

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Circular

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ADJUDICATION AND OPERATIONS CIRCULAR

WHO SHOULD READ	All Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) staff
ACTION	For information
SUBJECT	War Pensions: Uprating 2010/11

Guidance Manual

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- 1 Details of the rates for 2010/11 can be found in *Appendix A*. Any additional information should be obtained from the Veterans's Agency direct. See website: www.veterans-uk.info
- 2 We advised in *HB/CTB Circular A2/2010: 2010 Uprating* that DWP had not received details from the Veterans Agency of War Pensions rates from April 2010, and that we would advise you as soon as we received them.
- 3 As receipt of the new rates continued to be subject to delay, we advised in *HB/CTB Bulletin U1/2010* that, where possible, you should schedule uprating of HB/CTB cases with war pensions to the end of your uprating exercise.
- 4 You should note that Pensions, Carers and Disability Service (PDCS) has taken equivalent action and will now proceed urgently to uprate those Pension Credit cases where the savings credit only is in payment and a War Pension is also in payment. This will mean that you will begin to receive ETDs with new savings credit and assessed income figures from PDCS over the next week. PDCS estimates that the number of affected cases will be around 12,000.
- 5 In summary, basic War Disablement Pension, War Widow(er)s pension and associated allowances will increase for 2010 by 1.5% with the exception of the dependency allowances paid with Unemployability Supplement, which will not increase for 2010 in line with the DWP equivalent benefits.
- 6 **Note:** we have been advised that the uprating of war pensions and allowances will take place from week beginning 12th April.

War Pension Rates	2009	2010
Disablement Pension (100% rates)		
Officer (£ per annum)	7952.00	8072.00
Other ranks	152.40	154.70
Age allowances		
40% - 50%	10.25	10.40
Over 50% but not over 70%	15.65	15.90
Over 70% but not over 90%	22.30	22.65
Over 90%	31.30	31.80
Unemployability allowances		
Personal	94.20	95.60
Adult dependency increase	53.10	53.10
Increase for first child	12.35	12.35
Increase for subsequent children	14.50	14.50
Constant Attendance Allowance		
Exceptional rate	115.00	116.80
Intermediate rate	86.25	87.60
Full day rate	57.50	58.40
Part day rate	28.75	29.20
Comforts Allowance		
Higher rate	24.70	25.10
Lower rate	12.35	12.55

Mobility Supplement	54.85	55.65
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation (maximum)	57.44	58.32
Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance	57.50	58.40
Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance	28.75	29.20
Clothing allowance (£ per annum)	196.00	199.00
War Widow(er)'s pension		
Widow (er)'s – private	115.55	117.30
Childless Widow(er) under 40s (other ranks)	27.68	28.10
Rent allowance (maximum)	43.60	44.25
Age allowance for elderly Widows		
(a) age 65 – 69	13.20	13.40
(b) age 70 – 79	25.30	25.70
(c) aged 80 and over	37.55	38.10
Supplementary 1973 Widows/Widowers Pension	77.32	78.48