

27. After Article 111 of the 1949 Warrant there shall be inserted the following Article:

"11A. *Severe disablement occupational allowance.*
—Where an officer, nurse or rating is in receipt of an allowance for constant attendance at a rate increased under the proviso to Article 7 or 27 of the 1921 (Officers) Order, Article 7 of the 1921 (Warrant Officers) Order or Article 6A of the 1920 Order or would be in receipt of such an allowance if he were not in a hospital or other institution, he may for any period during which he is, in the opinion of the Minister, ordinarily employed in a gainful occupation, be awarded an allowance at the rate of £52 a year in the case of an officer or nurse, or 20s. a week in any other case:

Provided that no allowance shall be payable under this Article to a person for any period in respect of which he—

- (a) is eligible for an award under Article 5 (2) of this Order; or
- (b) is in receipt of any such benefit as is mentioned in paragraph (7) of Article 7 of this Order or retired pay or pension increased under that Article or an allowance increased under paragraph (3) of Article 8 of this Order."

28. In Article 12 of the 1949 Order, as amended (Order of 5th January 1955), (which provides for the award of allowances for wear and tear of clothing) for the figure £6 there shall be substituted the figures £7 10s. and for the figures £10, wherever the same appear, the figures £12 10s.

29. In paragraph (1) of Article 13 of the 1949 Order, as amended (Order of 27th November 1957), (which sets out the rates of pension which may be awarded to ratings for 100 per cent. disablement) for the figures 101s. 8d., 95s., 91s. 8d., 88s. 4d. and 85s. there shall be substituted the figures 114s. 2d., 107s. 6d., 104s. 2d., 100s. 10d. and 97s. 6d. respectively.

30. In Article 14 of the 1949 Order, as amended (Order of 27th November 1957), (which provides for awards to widows and children on the death of officers or ratings on or after the 3rd September 1939)—

- (a) in the proviso to paragraph (2), in paragraph (c) for the figures £112 10s., £88, £104 10s., 30s. and 40s. there shall be substituted the figures £128 10s., £100, £120 10s., 34s. 6d. and 46s. respectively and in paragraph (d) the words "receiving not more than nominal wages" shall be deleted;
- (b) in paragraph (3), for the figures £130 and 50s. there shall be substituted the figures £149 10s. and 57s. 6d. respectively.

31. In Article 15 of the 1949 Order, as amended (Order of 27th November 1957), (which provides for the award of pensions to children of officers and ratings who died before the 3rd September 1939)—

- (a) in paragraph (1), for the figures £73 and £67 there shall be substituted the figures £83 10s. and £77 10s. respectively;
- (b) in paragraph (2), for the figures £112 10s., £88 and £104 10s. there shall be substituted the figures £128 10s., £100 and £120 10s. respectively;
- (c) in paragraph (3), for the figures 25s. there shall be substituted the figures 29s.;
- (d) in paragraph (4), for the figures 30s. and 40s. there shall be substituted the figures 34s. 6d. and 46s. respectively;
- (e) in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (5), the words "receiving not more than nominal wages" shall be deleted;
- (f) in paragraph (6), for the figures £130 and 50s. there shall be substituted the figures £149 10s. and 57s. 6d. respectively.

32. In Article 19 of the 1949 Order (which provides for the award of education allowances in respect of children of disabled or deceased officers or ratings) for the figures £80 there shall be substituted the figures £120.

33. For Article 20 of the 1949 Order there shall be substituted the following Article:

"20. *Rent allowances to widows who have children.*

(1) Where the widow of a commissioned officer, warrant officer or rating is in receipt of a pension under Article 11, 16A, 16B or 17A of the 1921 (Officers) Order or under Article 11, 16A, 16B or 17A of the 1921 (Warrant Officers) Order or under Article 11, 17A or 17B of the 1920 Order, as the case may be, or under Article 14 of this Order, and her household includes a child, the widow may be awarded an allowance in accordance with the following provisions of this Article at such weekly rate not exceeding 29s. as the Minister may consider appropriate having regard to the amount by which her weekly rent and rates exceed 6s.

(2) Where the child has attained the child's age limit, the award of an allowance under this Article shall not be made or continued unless the circumstances of the case are, in the opinion of the Minister, such as to justify the award or its continuance.

(3) Where an allowance under this Article would cease by reason of the death of a child before attaining the child's age limit the allowance shall be continued for the period of thirteen weeks from the date of the child's death.

(4) In this Article—

- (a) "child" includes any child who should, in the opinion of the Minister, having regard to the child's relationship to or connection with the officer or rating and the other circumstances of the case, be treated as covered by the provisions of this Article, being a child who has not attained the child's age limit or who, having attained that age limit, fulfils any one of the conditions set out in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (d) of the proviso to paragraph (2) of Article 14 of this Order for the grant or continuance of a child's allowance;
- (b) "weekly rent and rates" means such sum as the Minister may, after taking into account all relevant factors and making all necessary apportionments, consider to be the weekly amount which the widow is paying or providing either directly or indirectly in respect of rent, or the equivalent thereof, and rates for accommodation for the benefit of herself and the child;
- (c) "child's age limit" means in relation to the child of an officer, the age of 18 years and in relation to the child of a rating the age of 16 years;
- (d) "accommodation" means living accommodation without any service or benefit not ordinarily provided by the landlord to the tenant of an unfurnished dwelling house, but may include accommodation reasonably required for the storage of furniture."

34. This Order shall be construed as one with the 1920 Order, the 1921 (Officers) Order, the 1921 (Warrant Officers) Order and the 1949 Order and shall come into operation on the 11st April 1961, so, however, that in relation to any award payable weekly the foregoing reference to the 1st April 1961, shall be construed as a reference to the first normal weekly pay day for that award following the 1st April 1961.

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