

Policy 43 War Disablement Pension

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1.0 Background

The amount of basic disablement pension received depends on the degree of the assessed disability and this is measured on a percentage basis. If the assessment is 20% or more, a weekly pension is payable. If it is less than 20%, a one-off lump sum payment is made.

War disablement pensions are tax free. The rates are increased every April and can be found at chapter 44 of the Disability Rights Handbook.

Tax free supplementary allowances may be payable on top of the basic pension or lump sum payment. Some allowances are paid automatically and others have to be claimed.

1.1 Allowances that are not automatic and have to be claimed

- War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement
- Unemployability Supplement (extra amounts can be considered for dependants)
- Allowance for lowered standard of occupation
- Clothing Allowance
- Treatment Allowance
- Rent Allowance
- Constant Attendance Allowance

This is paid where the pensionable disability is assessed at 80% or more and the qualifying conditions are similar to those of the DLA higher care component. CAA cannot be paid as well as the DLA. Whichever is the highest is normally paid.

1.2 Allowances that are paid automatically

- Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance
- Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance
- Comforts Allowance
- Age Allowance

2.0 Policy Notional Assessments

A £10 per week disregard should be applied to the amount of the basic War Disablement Pension and the balance is taken into account as income.

Certain supplementary allowances are ignored in full, these are:

- Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance
- Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance
- War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement

Where the user is in receipt of Constant Attendance Allowance ½ CAA received or ½ higher rate DLA whichever the lesser amount is regarded as being available towards the cost of the assessed care. The remainder of the CAA is disregarded.

Any other supplements or allowances relating to War Disablement Pension but not mentioned immediately above are fully taken into account as income in a notional assessment.

Further information can be obtained from the Disability Rights Handbook or from the Veterans Agency Helpline: 0800 1692277 or website

<http://www.veterans-uk.info/pensionscompensation.htm>

3.0 Source

4.0 Cross References

Constant Attendance Allowance policy

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit policy

5.0 History Date Reviewed

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