

date as the Ministry of Defence may determine if in its opinion the circumstances of any particular case so require.

- (e) 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 years or a woman over the age of 60 years.
- (f) The provisions of paragraph 6 of Clause 9(c) of this schedule, insofar 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 Maltese Naval Forces who is in receipt of a pension under Clause 1 of this Schedule may be awarded an allowance for the provision of comforts:

(1) At the rate of £5.08 per week where the member is in receipt of an allowance under Clause 5 of this Schedule and is:

- (a) in receipt of an allowance under Clause 9 of this Schedule; or
- (b) in receipt of 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 £2.54 per week 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 Clause 9 of this Schedule.

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

**12. Allowances for Lowered Standard of Occupation**

A member of the Maltese Naval Forces who is in receipt of pension under Clause 1 of this Schedule, the degree of which is less than 100 per cent., who has been compelled after 1st April 1972, by reason of his disability, to adopt an occupation not equivalent to that regularly followed by him for a reasonable period before that date may be granted at Ministry of Defence discretion a special allowance at a rate not exceeding £11.68 per week so that the aggregate rate of his pension under Clause 1 of this Schedule together with the allowance under this Clause shall not exceed the rate of award which would have been appropriate in his case under the said Clause 1 if the degree of his disablement had been 100 per cent.

An allowance under this Clause shall not be payable to a member for any period in respect of which an allowance under Clause 9 of this Schedule is payable to him.

**13. Age Allowance**

Where a member of the Maltese Naval Forces who is in receipt of pension under Clause 1 of this Schedule, in respect of disablement the degree of which is 40 per cent., or over, has attained the age of 65 years he may be awarded an allowance in accordance with the following Table:

Degree of Pensioned Disablement	Rate of Allowance (Weekly Rate)	
	£	p
40 to 50 per cent. ... ..	2	05
Over 50 but not exceeding 70 per cent. ... ..	3	17
Over 70 but not exceeding 90 per cent. ... ..	4	52
Over 90 per cent. ... ..	6	34

**Treatment**

**14. Treatment Allowances**

"Treatment" for the purpose of an award under this Clause and Clauses 15 and 16 of this Schedule means a course of medical, surgical or rehabilitative treatment which the Ministry of Defence is satisfied that a member of the Maltese Naval Forces should receive in consequence of any disablement in respect of which an award under this Order in Council or any previous Order in Council may be or has been made, but does not include any treatment which involves no, or only occasional, interruptions of the member's normal employment.

(a) A member of the Maltese Naval Forces may be awarded in respect of any period during which he received approved treatment, a treatment allowance consisting of a personal allowance in respect of himself and any additional allowance which may be appropriate in his case in accordance with the following provisions of this Clause:

Provided that:

(1) A treatment allowance shall be subject to such deductions or adjustments as the Ministry of Defence may think fit having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

(2) Where a member is in receipt of a treatment allowance under this Clause in respect of any period no payment shall be made in respect of that period of any other award under this Schedule except an award under Clauses 4, 6, 8, 9(b), 10 or 11, or in the case of treatment, other than treatment in a hospital or similar institution the whole or part of the cost of which is paid out of public funds, an award under Clause 5 or under Clause 7 subject to the provisions of sub-clause (b) of the proviso to that Clause.

(b) The personal allowance in respect of the member shall be awarded at the rate of pension which would be appropriate under this Order in Council if the degree of that member's disablement were 100 per cent.

(c) Where the member has attained the age of 65 years he may be awarded an increase of the allowance under sub-clause (b) of this Clause:

(1) at a rate equal to that of the allowance which he would be receiving under Clause 13 of this Schedule but for proviso (2) to sub-clause (a) of this Clause or at such higher rate as the Ministry of Defence may determine having regard to the circumstances of the case; or

(2) at such rate as the Ministry of Defence may determine if of the opinion that an award should be made to a person who is not eligible for an award under the preceding paragraph.

Provided that the rate of any increase under this paragraph shall not exceed £6.34 per week.

(d) An additional allowance may be awarded in respect of an eligible dependant at the rate and subject to the conditions which would be appropriate under Clause 3 of this Schedule if that dependant were an eligible member of the family and the degree of the member's disablement were 100 per cent.

Provided that where that eligible dependant is a wife (whether married to the member before or after the material date) the rate of the additional allowance in respect of that person may be increased by the rate of £8.42 per week as the Ministry of Defence may think fit having regard to the financial circumstances of that person.

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.

(e) Where a member of the Maltese Naval Forces is not in receipt of an allowance under sub-clause (d) of this Clause in respect of a wife an additional allowance may be awarded in respect of an adult dependant at the rate of £8.42 per week as the Ministry of Defence may think fit having regard to the financial circumstances of that adult dependant. Provided that the member shall not be awarded an additional allowance in respect of more than one adult dependant.

**15. Allowances where Abstention from Work is necessary following treatment in a hospital or similar institution**

(a) Where it is certified that a member of the Maltese Naval Forces should on completion of a course of treatment in a hospital or similar institution abstain from work in consequence of the condition which necessitated that treatment, he may be treated as if he were eligible for a treatment allowance under Clause 14 of this Schedule.

(b) This Clause shall not apply to a member of the Maltese Naval Forces who is in receipt of an allowance under Clause 9(b) of this Schedule.

**16. Allowance for Part-time Treatment**

Where a member of the Maltese Naval Forces receives treatment which would be treatment as defined in Clause 14 of his Schedule, but for the fact that it involves only