

WAR PENSIONS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill increases the rates of war pensions and allowances under the War Pensions Act 1954 to the rates at present being paid, and is retrospective to 18 November 1954, as the present rates have been paid since that date.

Hon. Mr Macdonald

WAR PENSIONS AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the War Pensions Act 1954.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 5 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the War Pensions Amendment Act 1955, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the War Pensions Act 1954 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 (2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the eighteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.
- 15 2. The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Schedules, and substituting therefor respectively the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Schedules set out in the Schedule to this Act.

Short Title and commencement.
1954, No. 54

Increasing rates of war pensions and allowances.

2 *War Pensions Amendment*

Schedule.

SCHEDULE

NEW SCHEDULES TO PRINCIPAL ACT

Sections 29, 62,
65

"SECOND SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF ALLOWANCES FOR SERVICES OF ATTENDANTS
FOR DISABLED MEMBERS

Part I—Members of Forces

1. Under section 29—
In every case, per week £7 10s.

Part II—Members of Mercantile Marine

2. Under section 62—
The same rate as that specified in Part I of this Schedule.

Part III—Members of Emergency Reserve Corps

3. Under section 65—
The same rate as that specified in Part I of this Schedule.

Sections 30, 62,
65

"THIRD SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF PENSION FOR WIFE OF TOTALLY DISABLED
MEMBER

Part I—Members of Forces

1. Under section 30—
In every case, per week £3 10s.

Part II—Members of Mercantile Marine

2. Under section 62—
The same rate as that specified in Part I of this Schedule.

Part III—Members of Emergency Reserve Corps

3. Under section 65—
The same rate as that specified in Part I of this Schedule.

Sections 32, 62,
65

"FOURTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Part I—Members of Forces

1. Under section 32 (1)—
To the widow in every case, according to the rank or rating
of the deceased member, as follows—
(a) Captain (Army); Lieutenant (Navy); £3
Flight Lieutenant (Air Force); and
all ranks and ratings below, per week

1. Under section 32 (1)—*continued*

To the widow in every case, according to the rank or rating of the deceased member, as follows—*continued*

- (b) Major (Army); Lieutenant-Commander (Navy); Squadron Leader (Air Force), per week £3 7s.
- (c) Lieutenant-Colonel (Army); Commander (Navy); Wing Commander (Air Force), per week £3 16s.
- (d) Colonel (Army); Captain (Navy); Group Captain (Air Force), per week £3 18s.
- (e) Brigadier, Brigadier-General, Major-General, Lieutenant-General (Army); Commodore, first or second class, Rear Admiral (Navy); Air Commodore, Air Vice-Marshal, Air Marshal (Air Force), per week £4

2. Under section 32 (2)—

Additional mother's allowance—

- (a) To a widow with one dependent child, per week £2 7s. 6d.
- (b) To a widow with two or more dependent children, per week £2 17s. 6d.

Part II—Members of Mercantile Marine

3. Under section 32 (1) as applied by section 62—

To the widow in every case, according to the rank or rating of the deceased, as follows—

- (a) Master and all ratings of a ship not over 5,000 tons, per week £3
- (b) Master of a ship over 5,000 tons, per week £3 7s.
- (c) All other ratings of a ship over 5,000 tons, per week £3

4. Under section 32 (2) as applied by section 62—

Additional mother's allowance—

- (a) To a widow with one dependent child, per week £2 7s. 6d.
- (b) To a widow with two or more dependent children, per week £2 17s. 6d.

Part III—Members of Emergency Reserve Corps

5. Under section 32 (1) as applied by section 65—

To the widow in every case, per week £3

6. Under section 32 (2) as applied by section 65—

Additional mother's allowance—

- (a) To a widow with one dependent child, per week £2 7s. 6d.
- (b) To a widow with two or more dependent children, per week £2 17s. 6d.

Sections 36, 40,
62, 65

“FIFTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF PENSIONS FOR CHILDREN OF DISABLED AND
DECEASED MEMBERS

Part I—Members of Forces

1. Under section 36—
In ordinary cases, per week 10s.
2. Under section 40—
In certain cases where parents dead, or child
not under control of its mother, per week £2 2s. 6d.

Part II—Members of Mercantile Marine

3. Under section 62—
The same rates as those specified in Part I of this Schedule.

Part III—Members of Emergency Reserve Corps

4. Under section 65—
The same rates as those specified in Part I of this Schedule.

“SIXTH SCHEDULE

Sections 59, 60,
62, 65

MAXIMUM RATES OF ECONOMIC PENSIONS AND ALLOWABLE INCOME

Part I—Members of Forces

1. Under section 59—

Allowable income of claimant and husband or wife, per week £1 10s.

2. Under section 60—

Economic pension, as follows—

(a) To any member of the forces, per week £3 10s.

(b) To the widow of a deceased member of the forces, per week £3 10s.

(c) To the widowed mother of a deceased member of the forces—
(i) Where the claimant was wholly dependent on the member or was the mother of two or more sons, being deceased members of the forces, per week £3 10s.

(ii) In any other case, per week £2 10s.

(d) To any person in receipt of a pension under section 55 or section 56 in respect of his own disablement, per week £3 10s.

(e) To any widow in receipt of a pension under section 55 or section 56 in respect of the death of her husband or son The rate of the pension that would be payable to her under paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) of this clause if her husband or son, as the case may be, had been a member of the forces.

(f) To any person who is disqualified from receiving a pension under section 56 by reason only that the pension received by him from an overseas Government is not less than the pension that would be payable under Part II of this Act in respect of a member of the New Zealand forces. The difference between the rate of the pension paid to the claimant by an overseas Government and the aggregate rate of the pensions that would be payable to the claimant under Parts II and III of this Act if the person in respect of whose disablement or death the overseas pension is paid had been a member of the New Zealand forces.

Part II—Members of Mercantile Marine

3. Under section 62—

The same rates as those specified in Part I of this Schedule.

Part III—Members of Emergency Reserve Corps

4. Under section 65—

The same rates as those specified in Part I of this Schedule.

Sections 69, 70

"SEVENTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF WAR VETERANS' ALLOWANCES

1. Under section 69—

- (a) To a married male veteran who is qualified to receive an allowance on account of his wife, in respect of himself and his wife £364 per annum, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the veteran and his wife (exclusive of any allowance under Part VI of this Act) in excess of £78 per annum.
- (b) To a married female veteran £182 per annum, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the veteran and her husband (exclusive of any allowance under Part VI of this Act received by the female veteran) in excess of £260 per annum.
- (c) In any other case £182 per annum, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income (exclusive of any allowance under Part VI of this Act) of the veteran and his wife (if any) in excess of £260 per annum in the case of a married veteran and in excess of £78 per annum in the case of an unmarried veteran.

2. Under section 70—

Age supplement—

- (a) Where a married male veteran and his wife have both attained the age of sixty-five years £78 per annum, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the veteran and his wife (exclusive of any allowance under Part VI of this Act).
- (b) Where a married female veteran has attained the age of sixty-five years £39 per annum, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the veteran and her husband (exclusive of any allowance under Part VI of this Act received by the female veteran) in excess of £221 per annum.
- (c) In any other case where the veteran or the wife of a male veteran has attained the age of sixty-five years £39 per annum, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the veteran and his wife (if any) (exclusive of any allowance under Part VI of this Act) in excess of £39 per annum.

3. Under section 74—

Special allowance where veteran dies leaving widow or dependent child Not exceeding £338 per annum."