

A2/2025: War Pensions uprating for the financial year ending March 2026

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Who should read – HB Staff. War Pensions uprating for the financial year ending March 2026

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War Pensions uprating for the financial year ending March 2026

1. The Ministry of Defence has announced the new War Pension rates for the financial year ending (FYE) March 2026. The rates are set out in Annex A.
2. The annual uprating of War Pensions and allowances for the FYE March 2026 will take place from the week beginning 7 April 2025. The effective date of change will be the following Monday 14 April 2025.
3. Rates for FYE March 2026 are increasing by 1.7% in line with the September 2024 Consumer Price Index.
4. Additional information can be found in the [Veterans UK section](#) on www.gov.uk.
5. Circular [HB A11/2024](#) provides full details of all social security benefit rates that will apply from April 2025.

Annex A: War Pensions rates

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2024 £ Weekly	April 2025 £ Weekly
Armed Forces Independence Payment	184.30	187.45
War Pensions: Disablement Pension (100% rates) officer (£ per annum)	12,262.00	12,471.00
War Pensions: Other ranks	235.00	239.00
Age allowances payable from age 65: 40% - 50%	15.70	15.95
Age allowances payable from age 65: Over 50% but not over 70%	24.20	24.60
Age allowances payable from age 65: Over 70% but not over 90%	34.40	35.00
Age allowances payable from age 65: Over 90%	48.40	49.20
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): Specified minor injury (min)	1,497.00	1,522.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): Specified minor injury (max)	11,176.00	11,366.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): 1 – 5% gratuity	3,737.00	3,801.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): 6 – 14% gratuity	8,308.00	8,449.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): 15 – 19% gratuity	14,530.00	14,777.00

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2024 £ Weekly	April 2025 £ Weekly
Supplementary allowances: Unemployability allowance: Personal	145.20	147.65
Supplementary allowances: Unemployability allowance: Adult dependency increase	80.70	82.05
Supplementary allowances: Unemployability allowance: Increase for first child	18.80	19.10
Supplementary allowances: Unemployability allowance: Increase for subsequent children	22.05	22.40
Invalidity allowance: Higher rate	28.70	29.20
Invalidity allowance: Middle rate	18.80	19.10
Invalidity allowance: Lower rate	9.40	9.55
Constant attendance allowance: Exceptional rate Full day	177.40	180.40
Constant attendance allowance: Intermediate rate Full day	133.05	135.30
Constant attendance allowance: Basic rate Full day	88.70	90.20
Constant attendance allowance: Part day rate	44.35	45.10
Comforts allowance: Higher rate	38.20	38.80
Comforts allowance: Lower rate	19.10	19.40

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2024 £ Weekly	April 2025 £ Weekly
Mobility supplement	84.55	86.00
Allowance for lowered standard occupation (maximum)	88.60	90.12
Therapeutic earnings limit (annual rate)	9,542.00	10,166.00
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	88.70	90.20
Severe disablement occupational allowance	44.35	45.10
Clothing allowance (£ per annum)	303.00	308.00
Education allowance (£ per annum) (max)	120.00	120.00
Widow(er)s benefits: Widow(er) – other ranks (basic with children) (weekly amount)	178.20	181.25
Widow(er)s benefits: Widow(er) – Officer higher rate both wars (basic with children) (per annum)	£9,478.00	£9,639.00
Widow(er)s benefits: Childless widow(er) under 40 (other ranks)(weekly amount)	42.69	43.42
Widow(er)s benefits: Widow(er) – officer lower rate both wars (per annum)	3,292.00	£3,348.00
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers pension	119.23	121.26
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers pension: Age allowance: (a) age 65 to 69	20.35	20.70

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2024 £ Weekly	April 2025 £ Weekly
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers pension: Age allowance: (b) age 70 to 79	39.05	39.70
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers pension: Age allowance: (c) age 80 and over	58.00	59.00
Children's allowance: Increase for first child	27.95	28.45
Children's allowance: Increase for subsequent children	31.15	31.70
Orphan's pension: Increase for first child	32.00	32.55
Orphan's pension: Increase for subsequent children	35.00	35.60
Unmarried dependant living as spouse (max)	175.85	178.90
Rent allowance (maximum)	67.05	68.20
Adult orphan's pension (maximum)	137.00	139.35