



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLAIMS SERVICE

The Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) – 6 April 2005

If you are a member or former member of the Regular Armed Forces (including Gurkhas), or the Reserve Forces, or if you are a dependant of the above, you may qualify for compensation under the AFCS. The AFCS covers: injury, illness and death caused mainly by Service; using a tariff, it provides a lump sum to compensate for any pain and suffering. For those who have left the Armed Forces it can give a monthly guaranteed income payment for the more severely disabled; claims under this scheme should be made within 5 years of the date of the injury/illness.

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Disability

The Disability Team offers individual support and assistance to the disabled Serving and Ex-Service Community and their dependants, in regard to disability issues. Particular attention is paid to Statutory Disability Benefits, which could be available to the Serviceman/woman, aside from War Disablement Pensions and Service invaliding pensions.

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Compensation claims against the Ministry of Defence for Personal Injury caused by Negligence

Serving and Ex-Service personnel can make claims against the Ministry of Defence under Common Law for compensation for personal accident or injury through negligence. Claims for compensation can only be made for incidents after 15 May 1987. Examples of possible negligence are: failure to maintain equipment, failure in duty of care to properly instruct or make employees aware of danger/hazards, or failure to provide correct medical treatment.

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War Disablement Pensions and War Widow's or Widower's Pension

War Disablement Pensions can be claimed by people who served in the Armed Forces between 1914 and 1921 or at any time between 2 September 1939 and 5 April 2005. Ex-members of the Merchant Navy, the Coastguard Service, the Nursing Service and the Home Guard, are eligible, as are those who served in the Polish Forces under the British command during 1939-45 War. Civilians or ex-Civil defence workers can also claim. The Widow/Widower or a Partner (as defined by the Civil Partnership Act 2004) or a dependant of someone who died as a result of their Service in HM Forces can also claim.

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Appeals

The Legion can provide free representation at Pension Appeals Tribunals hearings and Appeal Tribunal hearings in respect of Disability Benefits to assist appellants make their case.

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