

Housing Benefit Circular

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WHO SHOULD READ	All Housing Benefit staff
ACTION	For information
SUBJECT	War Pensions: Uprating 2018 -19

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1. The Ministry of Defence announced the new 2018-19 War Pensions rates on 15 January 2018. The rates are set out in Annex A.
2. The annual uprating of War Pensions and allowances for 2018 will take place from week beginning 9 April 2018. The effective date of change will be the following Monday 16 April 2018.
3. Rates for 2018-19 are increasing by 3.0% in line with the September 2017 Consumer Price Index.
4. Additional information can be obtained from the Veterans UK section of the www.gov.uk
5. Circular [HB A10/2017](#) provides full details of all social security benefit rates that will apply from April 2018.

Annex A

War Pensions rates

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2017 £ Weekly	April 2018 £ Weekly
Armed Forces Independence Payment	141.10	145.35
War Pensions		
Disablement Pension (100% rates) officer (£ per annum)	9,392.00	9,674.00
Other ranks	180.00	185.40
Age allowances payable from age 65		
40% - 50%	12.05	12.40
Over 50% but not over 70%	18.55	19.10
Over 70% but not over 90%	26.35	27.15
Over 90%	37.10	38.20
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment)		
Specified minor injury (min)	1,147.00	1,181.00
Specified minor injury (max)	8,559.00	8,816.00
1 – 5% gratuity	2,862.00	2,948.00
6 – 14% gratuity	6,363.00	6,554.00
15 – 19% gratuity	11,128.00	11,462.00
Supplementary allowances		
Unemployability allowance		
Personal	111.20	114.55
Adult dependency increase	61.80	63.65
Increase for first child	14.35	14.80
Increase for subsequent children	16.90	17.40
Invalidity allowance		
Higher rate	22.00	22.65
Middle rate	14.30	14.70
Lower rate	7.15	7.35
Constant attendance allowance		
Exceptional rate	135.80	139.80
Intermediate rate	101.85	104.85
Full day rate	67.90	69.90
Part day rate	33.95	34.95
Comforts allowance		
Higher rate	29.20	30.10
Lower rate	14.60	15.05
Mobility supplement	64.80	66.75
Allowance for lowered standard occupation (maximum)	67.88	69.92
Therapeutic earnings limit (annual rate)	6,240.00	6,526.00

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2017 £ Weekly	April 2018 £ Weekly
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	67.90	69.90
Severe disablement occupational allowance	33.95	34.95
Clothing allowance (£ per annum)	232.00	239.00
Education allowance (£ per annum) (max)	120.00	120.00
Widow(er)s benefits		
Widow(er) – other ranks (basic with children) (weekly amount)	136.50	140.60
Widow(er) – Officer higher rate both wars (basic with children) (per annum)	7,259.00	7,477.00
Childless widow(er) under 40 (other ranks)(weekly amount)	32.69	33.67
Widow(er) – officer lower rate both wars (£ per annum)	2,521.00	2,597.00
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers pension	91.31	94.05
Age allowance		
(a) age 65 to 69	15.55	16.00
(b) age 70 to 79	29.90	30.80
(c) age 80 and over	44.35	45.70
Children’s allowance		
Increase for first child	21.40	22.05
Increase for subsequent children	24.00	24.70
Orphan’s pension		
Increase for first child	24.50	25.25
Increase for subsequent children	26.80	27.60
Unmarried dependant living as spouse (max)	134.15	138.25
Rent allowance (maximum)	51.40	52.95
Adult orphan’s pension (maximum)	104.90	108.05