

30. Service preceding a five-year interval in service shall not be included unless specially allowed by the Secretary of State for Defence, and eligibility to reckon such previous service will normally be determined at the time of resumption of service. Where, during a break in service the officer has been a member of the Royal Naval Reserve, or other reserve of any of the Forces, undertaking or liable for periodical training, the period of such membership will not be considered an interval in service for the purpose of deciding whether the previous service is admissible.

PREVIOUS SERVICE FOR WHICH A NON-EFFECTIVE AWARD HAS BEEN RECEIVED

31. (a) In the case of previous service in respect of which the officer received a service gratuity, or in any case of previous service other than in the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army, or the Royal Air Force, it may be stipulated as a condition for allowing such service to reckon for retired pay, that the officer shall make a payment to Naval Funds, either in a lump sum or otherwise. In default of such payment as may have been stipulated, the previous service will not be allowed.

(b) If an officer has continued to draw concurrently with full pay the retired pay or other analogous award payable in respect of previous service, the further service will normally not confer eligibility for improved benefits on final termination of employment.

COUNTING OF SERVICE

32. (a) *Reckonable Service.* All service as defined above from the age of 21 will count in full as reckonable service.

(b) *Qualifying Service.* All service as defined above from the age of 18 will count in full as qualifying service.

SCHEDULE II

SECTION I

Gratuities for Short Service Medical and Dental Officers

1. An officer entering the Medical or Dental Branches of the Royal Navy on a short service commission of 3 or 5 years' duration on or after 1st May 1961, may, if the full period of Active List service he has undertaken is satisfactorily completed, be awarded a gratuity at the rate of £500 for each of the first 3 years' service and at a rate of £750 a year thereafter. An officer entered on a 3-year commission who has applied before 1st September 1963, to extend his service by 2 years will be eligible for a gratuity of £3,000. Those applying for such extensions on or after 1st September 1963, irrespective of whether their original 3-year commission began before or after that date, will be eligible only for a gratuity of £2,500 on completion of 5 years' service. An officer entered on a 3-year commission who could, by a 2 year extension of service, qualify for a gratuity of either £3,000 or £2,500 may, if his further service beyond 3 years falls short of 2 years, be awarded an addition to his gratuity at the rate of £300 a year in respect of his further service. Officers permitted to extend their service beyond 5 years, and whose extension of service begins on or after 1st April 1968, will be eligible for an addition calculated at the rate of £400 a year for service in excess of 5 years. Otherwise the addition for further service beyond 5 years will be calculated at the rate of £300 a year.

2. Women Medical and Dental Officers leaving on marriage or for compassionate reasons where the Secretary of State for Defence is satisfied that such reasons necessitate retirement may be awarded a gratuity proportionate to the length of Active List Service actually completed.

SECTION II

Gratuities for Supplementary List Aircrew and Electrical Officers other than those granted Permanent or Pensionable Commissions

3. Supplementary List Aircrew Officers may, on satisfactory completion of 12 years' service on the Active List on or after 31st March 1970 be granted a gratuity of £5,000 unless they have received the Aircrew Special Bounty as provided for in Order in Council of 29th October 1965, when they may be granted a gratuity of £4,000. Extension of service beyond 12 years will qualify for an addition at the rate of £500 a year.

Those who retire on or after 1st April 1970 on completion of 8 years' service will be eligible for a gratuity of £2,190. Helicopter Pilots retiring on or after 1st April 1970 on completion of 5 years' service will be eligible for a gratuity of £1,275.

4. Supplementary List Electrical Officers entered on or after 6th February 1964 who hold a degree, or degree equivalent, in electrical engineering (or in science with suitable engineering subjects); or are Graduate Members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, or the Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, or who hold qualifications which approximate to, or which exempt them from Parts I and II of the Institution of Electrical Engineers' examination may, on satisfactory completion of 10 years' service on the Active List, be granted a gratuity of £3,500. Those who leave on completion of 5 years' service will be eligible for a gratuity of £1,275.

5. Electrical Officers entered before 6th February 1964 and retiring on or after 1st April 1970 will be eligible for a gratuity at the rate of £255 a year except that officers holding the professional qualifications laid down in Clause 4 who on 6th February 1964 had completed less than 5 years' service will be eligible for a gratuity of £3,500 on completion of 10 years' service.

SECTION III

Gratuities for Supplementary List Aircrew serving on Pensionable Commissions

6. Supplementary List Aircrew serving on pensionable commissions to age 38, who leave at their optional breakpoints, will be eligible for gratuities calculated in accordance with Clause 3 above. If they leave at any time other than at their optional breakpoints any award of retired pay or gratuity will be assessed in accordance with the provisions of Schedule I.

SECTION IV

Gratuities in respect of other Short Service Commissions

7. An officer holding a Short Service Commission or a Commission on the Supplementary List in the Royal Navy under terms which provide for the payment of gratuity may, on satisfactory completion on or after 31st March 1970, of the service, including any extension of service he has undertaken, be granted a gratuity at the following annual rates:

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| (a) Air Traffic Control Officers | ... | ... | ... | £255 except that service below the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant will reckon only at the rate of £180 a year. |
| (b) Other Officers including Helicopter Pilots, but excluding Pilots and Observers of fixed wing aircraft | ... | ... | ... | £255. |

SECTION V

General conditions attaching to the award of Short Service Gratuities

8. Should the officer fail to complete the full period of Active List service which he has undertaken, an award may nevertheless be made as follows:

- (a) If his service is terminated on account of disability not due to causes within his own control, he will be granted a gratuity proportionate to the length of Active List service he has actually completed.