

(d) Widows of Ratings and Marines

Rank	Weekly rate of pension	
	Widow with children or 40 years of age or over, or incapacitated £	Any other widow £
Fleet Chief Petty Officer/Regimental Sergeant-Major, RM ...	35.55	8.40
Quartermaster-Sergeant, RM ...	35.50	8.35
Chief Petty Officer	35.45	8.30
Petty Officer	35.40	8.25
Leading Rating	35.35	8.20
Able Rating	35.30	8.15

Definition of Rank

2.—(a) Officers

(1) For the purpose of assessing pensions of Officers' widows the rank of the Officer shall be, except as hereinafter provided, the highest substantive rank held by the Officer on the Active List or while re-employed in a service capacity during war or emergency.

(2) Brevet or honorary rank shall not count, except where otherwise specially stated, but the rank of Commodore 1st or 2nd Class shall be regarded as substantive rank. Brevet rank held on the Active List prior to 25th June 1925 shall also be regarded as a substantive rank.

(3) If an Officer accepts a temporary rank lower than his substantive rank and dies in circumstances rendering his widow eligible for an attributable pension his widow shall not receive a pension greater than the rate appropriate to her husband's temporary rank unless eligible for a higher Service pension appropriate to his substantive rank.

(4) A Chaplain shall be treated as holding such rank as is, in the opinion of the Defence Council, appropriate in his case having regard to his length of service. In the case of a Chaplain on the Retired List seniority for this purpose shall be taken as seniority at date of original retirement increased by the amount of actual service (if any) after retirement during war or emergency.

(b) RN Ratings and RM Other Ranks

For the purpose of assessing pensions of the widows of ratings and other ranks, the rank shall be that held by the deceased rating or other rank prior to the termination of his full pay service.

Rent allowance

3. A widow who is in receipt of a pension for herself and has a child in her care may be granted a rent allowance at a weekly rate not exceeding £13.40 as the Defence Council may consider appropriate, having regard to her weekly rent and rates. For the purpose of this clause:

(a) "child" means a child who is eligible for an allowance under clause 16 and any other child who, in the opinion of the Defence Council, having regard to the child's relationship to or connection with the deceased member and the other circumstances of the case, should be treated as covered by this provision;

(b) "weekly rent and rates" means such sum as the Defence Council may, after taking into account all relevant factors and making all necessary apportionments, consider to be the weekly amount in respect of rents, or the equivalent thereof, and rates, which the widow is paying or providing either directly or indirectly for accommodation for the benefit of herself and the child;

(c) "accommodation" means living accommodation without any service or benefit not ordinarily provided by the landlord to the tenant of an unfurnished dwelling house, but may include accommodation reasonably required for the storage of furniture.

Where an allowance under this clause would cease by reason of the death of a child, the allowance may be continued for the period of 26 weeks from the date of the child's death.

Allowance to Elderly Widows

4. A widow who receives a pension under clause 1 may be awarded an allowance as follows:

Widows	Officers (per year)	Ratings (per week)
	£	£
If aged 65 years but under 70 years	179.88	3.45
If aged 70 years or over ...	359.77	6.90

Children

5. Allowances for eligible legitimate, legitimated, adopted and step-children may be granted at the discretion of the Defence Council at the following rates:

TABLE 1

Children of	If the mother is living (per year)	Motherless children (per year)
	£	£
Commissioned Officers (including Senior Commissioned Officer (Branch List) and equivalent ranks in the Royal Marines): in respect of each child ...	552.68	589.00
Commissioned Officer (Branch List) and equivalent ranks in the Royal Marines: in respect of each child ...	552.68	589.00

TABLE 2

Children of	If the mother is living (per week)	Motherless children (per week)
	£	£
Ratings and Marines: in respect of each child ...	10.60	11.30

6. Allowances for eligible illegitimate children may be granted at the discretion of the Defence Council at rates not exceeding those shown in clause 5.

7. 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, at the rate of:

Officer's child (per year)	Rating's or Marine's child (per week)
£	£
1,416.00	27.15

Education Allowance

8. In addition to an allowance under clauses 5, 6 or 7 an allowance not exceeding £120.00 a year may be granted for the purpose of the child's education, provided that:

- (a) the child 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) the circumstances of the family are such as to require it; and
- (c) in the opinion of the Defence Council the type of education which the child is receiving or is to receive is suitable for the child.

Parents

9.—(a) If the death of an Officer, rating or marine 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:

- (1) he did not leave a widow or eligible child, and
- (2) that the parent or parents are in pecuniary need by reason of having reached the age of not less than 65 years in the case of a man, or 60 years in the case of a woman, or infirmity or other adverse conditions which is not merely of a temporary character. In determining whether an award shall be made, account will be taken of the extent to which the serviceman 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, in the opinion of the Defence Council, to support them.