

(3) Where the member is not in receipt of an allowance under Clause 3 in respect of a wife, an allowance may be awarded in respect of an adult dependant at the rate not exceeding:

<i>Officers (per year)</i>	<i>Ratings (per week)</i>
£	£
247.00	4.75

if the Ministry of Defence thinks fit having regard to the financial circumstances of the person in respect of whom an allowance is claimed; provided that the member shall not be awarded an allowance in respect of more than one adult dependant.

(4) (a) Where an allowance has been awarded under Clause 3 in respect of a child, that allowance may be increased by the appropriate rate under that Clause;

(b) an allowance may be awarded in respect of any child, not being an eligible member of the family, who should, in the opinion of the Ministry of Defence, be treated as such having regard to the child's relationship to, or connection with, the pensioner and other circumstances of the case, provided that any such allowance shall be at the rate and subject to the conditions which would be appropriate under Clause 3 if the child were an eligible member of the family;

(5) Where an allowance has been awarded under Clause 3 or paragraph (4) of this sub-clause in respect of a child or children, the rate thereof is to be as follows:

<i>Eligible Child</i>	<i>Officers (Yearly Rate)</i>	<i>Ratings (Weekly Rate)</i>
	£p	£p
For the first or only child	197.60	3.80
For the second child	150.80	2.90
For each other child	145.60	2.80

In the case of existing awards, transitional provisions provide for the aggregate rate of these allowances to be maintained if, exceptionally, it would be reduced by the application of the new rates.

(6) adjustment of allowances in respect of benefit payable out of public funds abroad.

Where a person to or in respect of whom an allowance or increase may be or has been awarded under the foregoing provisions of this Clause is eligible for benefit payable out of public funds under the law of any place outside the United Kingdom being benefit which, in the opinion of the Ministry of Defence, is analogous to a benefit under the National Insurance Acts 1965 to 1971, the Ministry of Defence may take the benefit into account against the allowance or increase in such manner and to such extent as may be thought appropriate having regard to any adjustment which would be made if the person were eligible for the analogous benefit under the said Acts.

10. *Invalidity Allowance.* (a) Where a member of the naval forces is awarded an allowance under Clause 9(b) in respect of unemployability and has not on the relevant date (whether before or after the coming into operation of this Clause) attained the age of 60 or, in the case of a woman member, the age of 55, he may be awarded an additional allowance as follows:

<i>Age on Qualifying Date</i>	<i>Officers (per year)</i>	<i>Ratings (per week)</i>
	£p	£p
Under 35	83.20	1.60
Under 45 but not under 35	52.00	1.00
45 but under 60 (man) 55 (woman)	26.00	0.50

(b) Subject to the following provisions of this Clause the relevant date for the purposes of sub-clause (a) of this Clause shall be the commencing date of the period in respect of which an allowance under Clause 9(b) is awarded and, if there have been two or more such periods, the commencing date of the latter or last of them.

(c) For the purposes of sub-clause (b) of this Clause where a break between two periods in respect of which an allowance under Clause 9(b) has been awarded does not exceed 13 weeks those periods shall not be treated as separate periods.

(d) If the unemployability in respect of which an allowance is awarded forms part of a period of interruption of employment for the purposes of the National Insurance Acts 1965 to 1971 which has continued without a break from a date earlier than the date fixed under sub-clauses (b) and (c) of this Clause, the relevant date shall be the first day of incapacity for work for those purposes in that period.

(e) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Clause, the relevant date may be such other date as the Ministry of Defence may determine if in its opinion the circumstances of any particular case so require.

(f) This Clause shall not apply if on the date on which it comes into operation the member is a man over the age of 65 or a woman over the age of 60.

(g) The provisions of paragraph 6 of Clause 9(c), in so far as they provide for taking into account any benefit payable out of public funds under the law of any place outside the United Kingdom, shall apply to an allowance awarded under this Clause as they apply to a personal allowance awarded under that Clause.

11. *Allowances for Comforts.* (a) A member of the naval forces who is in receipt of retired pay or pension under Clause 1 may be awarded an allowance for the provision of comforts

(1) at the rate of:

<i>Officers (per year)</i>	<i>Ratings (per week)</i>
£	£
114.40	2.20

where the member is in receipt of an allowance under Clause 5 and is:

(a) in receipt of an allowance under Clause 9; or

(b) in receipt of retired pay or pension in respect of disablement the degree of which is 100 per cent and which has been awarded in respect of multiple injuries which, in the opinion of the Ministry of Defence, render his disablement so severe as to justify the award of an allowance.

(2) at the rate of:

<i>Officers (per year)</i>	<i>Ratings (per week)</i>
£	£
57.20	1.10

if he does not qualify for an award under paragraph (1) of this sub-clause but is in receipt of an allowance under Clause 5 or under Clause 9.

(b) For the purposes of this Clause, a member who would be in receipt of an allowance under Clause 5 if he were not in a hospital or other institution shall be deemed to be in receipt of an allowance under that Clause.