The Service Personnel and Veterans Agency does not deal with any other benefits. If you want general information about other benefits, you can contact your local Jobcentre Plus or social security office.

War Disablement Pension

Other ranks - (Payable on a Wednesday)

Assessment	weekly rate
100%	£145.10
90%	£130.59
80%	£116.08
70%	£101.57
60%	£87.06
50%	£72.55
40%	£58.04
30%	£43.53
20%	£29.02

Officers - (Payday is variable)

Assessment	yearly rate
100%	£7571
90%	£6814
80%	£6057
70%	£5300
60%	£4543
50%	£3786
40%	£3028
30%	£2271
20%	£1514

Gratuities

All ranks

Assessment (less than 20%)

Temporary - less than a year

1-5%	£381
6-14%	£856
15-19%	£1499

Temporary - more than a year

1-5%	£770
6-14%	£1707
15-19%	£2989

Indeterminate

1-5%	£2308
6-14%	£5130
15-19%	£8974

Gratuities for specified minor injuries

All ranks

Fingers

Index finger

For the loss of

More than two
phalanges, including
loss of whole finger £6902

More than one
phalanx, but not
more than two
phalanges £5523

One phalanx or
part of one £4601

Guillotine amputation
of tip without loss of
bone £2754

Middle finger

For the loss of

More than two
phalanges, including
loss of whole finger £5978

More than one
phalanx, but not
more than two
phalanges £4601

➤ **Gratuities for specified minor injuries**

One phalanx or
part of one £3678

Guillotine amputation
of tip without loss of
bone £2300

Ring or little finger

For the loss of
More than two
phalanges, including
loss of whole finger £3678

More than one
phalanx, but not
more than two
phalanges £3224

One phalanx or
part of one £2754

Guillotine amputation
of tip without loss of
bone £1378

Toes

In this table, a toe may be lost **through the joint** (the metatarso-phalangeal joint), or only **part of the toe** may be lost but with some loss of bone.

All ranks

Great toe

Through the joint	£6902
Part of the toe	£1833

One other toe

Through the joint	£1833
Part of the toe	£924

Two toes, excluding great toe

Through the joint	£2754
Part of the toe	£1378

Three toes, excluding great toe

Through the joint	£3224
Part of the toe	£1833

Four toes, excluding great toe

Through the joint	£4601
Part of the toe	£1833

Allowances and supplements for disablement pensioners

Unemployability Supplement

The allowance for an adult dependant, spouse or civil partner may be affected if they earn more than £3206 a year. This is in line with the earnings limit for Incapacity Benefit (long term) or Retirement pension.

If they are not working at present but begin work or start to receive any benefits or income in their own right you must let us know immediately.

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
Personal allowance.....	£4681.....	£89.70
Adult dependant, spouse or civil partner.....	£2638.....	£50.55
First child.....	£613.....	£11.75
Other children.....	£720.....	£13.80

Invalidity Allowance. These are the maximum amounts you can get if your unemployability started before you were aged:

	yearly	weekly
40.....	£926.....	£17.75
50.....	£595.....	£11.40
60.....	£297.....	£5.70

War Pensions Constant Attendance Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
Half day rate	£1430	£27.40
Full day rate	£2859	£54.80
Intermediate rate	£4289	£82.20
Exceptional rate	£5719	£109.60

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
Maximum payable	£2855	£54.72

Comforts Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
Higher rate	£1226	£23.50
Lower rate	£613	£11.75

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance

Officers	Other ranks
yearly	weekly
£2859	£54.80

Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
	£1430	£27.40

Clothing Allowance

**All ranks
yearly**

Maximum rate £187.00

Age Allowance

	Officers	Other ranks
Disablement	yearly	weekly
40 or 50%	£509	£9.75
60 or 70%	£777	£14.90
80 or 90%	£1109	£21.25
100%	£1555	£29.80

Mobility Supplement

	Officers	Other ranks
	yearly	weekly
	£2726	£52.25

War Widow(er)'s Pension - Other Ranks

	weekly rate
Standard rate	£110.05
Lower rate	£26.36

War Widow(er)'s Pension - Officer

Widow(er) of First or Second Lieutenant (Army)

	yearly rate
Standard rate	£5808
Lower rate	£1594

Widow(er) of Captain (Army)

	yearly rate
Standard rate	£5831
Lower rate	£1812

Widow(er) of Major (Army)

	yearly rate
Standard rate	£5854
Lower rate	£2033

Widow(er) of Lieutenant-Colonel (Army)

	yearly rate
Amount of pension per year	£5909

Widow(er) of Colonel (Army)

	yearly rate
Amount of pension per year	£5943

Widow(er) of Brigadier (Army)

	yearly rate
Amount of pension per year	£6065

Widow(er) of Major-General (Army)

	yearly rate
Amount of pension per year	£6182

Officers Widow(er)s in receipt of an Attributable Forces Family Pension

	yearly rate
Widow(er) over 40 or under 40 with children	
Higher Rate.....	£5742.41
Widow(er) under 40 with no children	
Lower Rate.....	£1375.46
1st Eligible Child.....	£902.71
2nd and subsequent children.....	£1009.68

Additions to Widow(er)'s Pension

Age Allowance

	Widow(er)s of officers	Widow(er)s of other ranks
Payable at age	yearly	weekly
65	£655.....	£12.55
70	£1258.....	£24.10
80	£1865.....	£35.75

Children's Allowance

	Widow(er)s of officers	Widow(er)s of other ranks
	yearly	weekly
First child.....	£903.....	£17.30
Other children.....	£1010.....	£19.35

Rent Allowance

Maximum weekly rate (other ranks).....	£41.50
Maximum annual rate (officers).....	£2165

Supplementary Pension

(Payable to the widow(er)s of service personnel whose service ended before 31 March 1973)

Widow(er)s of officers	Widow(er)s of other ranks
yearly	weekly
£3842.54	£73.64

Pensions for other dependants

Dependants	Officers yearly	Other ranks weekly
Unmarried dependants who lived as spouses or civil partners (maximum)	£5620.....	£107.70

Orphans

First child	£1028	£19.70
Other children	£1127	£21.60
Adult infirm orphan (maximum)	£4409	£84.50

