

A4/2024: War Pensions uprating for the financial year ending March 2025

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War Pensions uprating for the financial year ending March 2025

1. The Ministry of Defence has announced the new War Pension rates for the financial year ending (FYE) March 2025. The rates are set out in **Annex A**.
2. The annual uprating of War Pensions and allowances for FYE March 2025 will take place from the week beginning 8 April 2024. The effective date of change will be the following Monday 15 April 2024.
3. Rates for FYE March 2025 are increasing by 6.7% in line with the September 2023 Consumer Price Index.
4. Additional information can be found in the [Veterans UK](#) section on www.gov.uk
5. Circular [HB A8/2023](#) provides full details of all social security benefit rates that will apply from April 2024.



Annex A

War Pensions rates

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2023 £ Weekly	April 2024 £ Weekly
Armed Forces Independence Payment	172.75	184.30
War Pensions: Disablement Pension (100% rates) officer (£ per annum)	11,490.00	12,262.00
War Pensions: Other ranks	220.20	235.00
Age allowances payable from age 65: 40% to 50%	14.70	15.70
Age allowances payable from age 65: Over 50% but not over 70%	22.70	24.20
Age allowances payable from age 65: Over 70% but not over 90%	32.25	34.40

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2023 £ Weekly	April 2024 £ Weekly
Age allowances payable from age 65: Over 90%	45.40	48.40
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): Specified minor injury (min)	1,403.00	1,497.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): Specified minor injury (max)	10,474.00	11,176.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): 1 – 5% gratuity	3,502.00	3,737.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): 6 – 14% gratuity	7,786.00	8,308.00
Disablement gratuity (one-off payment): 15 – 19% gratuity	13,618.00	14,530.00
Supplementary allowances/ Unemployability allowance: Personal	136.10	145.20

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2023 £ Weekly	April 2024 £ Weekly
Supplementary allowances/ Unemployability allowance: Adult dependency increase	75.65	80.70
Supplementary allowances/ Unemployability allowance: Increase for first child	17.60	18.80
Supplementary allowances/ Unemployability allowance: Increase for subsequent children	20.65	22.05
Invalidity allowance: Higher rate	26.90	28.70
Invalidity allowance: Middle rate	17.60	18.80
Invalidity allowance: Lower rate	8.80	9.40
Constant attendance allowance: Exceptional rate Full day	166.20	177.40

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2023 £ Weekly	April 2024 £ Weekly
Constant attendance allowance: Intermediate rate Full day	124.65	133.05
Constant attendance allowance: Basic rate Full day	83.10	88.70
Constant attendance allowance: Part day rate	41.55	44.35
Comforts allowance: Higher rate	35.80	38.20
Comforts allowance: Lower rate	17.90	19.10
Mobility supplement	79.25	84.55
Allowance for lowered standard occupation (maximum)	83.04	88.60
Therapeutic earnings limit (annual rate)	8,684.00	9,542.00

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2023 £ Weekly	April 2024 £ Weekly
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	83.10	88.70
Severe disablement occupational allowance	41.55	44.35
Clothing allowance (£ per annum)	284.00	303.00
Education allowance (£ per annum) (max)	120.00	120.00
Widow(er)s benefits: Widow(er) – other ranks (basic with children) (weekly amount)	167.00	178.20
Widow(er)s benefits: Widow(er) – Officer higher rate both wars (basic with children) (per annum)	8,883.00	£9,478.00
Widow(er)s benefits: Childless widow(er) under 40 (other ranks)(weekly amount)	40.01	42.69

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2023 £ Weekly	April 2024 £ Weekly
Widow(er)s benefits: Widow(er) – officer lower rate both wars (per annum)	3,085.00	£3,292.00
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers pension	111.74	119.23
Age allowance: (a) age 65 to 69	19.05	20.35
Age allowance: (b) age 70 to 79	36.60	39.05
Age allowance: (c) age 80 and over	54.35	58.00
Children’s allowance: Increase for first child	26.20	27.95
Children’s allowance: Increase for subsequent children	29.20	31.15
Orphan’s pension: Increase for first child	30.00	32.00

War Pensions Scheme benefits	April 2023 £ Weekly	April 2024 £ Weekly
Orphan's pension: Increase for subsequent children	32.80	35.00
Unmarried dependant living as spouse (max)	164.65	175.85
Rent allowance (maximum)	62.85	67.05
Adult orphan's pension (maximum)	128.40	137.00