

are living together, or where they are separated solely by the exigencies of the service.

"2. The Admiralty to have power to reduce or stop the allowance in the event of proved misconduct on the part of the payee and to pay the whole or a portion of it to a trustee.

"3. The allowance to be payable in respect of Naval ratings and Royal Marines borne on the books of H.M. Ships, and Royal Marines on shore strength, and Reservists, in receipt of pay at ordinary Naval or Marine rates, and Coast Guard ratings.

"4. For the half-year, October 1920, to March 1921, to be paid in respect of all eligible men, irrespective of rating, on the following scale:—

Rates for Children, including Motherless Children.

	<i>Weekly.</i>		<i>Weekly.</i>	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For a wife	9	6	—	—
Wife and 1 child ..	19	0	1st child ..	9 6
Wife and 2 children ..	26	6	2nd child ..	7 6
Wife and 3 children .	32	0	3rd child ..	5 6
Wife and 4 children .	35	0	4th child ...	3 0

and 3s. for each additional child.

"5. As on and from the 7th April 1921, the rate of allowance to depend upon the cost of living, and to be paid in accordance with the scale as shown and explained hereunder:—

"SLIDING SCALE.

SHOWING ALTERATION IN RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING.

Ministry of Labour index figure of the cost of living, all items included (Food, Rent, Clothing, Fuel, Lighting, &c.) for 1st January of 1921, and of succeeding years.		160	150	140	130	120	110	100	90	80	70	60	Mini- mum scale 50	
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Scale to be in force for the Financial Year 1921-1922 and succeeding years.	Wife only	9 6	9 0	8 6	8 0	8 0	7 6	7 6	7 0	7 0	7 0	7 0	7 0	
	Wife and 1 child	19 0	18 6	17 6	17 0	16 6	15 6	15 0	14 0	13 6	13 0	12 6	12 0	
	Wife and 2 children	24 6	23 6	22 6	22 0	21 6	20 6	20 0	19 0	18 0	17 0	16 0	15 0	
	Wife and 3 children	29 6	28 6	27 0	26 0	25 0	23 6	22 6	21 0	20 0	19 0	18 0	17 0	
	Wife and 4 children	33 6	32 6	30 6	29 0	28 0	26 0	24 6	23 0	22 0	20 6	19 6	18 0	
	Wife and 5 children	37 6	36 0	34 0	32 0	30 6	28 6	26 6	25 0	23 6	22 0	20 6	19 0	
	Wife and 6 children	41 0	39 0	37 0	35 0	33 0	31 0	28 6	27 0	25 0	23 0	21 6	20 0	
	Wife and 7 children	44 6	42 0	40 0	38 0	35 6	33 0	30 6	28 6	26 0	24 0	22 6	21 0	
	and	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	2 6	2 0	2 0	1 6	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	
	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	
	Rates for children, including motherless children:—													
	1st child	9 6	9 6	9 0	9 0	8 6	8 0	7 6	7 0	6 6	6 0	5 6	5 0	
	2nd child	5 6	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	4 6	4 0	3 6	3 0	
	3rd child	5 0	5 0	4 6	4 0	3 6	3 0	2 6	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	
	4th child	4 0	4 0	3 6	3 0	3 0	2 6	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 6	1 6	1 0	
5th child	4 0	3 6	3 6	3 0	2 6	2 6	2 0	2 0	1 6	1 6	1 0	1 0		
6th child	3 6	3 0	3 0	3 0	2 6	2 6	2 0	2 0	1 6	1 0	1 0	1 0		
7th child	3 6	3 0	3 0	3 0	2 6	2 0	2 0	1 6	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0		
and	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	2 6	2 0	2 0	1 6	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0		
on	on	on	on	on	on	on	on	ou	on	on	on	on		

The rates to be adopted for 1921-22 and succeeding years will be those corresponding to the index figure for 1st January of the year concerned; 135 to 126 inclusive will be regarded as 130; 125 to 116 inclusive as 120; and so on. If, for instance, the index figure on 1st January 1921 is 127, the scale applicable from 1st April 1921 to 31st March 1922, will be that shown above under 130. All changes will actually take effect as from the first pay day in April.

"6. The grant of Marriage Allowance normally to be conditional upon allotments being declared at not less than the following rates:—

<i>Rating or Rank.</i>	<i>Allotment.</i>
Chief Mechanics, Chief Artificers, Chief Shipwrights, Chief Petty Officers, Mechanic, 1st and 2nd Grade, R.N., and Warrant Officers II., Quartermaster-Sergeants, Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors, and Company Sergeant-Majors, R.M. . .	28s. a week.
All other Chief Petty Officers, and Petty Officers, R.N., and all other non-Commissioned Officers, R.M., of the rank of Sergeant and above	21s. a week.

<i>Rating or Rank.</i>	<i>Allotment.</i>
All other ratings, R.N., and Corporals, and all ranks below, R.M.	14s. a week.

"7. This condition to apply to the cases of Motherless Children as well as to cases where payment is made to a wife.

"8. The allowance not to be paid in respect of men under the age of 25. The age limit not, however, to apply in the case of men already married and entitled to Separation Allowance or Family Allowance, under existing conditions at the date of the announcement to the Fleet of the institution of Marriage Allowance, or to men so entitled who marry within three weeks of such date.

"9. The allowance to be payable in respect