

(f) a stepchild of the member, who, where the member is disabled, is being regularly maintained in whole or in part by him, or who, where the member is dead, was regularly so maintained by the member up to the date of his death;

(g) a legally adopted child of the member;

(h) a foster-child, that is to say, a child who—
(i) was on the material date being brought up and wholly or mainly maintained by the member as his child; and

(ii) was so brought up and maintained for not less than six months (or such lesser period as the Minister may determine in the exceptional circumstances of any case) prior to the date on which the member's service terminated; and

(iii) has continued to be so maintained, where the member is disabled, up to the date of any award under this Order in respect of his disablement and, where the award is reviewed, up to the date of the review or, where the member is dead, up to the date of his death:

(6) "child's age limit", in relation to a child or juvenile dependant of a member of the naval forces, means—

(a) where the member was an officer or sergeant-major of the Royal Marines, the age of 18 years; or

(b) in any other case, the age of 16 years:

(7) "dependent", relation to the dependency of a person upon a deceased member of the naval forces before his death, means dependent by reason of the receipt of regular and substantial support or benefit from the member—

(a) where his death occurred during his service, throughout the period of six months ending with his death; or

(b) in any other case, throughout the period beginning six months prior to the termination of his service and ending with his death; or throughout such other period as the Minister may determine in the exceptional circumstances of any case:

(8) "disablement" means physical or mental injury or damage, or loss of physical or mental capacity, and "disabled" shall be construed accordingly:

(9) "eligible dependant", in relation to a course of approved treatment, means a person who is an eligible member of the family or who would be an eligible member of the family if, for any date mentioned in paragraphs (5) and (11) of this Article, and for the date specified in paragraph (29) of this Article as the terminating date of the period therein mentioned, there were substituted the date of the commencement of that course of treatment:

(10) "eligible member of the family", in relation to a member of the naval forces, means the wife, husband, unmarried dependant living as a wife, or a child, of the member:

(11) "husband", in relation to a member of the naval forces, means a husband whose marriage to the member took place not later than the material date, and "widower" shall be construed accordingly:

(12) "incapable of self-support", in relation to any person, means incapable of supporting himself solely by reason of—

(a) physical or mental infirmity of a permanent or prolonged nature; or

(b) old age; or

(c) being a juvenile dependant:

(13) "injury" includes wound or disease:

(14) "juvenile dependant", in relation to a deceased member of the naval forces, means a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister or grandchild of the member, who has not attained the child's age limit:

(15) "material date", in relation to any child of a member of the naval forces to whom subparagraph (e) or (h) of paragraph (5) of this Article applies, or in relation to a husband of a member of the naval forces, means the date on which the member sustained the wound or injury, or was first removed from duty on account of the disease, on which the claim under this Order in respect of his disablement or death is based, or, if there was no such occurrence, the date of the termination of his service:

Provided that, where the member suffered aggravation of the injury (being aggravation which, in the case of death, persisted until death) as a result of service—

(a) in the case of a child to whom subparagraph (e) of paragraph (5) of this Article applies, after or

within nine months before the birth of the child; or

(b) in the case of a foster-child, after the date on which the member began to bring up and maintain the child as his child; or

(c) in the case of a husband, after the date of his marriage to the member; the expression "material date" in relation to that child or husband shall mean the date on which the member's service terminated:

(16) "member of the naval forces" means an officer or rating of the Royal Navy or the Royal Marines, within the meaning of the principal Regulations, but does not include—

(a) an officer or rating serving under conditions other than those prescribed by the principal Regulations;

(b) a person entered abroad on a non-continuous service engagement for local service only;

(c) a non-European Native rating (whether a British subject or not);

(d) a person who is by the terms of his service excluded from the benefits of this Order or whose conditions of service include other provisions of a like nature;

(e) a person serving in one of His Majesty's ships or in a Fleet Auxiliary or in any other vessel in the service of the Admiralty under Agreement T.124 or a variant of that Agreement or under any other mercantile or special agreement;

(f) a person who is a member of a category or class specifically excluded from the benefits of this Order:

and, except where the context otherwise requires, any provision of this Order relating to a member of the naval forces shall be construed as relating also to a woman member of the naval forces and as relating to a person whose service as such a member or woman member has terminated:

(17) "member of the Naval Reserve Forces" means a member of the naval forces who is a member of—

(a) the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve;

(b) the Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve;

(c) the Royal Naval Reserve;

(d) the Royal Fleet Reserve;

(e) the Royal Naval Special Reserve;

(f) the Women's Royal Naval Reserve;

(g) Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve;

but does not include such a member of the Naval Reserve Forces during any period when he is mobilized:

(18) "the Minister" means the Minister of Pensions:

(19) "officer" means a member of the naval forces who is a commissioned officer (which term shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include a woman member of the naval forces with commissioned officer status), a subordinate officer, or a warrant officer (which term shall not include a sergeant-major of the Royal Marines, but shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include a woman member of the naval forces with warrant officer status):

(20) "old age", in relation to any person, means the attainment of the age of 65 years by a male person or of the age of 60 years by a female person:

(21) "other dependant", in relation to a deceased member of the naval forces, means a grandparent, step-parent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister or grandchild of the member:

(22) "parent", in relation to a deceased member of the naval forces, means—

(a) a person of whom the member was a legitimate, legitimated or illegitimate child; or

(b) a person who had legally adopted the member; or

(c) a person who, for a period of five years (or such lesser period as the Minister may determine in the exceptional circumstances of any case) during the minority of the member, acted in the place of a parent to, and wholly or mainly maintained, the member; or

(d) a person who, for such period as is mentioned in subparagraph (c) of this paragraph, was the spouse (not being a separated spouse) of a person fulfilling the conditions set out in that subparagraph:

(23) "principal Regulations" means the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions for the government of His Majesty's Naval Service, as