

(c) Officer's Widows:

Rank	Yearly rate of pension			
	Widow with children or 40 years of age or over, or incapacitated		Any other widow	
	From 22nd September 1971	From 4th October 1972	From 22nd September 1971	From 4th October 1972
	£	£	£	£
Admiral of the Fleet	1,017	1,069	1,017	1,069
Admiral or General, R.M.	857	909	857	909
Vice-Admiral or Lieutenant-General, R.M.	757	809	757	809
Rear-Admiral or Major-General, R.M.	667	719	667	719
Commodore 1st or 2nd Class or Colonel Commandant, R.M.	607	659	607	659
Captain, R.N. or Colonel 2nd Commandant or Colonel, or Lieutenant-Colonel, R.M.	547	599	547	599
Commander or Major, R.M.	527	579	527	579
Lieutenant-Commander or Captain, R.M.	497	549	170	170
Lieutenant, R.N. or Lieutenant, R.M. with 4 years or over commissioned service	482	534	150	150
Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.				
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.				
Lieutenant, R.M. with less than 4 years commissioned service				
2nd Lieutenant, R.M.	467	519	130	130
Senior Commissioned Officer (Branch List), R.N. or R.M.	442	494	105	105
Commissioned Officers (Branch List), R.N. or R.M.				

(d) Widows of Ratings and Marines:

Rank	Weekly rate of pension			
	Widow with children or 40 years of age or over, or incapacitated		Any other widow	
	From 22nd September 1971	From 4th October 1972	From 22nd September 1971	From 4th October 1972
	£p	£p	£p	£p
Fleet Chief Petty Officer/Regimental Sergeant Major, R.M.	8·05	9·05	2·05	2·28
Quartermaster Sergeant, R.M.	8·00	9·00	2·00	2·23
Chief Petty Officer	7·95	8·95	1·95	2·18
Petty Officer	7·90	8·90	1·90	2·13
Leading Rating	7·85	8·85	1·85	2·08
Able Rating	7·80	8·80	1·80	2·03

2. Definition of Rank

(a) Officers:

- (1) For the purpose of assessing pensions of officers' widows the rank of the officer shall be, except as hereinafter provided, the highest substantive rank held by the officer on the Active List or while re-employed in a service capacity during war or emergency.
- (2) Brevet or honorary rank shall not count, except where otherwise specially stated, but the rank of Commodore 1st or 2nd Class shall be regarded as substantive rank. Brevet rank held on the Active List prior to 25th June 1925 shall also be regarded as a substantive rank.
- (3) If an officer accepts a temporary rank lower than his substantive rank and dies in circumstances rendering his widow eligible for an attributable pension, his widow shall not receive a pension greater than the rate appropriate to her husband's temporary rank, unless eligible for a higher Service pension appropriate to his substantive rank.
- (4) A Chaplain shall be treated as holding such rank as is, in the opinion of the Defence Council, appropriate in his case having regard to his length of service. In the case of a Chaplain on the retired list seniority for this purpose shall be taken as seniority at date of original retirement increased by the amount of actual service (if any) after retirement during war or emergency.

(b) R.N. Ratings and R.M. Other Ranks:

For the purpose of assessing pensions of the widows of ratings and other ranks, the rank shall be that held by the deceased rating or other rank prior to the termination of his full pay service.

3. Rent Allowance

A widow who is in receipt of a pension for herself and has a child in her care may be granted a rent allowance at a rate not exceeding:

£3·00 a week from 22nd September 1971

£3·40 a week from 4th October 1972

as the Defence Council may consider appropriate, having regard to her weekly rent and rates.

For the purpose of this clause

- "child" means a child who is eligible for an allowance under clause 16 and any other child who, in the opinion of the Defence Council, having regard to the child's relationship to or connection with the deceased member and the other circumstances of the case, should be treated as covered by this provision;
- "weekly rent and rates" means such sum as the Defence Council may, after taking into account all relevant factors and making all necessary apportionments, consider to be the weekly amount in respect of rent, or the equivalent thereof, and rates, which the widow is paying or providing either directly or indirectly for accommodation for the benefit of herself and the child;
- "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.

Where an allowance under this clause would cease by reason of the death of a child, the allowance may be continued for the period of 13 weeks from the date of the child's death.