

If the death of a rating, or the wound, injury or disease which resulted in his death was due wholly or in part to his own negligence or misconduct or to any cause within his own control, any grant which might otherwise be made to his widow or other dependants may be withheld or reduced as the Defence Council may determine.

Subject to any exception which the Defence Council may approve in a particular case, a pension will not be awarded to a widow who was separated from her husband at the time of his death. Should such an exception be approved the award will be at such a rate, and subject to such conditions, as the Defence Council may determine.

PART I

Where death is attributable to Service

Provided the conditions regarding relationship and age are satisfied, widows and dependants of Hong Kong naval locally engaged ratings may be awarded weekly pensions and allowances as follows:

1. *Weekly Rate of Pension*

	<i>Widows with children or 40 years of age or over or incapacitated</i>		<i>Any other Widow</i>
	£p		£p
Fleet Chief Petty Officer'	11.48		2.75
Chief Petty Officer	11.43		2.70
Petty Officer	11.40		2.68
Leading Rating	11.38		2.65
Able Rating	11.35		2.63

2. *Weekly Allowance to Elderly Widows*

A widow who receives a pension under Clause 1 above may be awarded an allowance as follows:

	£p
Aged 65 but under 70 years	1.10
Aged 70 years or over	2.20

Re-marriage

If a widow of a Hong Kong naval locally engaged rating who has been granted a pension under the terms of this Order in Council re-marries her pension will cease on the date of her re-marriage.

3. *Children*

Weekly allowances for eligible legitimate children may be granted at the discretion of the Defence Council at the following rates:

<i>If the mother is still living</i>		£p
In respect of the first or only child		4.20
In respect of each other child		4.00
<i>Motherless children</i>		£p
In respect of each child up to the age of 16 ...		4.58

4. An allowance may be made in respect of a motherless child who having attained the age of 18 years is incapable of self support by reason of infirmity which arose before the normal age limit for pension purposes.

5. *Education Allowance*

In addition to an allowance under Clause 3 above an allowance not exceeding £60.00 per annum may be granted for the purpose of the child's education provided:

- the child has reached the age of 5 years, but where the child begins school before the age of 5 years an allowance may be granted from the beginning of the school term in the course of which the child attains the age of 5 years;
- family circumstances are such as to require it.

Parents

If the death of a Hong Kong naval locally engaged rating is accepted as attributable to service his parent or parents may be granted an allowance subject to such conditions as the Defence Council may determine provided that:

- he did not leave a widow or eligible child;
- the parent or parents are in pecuniary need by reason of having reached the age of not less than 65 years (man) or 60 years (woman).

In determining an award account shall be taken of the extent to which the Hong Kong naval locally engaged rating was supporting his parents at the time of his death, and the extent to which, if he had not died, he would have been likely to continue to support them. The weekly rate shall not exceed:

- where there are two parents £0.69
- in single parent cases £0.50

The grant shall cease on the re-marriage of the grantee under (b).

PART II

Where Death is not Attributable to Service at rates effective from 1st January 1977

1. A gratuity may be granted at Ministry of Defence discretion to widows of Hong Kong naval locally engaged ratings, who die whilst serving in the Royal Navy, on the following scale:

- Where the rating had 3 or more years' reckonable service, but less than 12 years, a gratuity as follows:

<i>Years of reckonable service</i>	<i>Able Rating</i>	<i>Leading Rating</i>	<i>Petty Officer</i>	<i>Hong Kong Dollars Chief Petty Officer</i>
3	1,626	1,912	2,100	2,228
4	2,248	2,630	2,881	3,051
5	2,810	3,287	3,601	3,814
6	3,433	4,005	4,381	4,637
7	4,005	4,672	5,112	5,410
8	4,577	5,340	5,842	6,183
9	5,240	6,098	6,843	7,227
10	5,822	6,775	7,603	8,030
11	6,404	7,453	8,364	8,833