

Policy Circular

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1.0 Background

The amount of basic disablement pension received depends on the degree of the assessment disability and this is measured on a percentage basis. If the assessment is 20% or more, a weekly pension is payable. If it is less than 20%, a one-off lump sum payment is made.

War disablement pensions are tax free. The rates are increased every April and can be found at chapter 44 of the Disability Rights Handbook.

Tax free supplementary allowances may be payable on top of the basic pension or lump sum payment. Some allowances are paid automatically and others have to be claimed.

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1.1 Allowances that are not automatic and have to be claimed

- **War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement**

This is payable if walking difficulty is caused wholly or mainly by the pensioned disablement – and that is assessed at 40% or more. The qualifying conditions are similar to those for DLA higher rate mobility component. It cannot be paid at the same time as DLA mobility component.

- **Constant Attendance Allowance**

This is paid where the pensionable disability is assessed at 80% or more and the qualifying conditions are similar to those of the DLA higher care component. CAA cannot be paid as well as the DLA. Which ever is the highest is normally paid.

- **Unemployability Supplement (extra amounts can be considered for dependants)**

This is paid where the pensioned disablement is at least 60% and the applicant is likely to be permanently unable to work, or to earn more than a small amount of therapeutic earnings. Unemployability Supplement cannot be paid at the same time as Incapacity Benefit or Employment & Support Allowance (ESA). Unemployability Supplement overlaps with basic state pension and can be topped up to the level of the state pension.

- **Allowance for lowered standard of occupation**

This is paid where the pensioned disablement means the applicant is unable to follow their regular occupation or do work of a similar standard. The pensioned disablement must be of at least 40%. This allowance cannot be paid at the same time as Unemployability Supplement, Incapacity Benefit or Employment & Support Allowance (ESA).

- **Clothing Allowance**

Payable when the pensioned disablement is assessed at 20% or more, and causes exceptional wear and tear to clothing.

- **Treatment Allowance**

Payable when the applicant suffers loss of earnings due to having treatment at home or in hospital because of the pensioned disablement. It is paid to top up the basic pension or lump sum payment up to the 100% rate of the basic pension.

- **Rent Allowance**

Payable when the applicant is in receipt of surviving spouse/ civil partner's pension and a child allowance towards accommodation costs.

1.2 Allowances that are paid automatically

- Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance
- Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance
- Comforts Allowance
- Age Allowance

2.0 Policy

2.1 Notional Assessments

A £10 per week disregard should be applied to the amount of the basic War Disablement Pension and the balance is taken into account as income. Certain supplementary allowances are ignored in full, these are:

- Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance
- Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance
- War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement

Where the candidate is in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance $\frac{1}{2}$ CAA received or $\frac{1}{2}$ higher rate DLA whichever is the lesser amount is regarded as being available towards the cost of the assessed care. The remainder of the CAA is disregarded.

Any other supplements or allowances relating to War Disablement Pension but not mentioned immediately above are fully taken into account as income in a notional assessment.

Further information can be obtained from the Disability Rights Handbook or from the Veterans Agency Helpline: 0800 1692277.

3.0 Source

SMT meeting 24 June 2002
Conditions of Grant Agreement 2008

4.0 Cross References

Constant Attendance Allowance policy
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit policy

5.0 History Date Reviewed

Amended re CAA 1 October 2007
1 April 2008
19 June 2008
3 June 2010

Equality Impact Assessment

Screening Template

This preliminary impact assessment form is to help you screen your policy, project, function or new service. It should help you consider whether a full Equality Impact Assessment is required by looking at whether there is a potential negative or positive impact on any of the equality groups, if there is an opportunity to promote equality, and whether further data is needed.

Title of policy, project, function or service:

War disablement Pension Policy

Short description of aims and objectives

Sets out how war disablement pension is treated for the purpose of the ILF financial assessment.

Thinking about each group below, does (or could) the policy, project, service or function have an impact on members of each equality group? If so, how?

Equality Group	Yes – negatively	Yes – positively	Unclear	No impact
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economic groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

What information or research has been considered in judging these impacts?

Income Support (IS) regulations, ILF Conditions of Grant Agreement (COGA)

You should consider a full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) if:

- (a) you feel one or more equality groups will be negatively impacted by the policy, project or service, or
- (b) there is an opportunity to promote equality and eradicate discrimination.

You may also consider further research if it is unclear, at this stage, what the impact may be.

Based on your findings, is a full EIA required?

Yes

No

Please provide a short summary of your decision-making below:

The policy sets out which elements of war disablement pension will be taken into account for the purpose of the ILF financial assessment.

The policy mirrors the provisions of the relevant Income Support regulations, which ILF is required to apply and does not include any decisions made by the Trustees or ILF management

There is no evidence that this policy discriminates against anyone as a result of his or her membership of any of the equality groups.

Notes:

- The completed EIA Screening Template should be sent to Jon Duckworth, User Liaison Manager for approval by the Equality Impact Assessment Board (EIAB).
- We will contact you with any comments or queries about the completed form.

**This form was
completed by:**

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