

Factsheet 6. Unemployability Supplement **War Pensions Scheme only.**

To qualify for Unemployability Supplement:

- A war pension at 60% rate or higher must be in payment for a condition or conditions that are so serious the war pensioner cannot work
- The person claiming must be under 65 years of age at the date of claim

Unemployability Supplement and any extra allowances paid with it are not liable to Income Tax.

Extra allowances may be payable for:

- a wife/husband dependant on how much they earn or what other benefits they receive
- children – allowances may be paid in addition to any Child benefit received

Invalidity Allowance may be paid in addition to Unemployability Supplement provided the first claim to Unemployability Supplement has been made before the claimant has reached the age of 60.

Unemployability Supplement attracts an automatic entitlement to Comforts Allowance at the lower rate.

Basic Retirement Pension and Unemployability Supplement cannot be paid together. When they reach age 65 War Pensioners in receipt of Unemployability Supplement have to decide whether to receive Retirement Pension or continue receiving Unemployability Supplement.

Incapacity Benefit and Unemployability Supplement cannot be paid together.

Employment and Support Allowance and Unemployability Supplement cannot be paid together.

Unemployability Supplement and Allowance for Lowered Occupation cannot be paid together.

Service Personnel and Veterans Agency must be informed if a war pensioner in receipt of Unemployability Supplement commences any work.

**For further information please contact Service Personnel and Veterans Agency:
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