

Members of the Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel of the Malta Port Division, hereinafter referred to as 'Maltese Naval Forces' who have the right to pensions assessed in accordance with the United Kingdom 1971 Pension Code (updated to take account of the cost of living) for service before 26th March 1972 will retain this right if more favourable but will otherwise have the whole of their reckonable service assessed in accordance with the Maltese Naval Forces Pension Code current at the date of their discharge.

Terminal Grants

Ratings discharged with entitlement to a service pension will be awarded a terminal grant at three times the annual rate of pension.

Commutation of Pension

Maltese Naval Forces pensioners may apply for permission to commute part of their pension at any time after discharge, provided it is for a purpose which will be to the pensioner's distinct and permanent advantage. Approval to commute is at the discretion of the Defence Council, or the Admiralty Board on their behalf, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Maltese Naval Forces pensioners discharged from the Service on or after 31st March 1969 but before 1st January 1973 (i.e. those who were discharged on redundancy under the terms of the United Kingdom 1971 Pension Code) are not permitted to reduce their basic pension below £2.50 per week.

Maltese Naval Forces pensioners discharged after 31st March 1972, under the terms of the Maltese Naval Forces Pension Code, are not permitted to reduce their basic pension below £1.50 (Maltese) per week.

Service Gratuities

Ratings discharged on or after 15th October 1977 without entitlement to a service pension and who have 12 or more years' reckonable service from the age of 18 years preceding discharge may be awarded service gratuities as follows:

| Reckonable Service Years | Able Rating £ Maltese | Leading Rating £ Maltese | Petty Officer £ Maltese | Chief Petty Officer £ Maltese |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12 | 646 | 752 | 823 | 881 |
| 13 | 708 | 823 | 906 | 969 |
| 14 | 762 | 886 | 976 | 1,043 |
| 15 | 817 | 949 | 1,046 | 1,118 |
| 16 | 879 | 1,021 | 1,133 | 1,210 |
| 17 | 934 | 1,085 | 1,204 | 1,286 |
| 18 | 989 | 1,148 | 1,275 | 1,362 |
| 19 | 1,056 | 1,224 | 1,368 | 1,460 |
| 20 | 1,111 | 1,288 | 1,441 | 1,537 |
| 21 | 1,167 | 1,352 | 1,513 | 1,614 |

Invaliding Gratuities

Ratings who are invalided on or after 15th October 1977 with insufficient service to qualify for a service pension and who have three or more years' reckonable service will be eligible for a service gratuity as follows:

| Reckonable Service Years | Able Rating £ Maltese | Leading Rating £ Maltese | Petty Officer £ Maltese |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | 162 | 188 | 206 |
| 4 | 215 | 251 | 274 |
| 5 | 269 | 313 | 343 |
| 6 | 323 | 376 | 412 |
| 7 | 377 | 439 | 480 |
| 8 | 431 | 502 | 549 |
| 9 | 485 | 564 | 618 |
| 10 | 539 | 627 | 686 |
| 11 | 592 | 690 | 755 |

SCHEDULE II

Widows' Pensions

Dependants of members of the Maltese Naval Forces who were discharged to pension or redundancy under the terms of the United Kingdom 1971 Pension Code will receive the benefits applicable to that Code.

With effect from 1st April 1972 the rate of Maltese widows' pensions will be one-third of the husband's Maltese Naval Forces pension.

Widows' Gratuities

Rates of gratuity to widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces who die while serving on full pay:

- (i) where a terminal grant would have been payable on invaliding a gratuity may be paid to the widow equal to the terminal grant to which the rating would have been entitled; or
- (ii) where no terminal grant would have been payable the following scale will apply:

(a) *Widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces by rank with less than 12 years' service who die while serving on full pay from 15th October 1977:*

| Reckonable Service Years | Able Rating £ Maltese | Leading Rating £ Maltese | Petty Officer £ Maltese |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | 162 | 188 | 206 |
| 4 | 215 | 251 | 274 |
| 5 | 269 | 313 | 343 |
| 6 | 323 | 376 | 412 |
| 7 | 377 | 439 | 480 |
| 8 | 431 | 502 | 549 |
| 9 | 485 | 564 | 618 |
| 10 | 539 | 627 | 686 |
| 11 | 592 | 690 | 755 |

- (b) Widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces who have served 12 years' reckonable service or more, but who did not intend to re-engage to complete time for pension, and who die in service on or after 15th October 1977, will be paid the gratuity that would have been awarded had the member been discharged from the Service on the date of his death.