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INTRODUCTION

This Statistical Notice provides summary statistics on recipients of War Pensions and new claims, awards and appeals made under the War Pension Scheme (WPS).

Pensions, allowances or other payments may be awarded under the WPS to eligible claimants where disablement or death occurs as a result of Service in HM Forces, prior to 6 April 2005.

Figures presented in this Statistical Notice are calculated from data stored on the Service Personnel and Veterans' Agency's War Pensions Computer System.

The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death caused by Service on or after that date. Summary statistics for the AFCS can be found in a separate quarterly report at www.dasa.mod.uk under 'All Other Publications' and 'Health/Medical Statistics'.

Due to cuts in staff resources and declining numbers under the War Pension Scheme, at the time of the last release of these statistics on 11 March 2010 DASA proposed a change in the frequency of the War Pensions Quarterly Statistics, from quarterly reports to bi-annual reports. The consultation period for this change ended in May and no comments were received.

From this point on publications will be released on a bi-annual basis reporting on mid-financial year end data (30 September) in December and end of financial year data (31 March) in June.

KEY POINTS

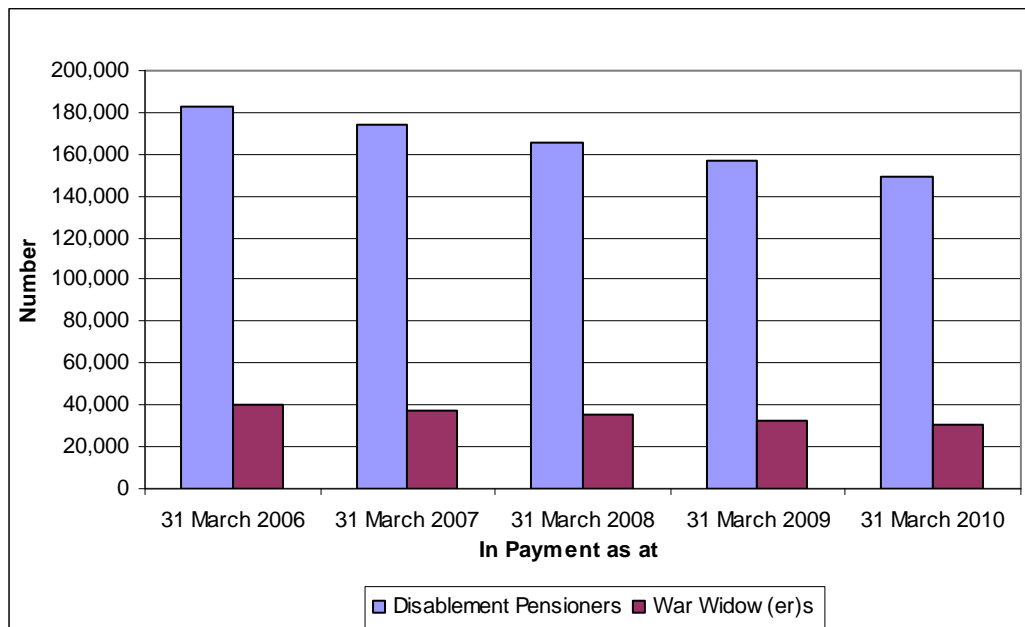
As at 31 March 2010:

- 148,945 War Disablement Pensioners (DPs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 8,180 since 31 March 2009.
- 30,655 War Widow(er)s (WWs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 2,135 since 31 March 2009.
- Over half of DPs (56%) and around five-sixths of WWs (86%) were aged 70 and over.

- Approximately five out of six (85%) DPs received pensions at the 50% rate or below. The largest group was those at the 20% rate (39% of DPs). Less than 4% received the 100% disablement rate.
- The average weekly amount received by DPs, including pension and supplementary allowances was £74.38. The average weekly amount received by a DP at the 100% disablement rate was £320.46.
- The average weekly amount received by WWs was £215.54. The average weekly WWs pension was £114.59, with the remainder comprising supplementary allowances.

MAIN FINDINGS

Figure 1: War Pensions in payment, 31 March 2006 to 31 March 2010, numbers

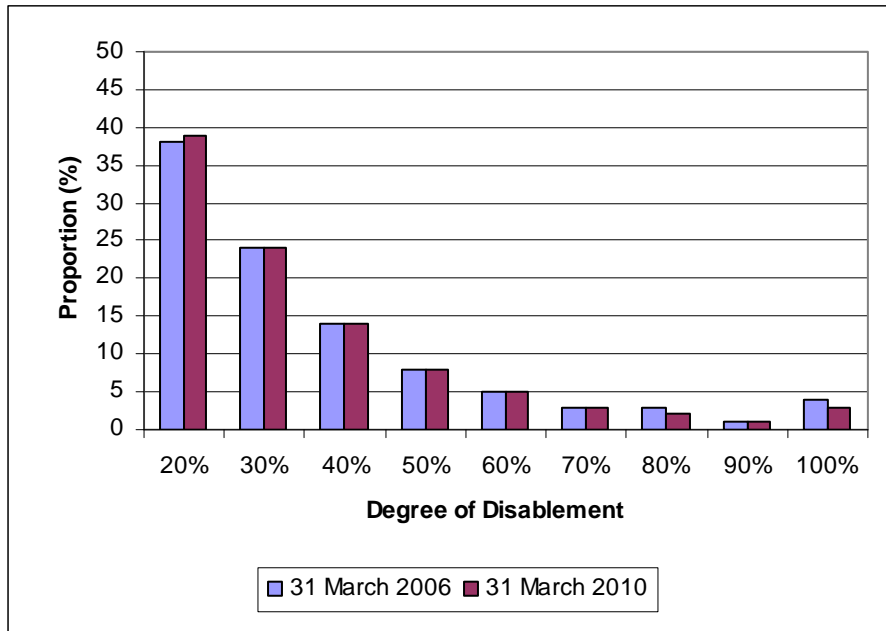


Source Data: Tables 1.1 and 1.2

Figure 1 shows that the number of Disablement Pensioners (DPs) receiving a payment has fallen each year over the past four years, from 182,800 as at 31 March 2006, to 148,945 as at 31 March 2010. Over the same period the number of War Widow(er)s (WWs) fell from 40,125 to 30,655.

This decline is primarily due to the fact that the number of individuals leaving the scheme each year is considerably higher than the number of individuals joining the scheme. The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly, the age profile of current recipients; 56% of DPs and 86% of WWs were aged 70 or over as at 31 March 2010 (see Table 1.6 for age group breakdown). Secondly, compensation claims for injury, illness, or death caused by Service on or after the 6 April 2005 are now processed under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). As such, the number of claimants joining the WPS is expected to reduce further.

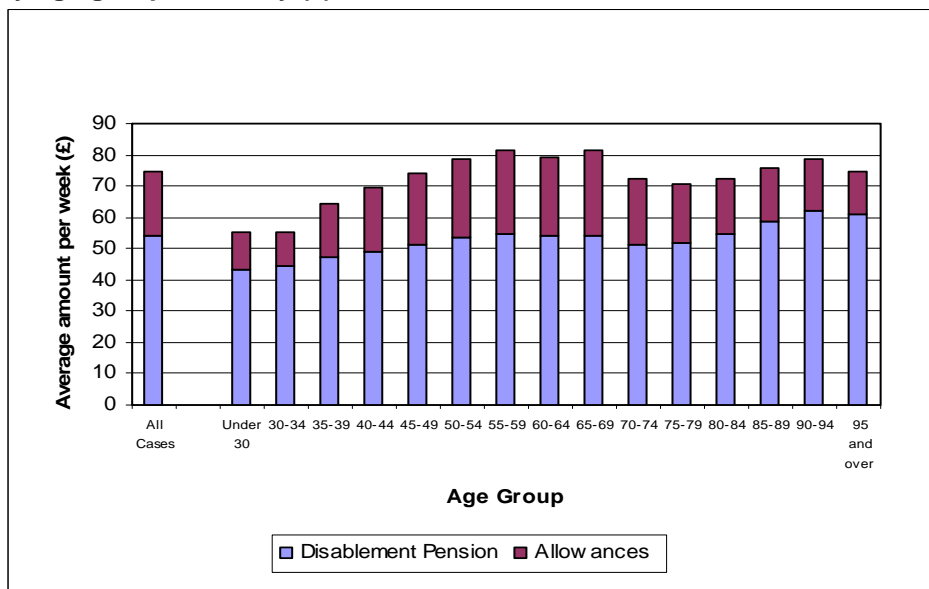
Figure 2: Disablement pensioners at each degree of disablement as at 31 March 2006 and 31 March 2010, percentages



Source Data: Table 1.6

Figure 2 shows that the proportion of DPs at each degree of disablement has remained relatively constant since March 2006, with over 35% receiving pensions for a 20% degree of disablement. As at 31 March 2010, approximately five out of six (85%) DPs received a pension at the 50% degree of disablement or below. Fewer than 4% received a 100% degree of disablement pension.

Figure 3: Disablement pensioners' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2010, by age group, currency (£)

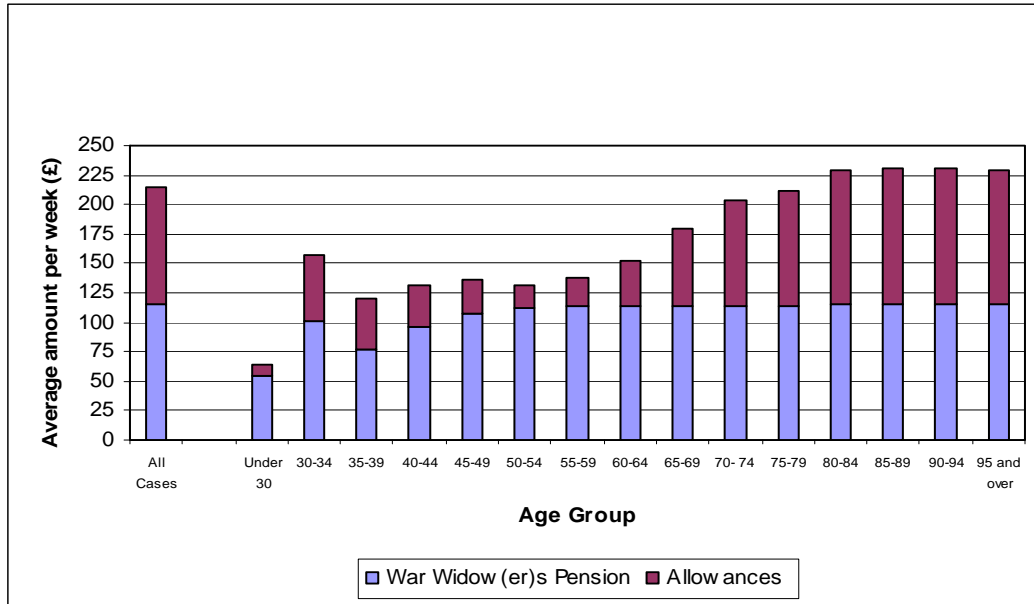


Source Data: Table 1.7

The average weekly amount received by DPs as at 31 March 2010 was £74.38 (**Figure 3**). Of this, £54.07 was from their disablement pension, whilst £20.31 came from supplementary allowances. The average weekly amount received by a DP at the 100% disablement rate was £320.46.

As at 31 March 2010, DPs aged 90-94 received the highest weekly pension of £62.00, whilst DPs aged 65-69 received the highest weekly supplementary allowance of £27.28. Disablement pensions increased with each age group and then leveled off between the age groups 50-54 and 65-69 with an average weekly pension of £54.10. At age group 70-74 there was a drop in weekly pensions before they began to increase again at 80-84. Similarly, supplementary allowances increased with each age group until the age group 55-59, they then began to decrease at age group 70-74 onwards.

Figure 4: War Widow(er)s' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2010 by age group, currency (£)



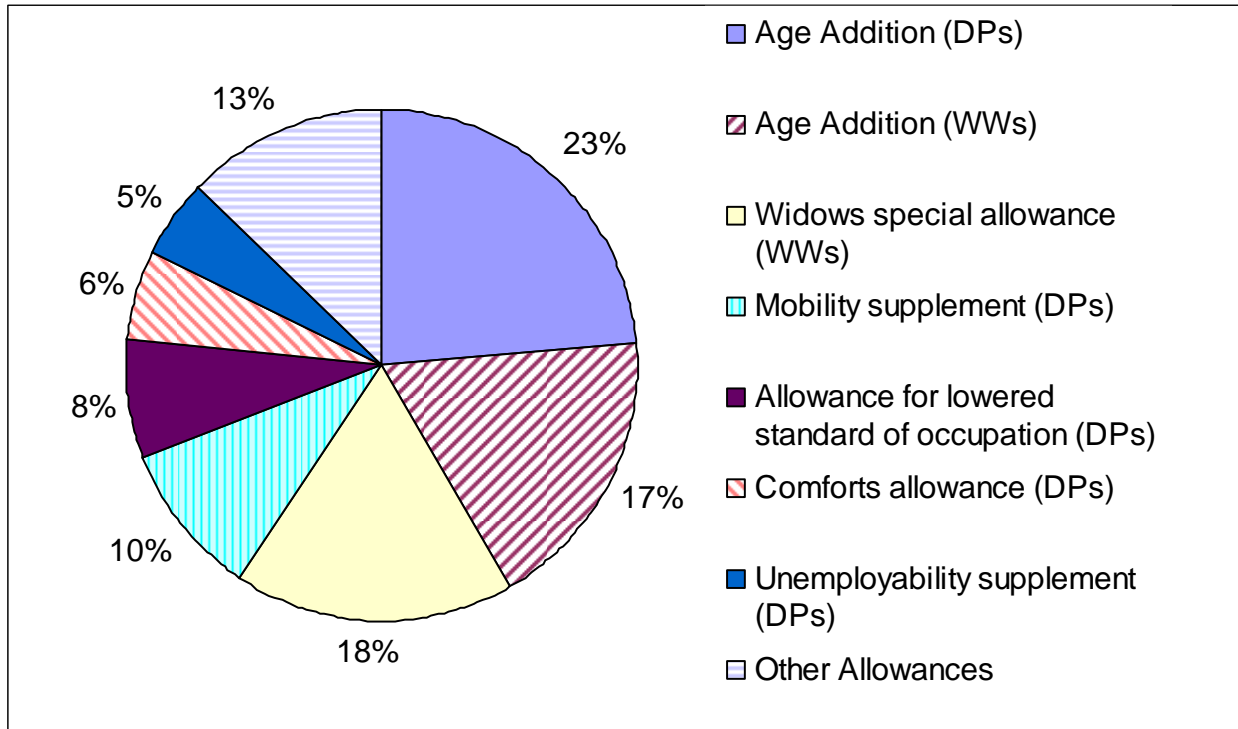
Source Data: Table 1.7

The average weekly amount received by WWs as at 31 March 2010 was £215.54 (**Figure 4**). Of this, £114.59 was from their pension, whilst £100.95 came from supplementary allowances.

As at 31 March 2010 WWs aged 95 and over received the highest average weekly pension amount (£115.83), and WWs aged 85-89 received the highest average weekly supplementary allowances amount (£114.65).

With the exception of higher payments to WWs aged 30-34, WWs pensions increased with each age group and leveled off at age group 50-54 to 95 and over, with an average weekly pension of £114.32. From the age group 30-34, WW average weekly supplementary allowances decrease up until the age group 50-54, before they increase at age group 55-59 onwards.

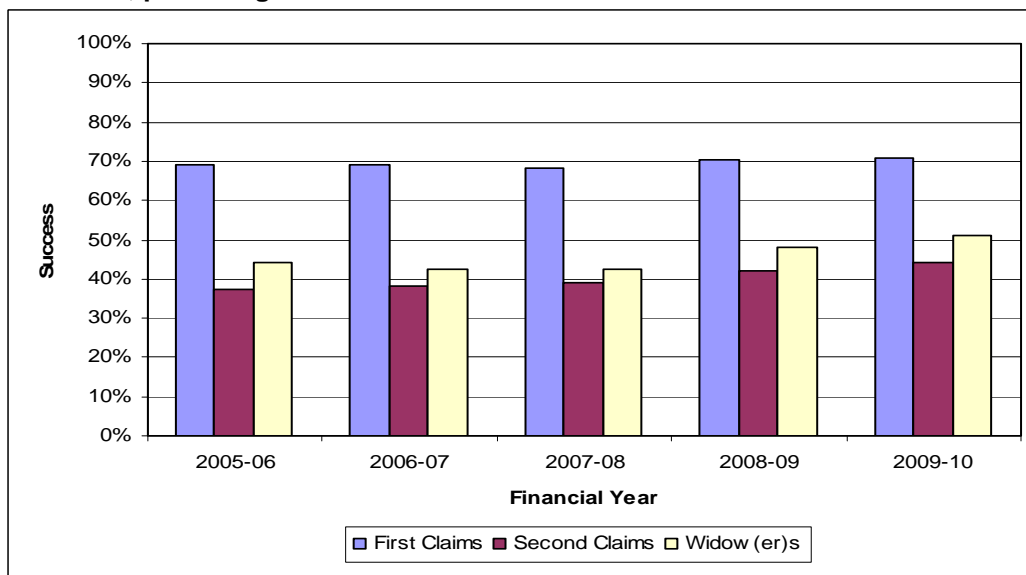
Figure 5: All supplementary allowances in payment as at 31 March 2010, percentages



Source Data: Table 1.8

Figure 5 shows that the most common supplementary allowances in payment as at 31 March 2010 were DPs and WWs Age Additions, accounting for 40% of all allowances in payment. The next most common allowance was Widow(er)s' Special Allowance, accounting for 18% of all allowances in payment. This is a supplementary pension payable to Widow(er)s of Service personnel who died or left the Services before 31 March 1973, as they would not benefit from the improvements made to the MOD's Armed Forces Pension Scheme after that date.

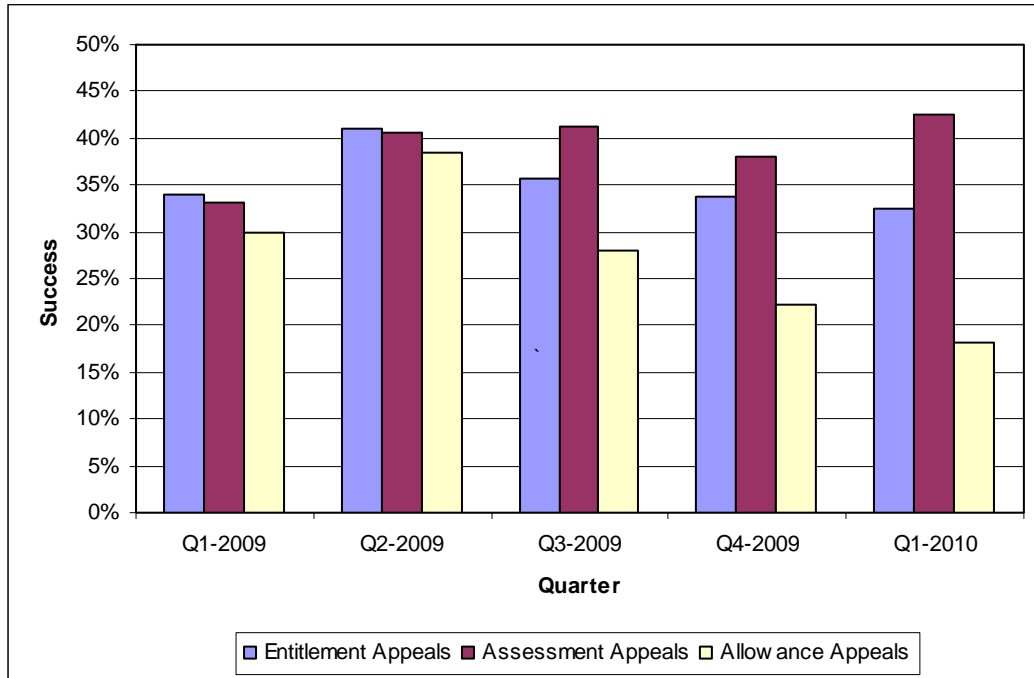
Figure 6: Successful first claims, second claims, and widow(er)s claims by financial year, 2005-06 to 2009-10, percentages



Source Data: Table 2.2

Figure 6 shows that in the financial year 2009-10, over 70% of first claims resulted in an ongoing war pension or gratuity, 45% of second claims resulted in an increased entitlement or new award, and 51% of war widow(er)s' claims resulted in an ongoing widow(er)s' pension.

Figure 7: Successful entitlement appeals, assessment appeals and allowance appeals by quarter, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, percentages



Source Data: Table 2.6

Figure 7 shows that the success of appeals have varied over the last five quarters. During Q1-2010, 32% of entitlement appeals (including WWs entitlement appeals) were successful, 42% of assessment appeals resulted in an increased award and 18% of allowance appeals were successful, compared to 34%, 38%, and 22%, respectively, in Q4-2009.

CONVENTIONS

In line with DASA's Rounding Policy to maintain anonymity of claimants, all figures have been rounded to the nearest five (totals may not add due to rounding). Percentages have been rounded to the nearest 1%.

~	Negligible (fewer than 5)
r	Revised
	Break in series
Q1	1 January to 31 March
Q2	1 April to 30 June
Q3	1 July to 30 September
Q4	1 October to 31 December

Section 1: Recipients of War Pensions

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Table 1.1: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, principal scheme and quarter, 31 March 2009 to 31 March 2010, numbers

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-09	30-Jun-09	30-Sep-09	31-Dec-09	31-Mar-10
ALL IN PAYMENT	190,745	188,295	186,115	183,670	180,400
Disablement Pensioners	157,125	155,185	153,500	151,535	148,945
in receipt of an ongoing war pension					
1914 war	0	0	0	0	0
Inter-war	40	40	35	35	30
1939 war onwards	154,240	152,375	150,760	148,890	146,405
Civilian	1,550	1,510	1,480	1,435	1,390
Polish	595	575	560	540	510
Mercantile marine	700	685	660	635	605
Not known	~	~	0	~	~
War Widow(er)s	32,790	32,290	31,810	31,340	30,655
War widows pension	32,715	32,215	31,735	31,265	30,580
War widowers pension	70	75	75	75	75
Other Pensioners	830	820	805	795	795
Disablement pensioners (ALSO allowance only)	400	395	395	390	390
War orphans pension	30	30	30	25	25
War parents pension	25	20	20	20	20
Adult dependant pension	10	10	10	10	10
Unmarried dependant pension	~	~	~	~	~
Child allowance only	370	365	350	345	350

Table 1.2: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, gender and financial year end, 31 March 2006 to 31 March 2010, numbers

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-06	31-Mar-07	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10
ALL IN PAYMENT	223,850	212,535	201,265	190,745	180,400
Men	175,660	166,910	158,455	150,655	142,770
Women	48,190	45,625	42,810	40,090	37,630
Disablement Pensioners	182,800	173,850	165,165	157,125	148,945
Men	174,955	166,225	157,780	150,005	142,135
Women	7,845	7,625	7,385	7,120	6,810
War Widow(er)s	40,125	37,795	35,235	32,790	30,655
Men	60	65	70	70	75
Women	40,065	37,730	35,165	32,715	30,580
Other Pensioners	925	890	865	830	795
Men	645	615	605	580	555
Women	280	270	260	255	240

Table 1.3: War Pensions flows by type of pension and financial year, 2004-05 to 2009-10, numbers⁽¹⁾

	Financial Year:				
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2009-10
ALL IN PAYMENT	235,300 	223,850	212,535	201,265	180,400
Total intake in financial year	4,215	3,775	3,295	2,940	2,795
Total outflow in financial year	16,500	15,165	14,610	14,205	13,140
Disablement Pensioners	191,750 	182,800	173,850	165,165	148,945
Intake during financial year	2,955	2,700	2,380	2,170	2,070
Outflow during financial year	12,750	11,670	11,345	10,835	10,250
War Widow(er)s	42,580 	40,125	37,795	35,235	30,655
Intake during financial year	1,210	1,000	895	755	715
Outflow during financial year	3,665	3,460	3,225	3,315	2,845
Other Pensioners	970 	925	890	865	795
Intake during financial year	50	75	20	15	10
Outflow during financial year	85	35	40	55	45

Note: (1) The discontinuity between the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 is due to improvements in data processing.

Table 1.4: Disablement Pensions in payment by degree of disablement as at 31 March 2010, numbers

Degree of disablement (Percentage)								
Men and Women	TOTAL	1914 War	Inter War	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not Known
ALL	148,945	0	30	146,405	1,390	510	605	~
20	58,700	0	5	58,070	310	135	180	0
30	35,675	0	10	35,065	310	125	160	0
40	20,865	0	5	20,430	240	85	100	~
50	11,490	0	~	11,260	135	45	50	0
60	7,255	0	0	7,115	80	25	30	~
70	4,385	0	~	4,260	70	25	25	0
80	3,570	0	~	3,480	50	20	15	0
90	1,205	0	~	1,155	25	5	10	0
100	4,895	0	~	4,685	150	30	20	0
Not Known ⁽¹⁾	910	0	0	880	15	10	5	0

Men

ALL	142,135	0	30	140,465	545	495	605	~
20	56,145	0	5	55,720	110	125	180	0
30	34,130	0	10	33,720	115	120	160	0
40	19,890	0	5	19,590	105	85	100	~
50	10,990	0	~	10,845	45	45	50	0
60	6,920	0	0	6,835	30	25	30	~
70	4,155	0	~	4,075	30	25	25	0
80	3,380	0	~	3,315	25	20	15	0
90	1,150	0	~	1,120	10	5	10	0
100	4,605	0	~	4,485	70	30	20	0
Not Known ⁽¹⁾	775	0	0	760	~	10	5	0

Women

ALL	6,810	0	0	5,945	850	20	0	0
20	2,555	0	0	2,350	200	10	0	0
30	1,545	0	0	1,345	200	~	0	0
40	975	0	0	840	135	~	0	0
50	500	0	0	415	85	0	0	0
60	330	0	0	280	50	~	0	0
70	230	0	0	185	40	~	0	0
80	190	0	0	160	30	0	0	0
90	55	0	0	40	20	0	0	0
100	285	0	0	205	80	~	0	0
Not Known ⁽¹⁾	140	0	0	125	15	~	0	0

Note: (1) 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases

Table 1.5: Pensioners by type of pension, principal scheme (DPs) and Government Office Region (GOR) as at 31 March 2010, numbers

GOR	Disablement Pensioners										
	All Pensioners	All DPs	1914 War	Inter-war	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not known	War Widow(er)s	Other Pensioners ⁽²⁾
ALL	180,400	148,945	0	30	146,405	1,390	510	605	~	30,655	795
North East	11,680	10,375	0	0	10,250	50	10	65	0	1,245	60
North West	20,200	17,060	0	~	16,680	200	45	130	0	3,055	85
Yorkshire and the Humber	13,095	10,785	0	~	10,680	45	30	25	~	2,230	80
East Midlands	11,410	9,485	0	~	9,390	45	35	10	0	1,875	45
West Midlands	10,585	8,545	0	0	8,435	65	35	10	~	1,995	45
East of England	12,585	9,880	0	~	9,700	140	20	15	0	2,670	35
London	6,695	4,960	0	~	4,690	195	60	10	0	1,705	25
South East	23,610	18,620	0	10	18,265	270	30	50	0	4,900	95
South West	23,450	19,435	0	~	19,200	170	35	30	0	3,905	105
Wales	10,190	8,565	0	~	8,465	45	15	40	0	1,575	50
Scotland	17,430	14,980	0	0	14,810	60	30	80	0	2,380	75
N. Ireland	4,445	3,740	0	0	3,730	10	0	5	0	675	25
Other UK ⁽¹⁾	535	435	0	0	430	~	0	~	0	95	~
UK Unknown	800	595	0	0	575	10	~	~	0	205	~
Overseas	13,485	11,285	0	~	10,910	80	160	130	0	2,135	65
Not Known	210	195	0	0	195	~	~	0	0	15	~

Note: (1) 'Other UK' includes Isle of Man and Channel Islands

(2) 'Other Pensioners' includes War Orphans, War Parents, Adult Dependants, Unmarried Dependants, Juvenile Dependants, Child Allowance Only and Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation Only Pensioners.

Table 1.6: War Pensions in payment by pension type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2010, numbers

AGE GROUP	All Pensioners	Disablement Pensioners											War Widow(er)s	Other Pensioners ⁽²⁾
		All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	Not Known ⁽¹⁾		
ALL	180,400	148,945	58,700	35,675	20,865	11,490	7,255	4,385	3,570	1,205	4,895	910	30,655	795
Under 30	1,130	1,005	520	245	80	40	30	10	5	~	15	45	15	110
30 to 34	1,930	1,880	965	415	225	85	60	25	25	~	20	55	40	10
35 to 39	5,770	5,590	2,565	1,370	740	355	205	110	65	15	95	75	120	55
40 to 44	8,350	8,065	3,520	1,950	1,125	540	345	180	130	20	170	80	235	55
45 to 49	10,070	9,685	4,060	2,345	1,285	720	440	240	175	60	275	80	325	60
50 to 54	10,045	9,475	3,725	2,280	1,390	735	475	255	190	60	315	45	500	75
55 to 59	9,040	8,360	3,165	2,015	1,240	665	455	260	205	45	270	40	600	80
60 to 64	11,910	10,825	4,345	2,555	1,465	820	540	345	270	95	360	45	990	95
65 to 69	12,420	10,885	4,510	2,395	1,470	875	535	325	270	85	370	50	1,440	95
70 to 74	18,725	16,445	7,285	3,970	2,055	1,080	665	405	355	110	465	65	2,210	70
75 to 79	19,710	16,400	6,990	4,115	2,130	1,130	630	415	360	115	455	60	3,275	40
80 to 84	21,665	16,245	6,235	3,930	2,330	1,320	810	500	395	135	530	60	5,400	20
85 to 89	32,315	23,565	7,660	5,705	3,685	2,110	1,380	870	730	305	1,000	125	8,735	15
90 to 94	14,615	9,325	2,795	2,125	1,450	910	605	395	350	135	495	65	5,270	15
95 +	2,705	1,195	365	265	190	105	70	50	45	20	55	25	1,505	5

Note: (1) 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases

(2) 'Other Pensioners' includes War Orphans, War Parents, Adult Dependants, Unmarried Dependants, Juvenile Dependants, Child Allowance Only and Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation Only Pensioners.

Table 1.7: Average weekly amounts of pension entitlement by type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2010, currency (£)

(All figures are in £s)

AGE GROUP	Disablement Pension										War Widow(er)s
	All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	
PENSION & ALLOWANCES											
All Cases	74.38	31.55	48.91	83.49	108.25	144.77	170.38	216.74	238.73	320.46	215.54
Under 30	55.28	30.46	45.42	80.59	101.22	153.52	172.89	248.01	135.81	384.49	64.08
30 to 34	55.50	30.49	45.26	80.01	108.79	154.72	171.08	190.94	120.03	322.44	156.64
35 to 39	64.12	31.07	46.70	87.67	111.85	154.77	201.17	245.24	299.07	332.71	119.83
40 to 44	69.70	31.51	48.51	86.96	113.31	163.52	195.82	249.21	290.09	358.06	132.03
45 to 49	73.83	31.81	49.06	85.34	117.73	160.90	189.56	241.94	274.68	340.54	135.56
50 to 54	78.80	32.53	50.42	87.12	119.24	163.99	193.98	249.80	269.21	336.75	131.63
55 to 59	81.19	32.56	51.71	86.80	121.20	162.12	197.79	245.59	258.06	345.50	137.51
60 to 64	78.99	32.19	50.52	84.77	114.68	162.38	186.91	237.83	278.37	343.73	151.97
65 to 69	81.44	31.98	50.89	90.71	120.57	166.56	192.97	259.81	283.74	356.06	179.13
70 to 74	72.06	31.55	49.80	88.08	111.32	152.04	189.68	236.54	256.32	350.87	204.28
75 to 79	70.45	31.42	49.37	85.55	108.97	147.57	170.70	224.28	250.37	328.02	211.83
80 to 84	72.08	31.11	47.98	80.65	102.89	131.07	153.43	203.68	228.30	313.30	228.39
85 to 89	75.52	30.96	47.22	76.83	95.68	121.60	142.27	182.04	209.42	290.35	230.06
90 to 94	78.63	31.05	47.14	75.94	94.63	118.10	140.07	170.46	194.97	266.36	230.09
95 +	74.81	31.05	46.53	74.97	93.99	114.96	136.12	157.75	203.73	242.49	229.36
PENSION ONLY											
All Cases	54.07	30.41	45.59	60.56	75.64	90.77	106.17	121.35	136.56	150.76	114.59
Under 30	43.39	30.07	45.40	55.14	71.39	85.67	101.14	116.77	135.81	136.65	55.12
30 to 34	44.29	30.23	45.01	58.37	72.05	86.01	97.55	114.45	70.35	136.53	100.49
35 to 39	47.09	30.11	45.03	58.09	72.58	87.60	102.66	118.27	130.05	140.71	76.50
40 to 44	49.25	30.29	45.17	59.57	73.37	87.51	103.77	118.56	130.71	143.95	96.74
45 to 49	51.52	30.35	45.39	59.80	74.60	89.50	105.93	119.17	133.01	145.92	107.38
50 to 54	53.41	30.41	45.50	60.31	75.08	90.39	105.70	120.09	135.10	146.70	111.99
55 to 59	54.55	30.38	45.61	60.62	75.58	90.63	106.40	121.61	136.55	150.21	113.50
60 to 64	54.27	30.45	45.63	60.71	75.89	91.22	106.08	121.79	136.99	151.36	113.50
65 to 69	54.15	30.46	45.66	60.92	76.02	91.04	106.26	121.71	137.15	152.23	113.89
70 to 74	51.46	30.46	45.70	60.90	76.14	91.41	106.61	121.75	137.12	152.26	113.71
75 to 79	51.87	30.45	45.69	60.93	76.16	91.36	106.58	121.89	137.16	152.15	114.52
80 to 84	54.79	30.45	45.69	60.93	76.15	91.40	106.59	121.91	137.16	152.27	115.16
85 to 89	58.93	30.46	45.69	60.93	76.18	91.41	106.66	121.88	137.15	152.39	115.40
90 to 94	62.00	30.47	45.70	60.94	76.18	91.41	106.64	121.84	137.16	152.39	115.73
95 +	61.09	30.48	45.71	60.92	76.20	91.44	106.66	121.92	137.16	152.36	115.83
ALLOWANCES ONLY (including Widows special allowance)											
All Cases	20.31	1.14	3.32	22.94	32.60	54.00	64.22	95.39	102.17	169.69	100.95
Under 30	11.89	0.39	0.02	25.45	29.83	67.85	71.74	131.24	0.00	247.84	8.96
30 to 34	11.21	0.27	0.24	21.64	36.74	68.71	73.53	76.48	49.68	185.92	56.15
35 to 39	17.03	0.96	1.67	29.58	39.27	67.17	98.51	126.97	169.02	192.00	43.33
40 to 44	20.45	1.22	3.34	27.40	39.94	76.01	92.05	130.65	159.38	214.10	35.29
45 to 49	22.31	1.45	3.67	25.54	43.13	71.39	83.63	122.77	141.67	194.61	28.18
50 to 54	25.39	2.12	4.92	26.82	44.17	73.60	88.28	129.70	134.10	190.05	19.64
55 to 59	26.64	2.18	6.10	26.19	45.61	71.49	91.40	123.98	121.51	195.29	24.01
60 to 64	24.72	1.74	4.89	24.06	38.79	71.16	80.83	116.04	141.38	192.37	38.47
65 to 69	27.28	1.52	5.23	29.79	44.55	75.52	86.71	138.10	146.58	203.83	65.24
70 to 74	20.60	1.09	4.10	27.19	35.19	60.63	83.07	114.80	119.20	198.61	90.57
75 to 79	18.58	0.97	3.68	24.62	32.81	56.21	64.11	102.39	113.21	175.87	97.31
80 to 84	17.29	0.65	2.29	19.72	26.73	39.68	46.84	81.77	91.14	161.03	113.23
85 to 89	16.59	0.50	1.54	15.90	19.50	30.18	35.61	60.16	72.27	137.96	114.65
90 to 94	16.63	0.59	1.44	14.99	18.46	26.69	33.43	48.62	57.81	113.97	114.36
95 +	13.72	0.57	0.82	14.05	17.79	23.52	29.46	35.83	66.57	90.13	113.54

Table 1.8: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of allowance and quarter, 31 March 2009 to 31 March 2010, numbers

Allowance type	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-09	30-Jun-09	30-Sep-09	31-Dec-09	31-Mar-10
ALL ALLOWANCES	158,815	156,730	154,585	152,560	149,470
Age 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	1,385	1,345	1,335	1,310	1,260
Age addition - Disablement	38,100	37,385	36,765	36,055	35,130
Age addition – Widows	29,230	28,825	28,425	27,970	27,280
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	11,555	11,565	11,535	11,525	11,465
Clothing allowance	3,805	3,740	3,685	3,630	3,565
Comforts allowance	8,660	8,575	8,510	8,425	8,305
Constant attendance allowance	2,930	2,900	2,895	2,860	2,820
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	595	600	600	600	605
Severe disablement occupational allowance	5	5	5	5	5
Invalidity allowance	6,550	6,495	6,455	6,420	6,345
Mobility supplement	14,795	14,690	14,585	14,485	14,285
Unemployability supplement	7,725	7,645	7,580	7,510	7,410
Modified unemployability supplement	30	30	30	30	30
Additional allowance spouse	1,590	1,550	1,505	1,470	1,430
Modified allowance for spouse	180	175	185	185	175
Additional allowance dependant	~	~	~	~	~
Additional allowance child	1,225	1,235	1,120	1,185	1,215
Child allowance	830	850	730	755	760
Over age infirm child allowance	290	285	285	285	280
Modified over age infirm child allowance	10	10	10	10	10
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	205	160	135	160	190
Widow(er)s rent allowance	385	395	410	410	355
Widow(er)s special allowance	28,735	28,255	27,795	27,280	26,540

Table 1.8a: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of pension, 31 March 2006 to 31 March 2010, numbers and average weekly amount (£)

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-06	31-Mar-07	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10
ALL ALLOWANCES	191,145	180,475	169,470	158,815	149,470
Average Weekly Allowances Entitlement (in £s)					
Disablement Pensioners	17.08	18.05	18.93	19.86	20.31
War Widow(er)s	86.66	90.32	92.9	97.04	100.95

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Table 2.1: Claims registered during quarter, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Q3-2009	Q4-2009	Q1-2010
All Claims	8,320	7,950	7,320	6,610	7,205
Disablement claims	3,705	3,850	3,610	3,215	3,145
War Widow(er)s claims	460	365	310	305	345
Supplementary allowance claims	1,405	1,260	1,105	1,140	1,205
Supplementary allowance reviews	960	825	755	635	955
Medical expenses	1,015	900	885	760	890
Appeals	775	750	665	550	670

Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Q3-2009	Q4-2009	Q1-2010
Disablement claims	3,705	3,850	3,610	3,215	3,145
Current invaliding	195	135	135	130	160
First claim to pension	1,405	1,430	1,330	1,245	1,150
Further condition	865	910	850	750	785
Deterioration	835	1,025	935	805	815
Departmental review	35	25	20	25	25
Conditional list review	370	330	340	260	210
War Widow(er)s claims	460	365	310	305	345
Widow(er)s	435	345	280	295	320
Restored Widow(er)s	20	15	25	10	20
Review Widow(er)s	~	~	~	~	~
Supplementary allowance claims	1,405	1,260	1,105	1,140	1,205
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	170	165	125	115	115
Clothing allowance	40	45	30	35	40
Constant attendance allowance	120	120	105	90	90
Mobility supplement	285	245	240	230	230
Unemployability supplement	60	60	55	65	75
Additional allowance spouse	20	25	20	25	30
Additional allowance dependant	~	0	~	~	0
Additional allowance child	20	35	25	20	20
Child allowance only	~	~	~	~	5
Widow(er)s child allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	40	75	55	70	80
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	95	90	70	115	100
Funeral expenses	550	410	375	375	420
Supplementary allowance reviews⁽¹⁾	960	825	755	635	955
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	430	380	360	340	385
Constant attendance allowance	35	35	25	20	25
Mobility supplement	60	35	35	40	45
Unemployability supplement	125	120	95	115	120
Additional allowance spouse	240	70	65	40	330
Additional allowance dependant	~	0	~	~	~
Child allowance ⁽²⁾	70	190	175	80	45
Appeals	775	750	665	550	670
Entitlement - Disablement	245	220	215	170	205
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	30	30	40	35	20
Assessment	400	405	310	270	360
Supplementary Allowances	80	65	65	50	55
Miscellaneous	25	25	35	25	20

Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers (Continued)

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Q3-2009	Q4-2009	Q1-2010
Medical expenses⁽³⁾	1,015	900	885	760	890
Appliance	~	5	5	~	5
Chiroprody	~	0	~	~	~
Convalescence	25	20	20	25	20
Dental	20	15	20	25	20
Hearing aid	20	10	5	10	10
Home nursing equipment	10	10	~	10	15
Hospital travel expenses	70	55	55	80	60
House adaptation grant	35	30	35	35	25
Prescription	10	10	10	5	10
Priority treatment	100	135	120	80	90
Private treatment	20	10	15	10	10
Provision of treatment	290	225	260	185	275
Remedial treatment	330	310	275	220	285
Skilled nursing care	~	~	~	0	~
Spectacles	30	25	20	20	30
Treatment allowance (inc. loss of earnings)	45	35	35	55	30

Note: (1) Reviews of allowances which involve rates of pay are traditionally held in the first quarter of the year.

(2) Contains widow(er)s' child allowance and child allowance only reviews.

(3) Excludes NI and Eire.

Table 2.2: Claim outcomes by financial year, 2005-06 to 2009-10, numbers and percentages

Claim Type	Financial Year:									
	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All First Claims	7,515		6,765		5,750		7,125		5,800	
Awarded 20–100%	1,740	23%	1,525	23%	1,370	24%	1,605	23%	1,200	21%
Awarded 1-19%	3,465	46%	3,155	47%	2,555	44%	3,410	48%	2,915	50%
Awarded 0%	1,495	20%	1,370	20%	1,185	21%	1,235	17%	1,010	17%
Rejections	815	11%	715	11%	645	11%	875	12%	680	12%
All Second/Subsequent Claims	9,375		8,480		7,365		8,560		7,165	
Awarded 20–100%	50	<1%	45	<1%	40	<1%	70	<1%	55	<1%
Awarded 1-19%	60	<1%	50	<1%	30	<1%	65	<1%	50	<1%
Awarded 0%	55	<1%	40	<1%	45	<1%	35	<1%	30	<1%
Increased assessments	3,400	36%	3,160	37%	2,795	38%	3,470	41%	3,060	43%
Maintained assessments	4,960	53%	4,395	52%	3,830	52%	4,415	52%	3,570	50%
Reduced assessments	340	4%	320	4%	215	3%	110	1%	60	1%
Rejections	510	5%	475	6%	400	5%	395	5%	340	5%
All Widow(er)s Claims⁽¹⁾	2,040		1,930		1,560		1,595		1,285	
Awards	905	44%	825	43%	665	43%	770	48%	655	51%
Rejections	1,135	56%	1,105	57%	895	57%	830	52%	630	49%

Note: (1) Includes restored Widows; Since 2005/06 figures do not include Widow(er)s' reviews.

Table 2.2a: Claim outcomes by quarter, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers

Claim type	Claims cleared during:					
	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Q3-2009	Q4-2009	Q1-2010	
First claims						
Current Invaliding	All	180	145	95	110	140
	Awarded 20-100%	60	40	30	35	60
	Awarded 1-19%	45	35	25	25	25
	Awarded 0%	5	~	~	5	~
	Rejected	65	65	40	40	45
First Claim to Pension	All	1,690	1,340	1,350	1,345	1,280
	Awarded 20-100%	360	275	275	250	230
	Awarded 1-19%	870	670	675	725	730
	Awarded 0%	295	270	275	250	205
	Rejected	160	130	125	115	115
Second/Subsequent claims						
Further Condition	All	890	770	780	850	725
	Awarded 20-100%	5	10	10	~	5
	Awarded 1-19%	15	10	10	10	10
	Awarded 0%	5	10	15	5	~
	Increased	445	335	375	430	380
	Maintained	315	305	285	300	270
	Reduced	10	5	5	5	~
	Rejected	90	95	75	90	55
Conditional List Review	All	415	345	300	315	225
	Awarded 20-100%	5	~	~	~	~
	Awarded 1-19%	0	0	0	~	0
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	0
	Increased	45	40	25	30	30
	Maintained	345	290	265	270	190
	Reduced	15	10	5	10	5
	Rejected	~	~	0	~	0
Deterioration Claim	All	755	685	690	740	655
	Awarded 20-100%	5	~	5	~	5
	Awarded 1-19%	~	0	~	0	~
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	0
	Increased	360	335	350	370	335
	Maintained	385	350	330	360	300
	Reduced	~	~	0	~	~
	Rejected	~	~	~	5	5
Departmental Review	All	35	25	15	25	25
	Awarded 20-100%	5	0	0	~	~
	Awarded 1-19%	~	0	0	~	~
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	~
	Increased	5	~	~	10	5
	Maintained	10	20	10	10	15
	Reduced	~	~	~	~	~
	Rejected	5	~	~	~	~
Widow(er)s Claims⁽¹⁾						
	All	410	350	340	285	310
	Awards	210	155	155	165	180
	Rejections	200	195	185	120	135

Note: (1) Figures include restored Widows; Figures do not include widow(er)s' reviews.

Table 2.3: Successful gratuity & nil percentage awards cleared during financial year, 2005-06 to 2009-10, numbers

	Financial Year:				
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
All Nil and Gratuity Awards	5,115	4,640	3,840	4,765	4,015
Nil Awards	1,585	1,440	1,255	1,290	1,050
01 - 05%	1,370	1,230	960	1,205	1,120
06 - 14%	1,880	1,725	1,365	1,935	1,610
15 - 19%	275	245	265	335	235

Table 2.4: First claims to supplementary allowances cleared during quarter, by allowance type and outcome, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers ⁽¹⁾

Allowance type		First awards made during:				
		Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Q3-2009	Q4-2009	Q1-2010
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	All	180	155	140	95	110
	Awarded	155	125	100	65	70
	Rejected	25	30	40	30	40
Clothing allowance	All	30	35	35	30	40
	Awarded	15	10	20	15	20
	Rejected	20	25	20	15	20
Constant attendance allowance	All	115	95	115	90	90
	Awarded	50	55	70	55	55
	Rejected	65	45	50	35	35
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	All	20	20	20	15	20
	Awarded	20	20	20	15	20
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Severe disablement occupational allowance	All	~	~	0	0	0
	Awarded	~	~	0	0	0
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Mobility supplement	All	245	255	240	215	240
	Awarded	155	135	145	120	145
	Rejected	95	115	95	95	90
Unemployability supplement	All	55	55	50	45	65
	Awarded	45	35	40	35	45
	Rejected	10	20	10	10	20
Additional allowance spouse	All	15	20	20	20	30
	Awarded	10	10	5	10	15
	Rejected	10	10	15	10	20
Additional allowance dependant	All	~	~	~	~	0
	Awarded	~	0	~	0	0
	Rejected	0	~	0	~	0
Additional allowance child	All	20	20	25	15	15
	Awarded	15	15	25	10	15
	Rejected	~	5	~	5	~
Child allowance only	All	~	~	~	~	5
	Awarded	~	0	~	~	~
	Rejected	0	~	0	~	~
Widow(er)s child allowances	All	~	~	~	~	0
	Awarded	~	~	~	~	0
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	All	10	10	15	5	5
	Awarded	10	5	15	5	5
	Rejected	0	~	0	0	0
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	All	95	90	70	110	100
	Awarded	95	85	70	110	100
	Rejected	~	~	~	~	0
Funeral expenses	All	515	395	380	345	370
	Awarded	295	225	180	190	195
	Rejected	225	170	205	155	175

Note: (1) Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter.

Table 2.4a: First claims to supplementary allowances automatically awarded during quarter, by allowance type⁽¹⁾, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers

Allowance type	First awards made during:				
	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Q3-2009	Q4-2009	Q1-2010
Age – 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	15	15	15	15	10
Age – disablement	185	235	215	210	195
Age – Widow(er)s	155	200	155	145	120
Comforts allowance	5	15	10	10	15
Invalidity allowance	5	10	10	10	5

Note: (1) Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter.

Table 2.5: Appeals cleared to Pensions Appeal Tribunal for consideration during quarter, by appeal type, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers

Appeals cleared	Appeals cleared during:				
	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Q3-2009	Q4-2009	Q1-2010
All Appeals Cleared	850	640	835	695	645
Entitlement - Disablement	250	210	275	220	210
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	40	25	30	40	25
Assessment	455	320	440	325	330
Supplementary Allowances	80	65	55	75	55
Temporary Allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	25	20	30	35	25

Table 2.6: Pensions Appeal Tribunal decisions during quarter by appeal type, Q1-2009 to Q1-2010, numbers and percentages

	Decisions made during:									
	Q1-2009		Q2-2009		Q3-2009		Q4-2009		Q1-2010	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Entitlement Appeals	205		190		190		200		140	
<u>Disablement</u>										
All	165		160		165		170		120	
Allowed	65	39%	75	46%	65	40%	60	35%	45	37%
Disallowed	100	61%	85	54%	100	60%	110	65%	75	63%
<u>Widow(er)s</u>										
All	40		25		25		25		25	
Allowed	5	13%	~	11%	~	8%	5	22%	~	8%
Disallowed	35	87%	25	89%	20	92%	20	78%	20	92%
<u>Overall</u>										
Allowed	70	34%	75	41%	65	36%	65	34%	45	32%
Disallowed	135	66%	110	59%	120	64%	130	66%	95	68%
Assessment Appeals	240		290		270		265		225	
Increased	80	33%	120	41%	110	41%	100	38%	95	42%
Upheld	160	67%	175	59%	160	58%	160	62%	130	57%
Reduced	0	0%	0	0%	~	<1%	~	<1%	~	<1%
Allowance Appeals	50		40		50		25		35	
Allowed	15	30%	15	38%	15	28%	5	22%	5	18%
Disallowed	35	70%	25	62%	35	72%	20	78%	25	82%

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Age Allowance

This may be paid to a war disablement pensioner (man or woman) who is aged 65 or over and whose disablement is assessed at 40% or more.

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO)

This may be paid if a pensioner's earning capacity is reduced because their pensioned disablement permanently prevents them following their regular occupation. To gain entitlement new claimants must be under age 65, with a service disablement of at least 40% when they make their claim. This allowance plus their basic War Disablement Pension cannot exceed the 100% disablement pension rate.

Child Allowance Only

There is a Child Allowance Only Pension in payment, i.e. no award has been given to War Widow(er)s Pension but her child has been awarded.

Clothing Allowance (CLOT)

This may be paid if the disablement causes exceptional wear and tear on clothing.

Comforts Allowance (COMF)

This may be paid to a severely disabled pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance or Unemployability Supplement or both. It is intended to help with the extra expenses associated with severe disablement.

Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA)

This may be paid to a pensioner who needs regular personal attention because of their pensioned disablement and that disablement is assessed at 80% or more. It is payable at one of four rates. The rate varies according to the level of attendance they need.

Disablement Pension (DP)

This is paid at a rate which varies according to the degree of disablement. The degree of disablement is assessed on a percentage basis by the War Pension Agency medical advisors.

Elderly Widow(er)'s Age Allowance

A war widow(er) may receive an additional allowance at age 65 which is increased at age 70 and again at age 80.

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance (ESDA)

This may be paid to a pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, or would be receiving it if they were not in hospital.

Funeral Expenses (FE)

Funeral expenses may be paid if the pensioner died as a result of his service disablement, or died while having treatment for that disablement in hospital, or was entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance, or was at the time of his death 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement.

Invalidity Allowance (IVA)

This may be paid to a pensioner receiving Unemployability Supplement. The rate varies according to the age at which unemployability began.

Modified Over Age Infirm Allowance (MOIA)

Compensation/Allowances (including that paid to children living in the Irish Republic or Overseas) due to infirmity are taken into account when calculating an award of OAIA and adjustments are made if necessary. (See OAIA below)

Modified Unemployability Supplement (MSUP)

The basic conditions of eligibility to UNSUPP for a pensioner living abroad (including the Irish Republic and the Channel Islands) are the same as for the UK, however, if they become eligible for Retirement Pension or other benefit payable out of the public funds of that country then UNSUPP may be adjusted with that benefit, or paid at a nominal rate to allow continued payment of comforts allowance.

Orphan's Pension

This may be payable to a child who has lost both parents.

Over Age Infirm Allowance (OAIA)

Over Age Infirm Allowance for children of deceased pensioners unable to support themselves dates back to the 1914 War. The allowance can be awarded or continued beyond the normal age limits on the grounds of infirmity if the ailment is of a nature which is likely to prevent the person from earning a living either permanently or for a prolonged period and infirmity commenced before age 16. The person is still referred to as a child even though they may be quite elderly.

Rent Allowance (RENT)

A war widow(er) with a child or children may be eligible for a rent allowance.

Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance (SDOA)

This may be paid to a pensioner who is entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, but who still normally has a gainful occupation.

Temporary Allowance for Widow(er)s (TAW)

This may be paid to a widow(er), irrespective of the cause of their spouse's death, if he/she were awarded Unemployability Supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance or both. The allowance is approximately equal to the disablement pension and allowances paid to their late spouse. It is paid for the first 26 weeks of widowhood.

Treatment Allowance (TA)

This is equivalent to a disablement pension paid at the 100% rate. It may be paid instead of a disablement pension to a pensioner who incurs a loss of earnings as a result of receiving treatment for their pensioned disablement.

Unemployability Supplement (UNSUPP)

This may be paid to a pensioner who is unemployable or virtually unemployable as a result of the war pensioned disablement. To gain entitlement, new claimants must be under age 65, with a pensioned disablement assessed at 60% or more when they make their claim. Additional allowances may be paid for a spouse and a child or children.

War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS)

This is intended to help with the mobility costs of a pensioner who is unable to walk, or virtually unable to walk. New claimants must have a service disablement of at least 40%. It is paid to double amputees and to those pensioners who need help getting about because they are both deaf and blind as a result of their pensioned disablement.

War Widow(er)'s Pension (WWP)

The standard rate of pension may be paid if the widow(er) has a dependant child, or is over 40, or is incapable of self-support.

The lower rate is paid to childless widow(er)s under the age of 40. If the spouse was receiving Constant Attendance Allowance, or at the time of his/her death was 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement, a War Widow(er)s Pension is awarded automatically irrespective of the cause of death.

War Widow(er)'s Special Allowance

This is a Supplementary Pension payable to "pre-1973 war widow(er)s" (the widow(er)s of Service personnel who died or left the services before 31st March 1973, and who did not benefit from the improvements made from that date to the MOD's Armed Forces Pension Scheme).

Glossary of terms and conventions

Adult Dependant

Adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.

Appeal

An appeal provides a person with an impartial re-examination of the decision under appeal.

Cleared

Where the work by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA) on a specific task has been fully completed.

Conditional List Review

Conditional List Review cases arise because SPVA Medical Services have previously made an interim assessment for a limited period because the level of disablement was likely to change. A review date is calculated so that disablement can be reassessed before the given period expires.

Current Invaliding

Personnel invalided from the Forces and their case referred direct to the SPVA by Ministry of Defence for War Pensions consideration.

Eligible War Pension Claimant

A claimant is eligible for consideration under the WPS where disablement or death has occurred as a result of Service in HM Forces, prior to 6 April 2005. In addition, awards may also be made where disablement or death has occurred as a result of:

- War-time Service in the Naval Auxiliary Service, or the Mercantile Marine
- Service in the Polish Forces under British command during World War Two

Pensions, allowances or other payments may also be awarded where the disablement or death of a civilian or a member of a civil defence organisation is the direct result of an injury sustained as a result of enemy action in World War Two.

Gratuity

A single payment where war disablement has been accepted, but the disablement has been assessed at less than 20%.

Outcome

The final decision on a claim or action.

PAT

Pensions Appeal Tribunal.

Provision of Treatment

The reimbursement of Treatment/Medical expenses for War Pensioners living abroad.

Received

When a claim, appeal or piece of correspondence has been received by the SPVA.

Registered

When the case or claim is registered on the War Pension Computer System.

Restored Widow(er)

A war widow(er) whose War Widow(er)s Pension was withdrawn on his/her remarriage and who subsequently re-claims the pension on becoming widowed again, legally separated, or divorced.

Unmarried Dependant

Partner who lived with the ex-service person for at least 6 months before his enlistment, was maintained by him and who has borne his child.

War

1914 War	Disabled due to service between 4 August 1914 and 30 September 1921.
Inter War	Disabled due to service between 1 October 1921 and 2 September 1939.
1939 Onwards	Disabled due to service from 3 September 1939 to date.

War Orphan

Child of deceased service person who has no surviving mother or father. Child whose mother was divorced from a service person at the time of death. Child who is not in the care of the surviving parent.

War Parent

Parent of the deceased service person.

Widow(er)

Spouse of ex-service person whose death was whilst in service or related to a disablement due to service from 4 August 1914 to date.

From 8 April 2002 a change in the law governing the War Pensions Scheme means that the provisions for war widowers have been equalised to align with those available to war widows. This change in the war pension law applies from the 8 April 2002 onwards and means that war widowers are now entitled, as appropriate, to the same basic pension, supplementary pension and allowances (e.g. in respect of any dependant children) as war widows. In particular, the means-testing element previously applied to war widowers' claims and pensions has been removed.

Appendix – Changes to the publication

Due to improvements in data processing, some tables within the publication have been updated. As such, figures may be different to those previously published.

The table below documents these changes and the revisions made, where applicable.

Publication in which revision was made	Number of Revised Table	Reason for Revision	Period for which Revisions have been Published
June 2008	1.5	Previously unidentified codes have been re-classified, therefore reducing the number of cases with a 'Not Known' Government Office Region, and increasing the numbers in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Other UK and creating the 'UK Unknown' Category.	March 2003 – March 2008
September 2008	1.7	More accurate means of calculating the average amounts paid have been implemented, therefore slightly increasing previously published figures for average amounts received by War Widow(er)s.	March 2007 – June 2008

Revisions can be found by going to <http://www.dasa.mod.uk> and clicking on 'National Statistic Publications' then 'War Pension Statistics' and 'Historical'.

Revisions prior to March 2007 are available upon request to dasa-info@dasa-office@mod.uk