

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>
	<i>£ p</i>
In respect of each child	5.30
	<i>Motherless children</i>
	<i>£ p</i>
In respect of each child up to the age of 16 years	5.65

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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) family circumstances are such as to require it.

6. 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:

- (a) he did not leave a widow or eligible child;
- (b) 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:

- (a) where there are two parents £0.69
- (b) 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:

- (a) 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>Hong Kong Dollars</i>			
	<i>Able Rating</i>	<i>Leading Rating</i>	<i>Petty Officer</i>	<i>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

- (b) Where the rating had 12 or more years' reckonable service, but less than 22 years, a gratuity equal to the

amount of the gratuity the rating would have received if he had been discharged from the Service in the normal way on the day he died as follows:

<i>Years of reckonable Service</i>	<i>Hong Kong Dollars</i>			
	<i>Able Rating</i>	<i>Leading Rating</i>	<i>Petty Officer</i>	<i>Chief Petty Officer</i>
12	7,227	8,371	9,365	9,877
13	7,829	9,069	10,145	10,700
14	8,341	9,766	10,926	11,523
15	9,184	10,615	11,857	12,497
16	9,797	11,322	12,647	13,330
17	10,409	12,030	13,438	14,163
18	11,202	12,918	14,409	15,177
19	11,824	13,636	15,209	16,020
20	12,447	14,354	16,010	16,863
21	13,069	15,071	16,810	17,706

(c) Additionally a sum of Hong Kong dollars equivalent to £75 should be added in respect of each completed year of service thereafter.

(d) Where the rating had 22 or more years' reckonable service and would have been eligible for a terminal grant in addition to any other non-effective benefits, a sum equal to 90 per cent. of the amount of the terminal grant for which the rating would have been eligible if he had been discharged in the normal way on the day he died may be added to any gratuity payable under sub-clause (c) above.

2. The only dependent relatives eligible for consideration for the award of a service gratuity are:

- (a) Widow.
- (b) Children (including step-children and illegitimate children) under the age of 14 years.

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At the Court at
Buckingham Palace the 18th day of February 1981

Present,
The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is expedient to provide for increased rates of pensions and allowances by the Ministry of Defence to widows, children and parents of Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel of the Malta Port Division who die as a result of peacetime service:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865 (1865 c. 73), and all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1981.

2. The revised rates (to be converted to Maltese currency) and conditions of award of pensions and allowances to widows and children in respect of the death of Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel of the Malta Port Division, hereinafter referred to as "Maltese Naval Forces" where death is attributable to their service as specified in the Schedule to this Order shall take effect from 26th November 1980.

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SCHEDULE**Section I. Pensions and Allowances**

NOTE. Widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces who prior to 1st April 1972 were awarded pensions in respect of death attributable to service at the United Kingdom rate have a reserved right to continue to receive the increases relevant to United Kingdom awards.

Widows

1. (a) Pensions shall be payable at the discretion of the Defence Council and in accordance with the following provisions to the widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces whose deaths are attributable to service after 31st March 1972, or where the member was receiving any rate of constant attendance allowance when he died (or would have been receiving it but for the fact that he was in a hospital or other institution).