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**(7) Commutation of War Pensions**

THE COMMUTATION (MINISTRY OF PENSIONS) REGULATIONS, 1924, DATED JULY 23, 1924, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF PENSIONS, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE TREASURY, UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE WAR PENSIONS ACT, 1921 (11 & 12 GEO. 5. C. 49), PROVIDING FOR THE COMMUTATION OF PENSIONS AWARDED IN RESPECT OF DISABLEMENT UNDER WARRANTS, ORDERS IN COUNCIL AND ORDERS ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTER OF PENSIONS.

**1924 No. 802**

*[These Regulations (S.R. & O. 1924, p. 1493) are printed as amended by Regulations, dated February 3, 1938 (S.R. & O. 1938 (No. 105) II, p. 2822).]*

The Minister of Pensions, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Section 7 of the War Pensions Act, 1921, and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Regulations.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Commutation (Ministry of Pensions) Regulations, 1924.

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2. These Regulations shall apply to pensions (other than the pensions of commissioned officers in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, and Royal Air Force, and of subordinate and warrant officers in the Royal Navy, and of warrant officers, Class I, in the Royal Marines) awarded in respect of disablement under Warrants, Orders in Council and Orders administered by the Minister of Pensions (hereinafter referred to as the Minister).

4 & 5 Geo. 5.  
c. 30 and  
5 & 6 Geo. 5.  
c. 18.

3. A pension granted under the Order in Council made the 11th day of June, 1920,<sup>(a)</sup> under the Injuries in War (Compensation) Acts, 1914, to a pensioner of a rank corresponding with that of a commissioned, subordinate or warrant officer of the Royal Navy may be commuted by the Minister on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to officers permitted to commute under the provisions of the Pensions Commutation Acts, 1871 and 1882 (or as nearly as may be practicable), and payment of any amount awarded as commutation money shall be payable out of the funds of the Ministry of Pensions.

34 & 35 Vict.  
c. 36.  
45 & 46 Vict.  
c. 44.

4. The pension of a nurse, or sister, or of the widow, child or dependant of an officer or man shall not be commuted.

5. The pension (other than the alternative pension) of:—

- (a) a petty officer and a seaman in the Royal Navy;
- (b) an officer below the rank of warrant officer, Class I, and a man, in the Marines;
- (c) an officer below the rank of commissioned officer, and a man in the Army;
- (d) an officer below the rank of commissioned officer, and an airman, in the Royal Air Force; and
- (e) a pensioner under the said Order in Council dated the 11th June, 1920, of a rating corresponding with that of a petty officer or a seaman in the Royal Navy;

may, in the discretion of the Minister, be commuted, provided that:—

- (1) the pensioner is under 80 years;
- (2) the pension is permanent;
- (3) where the pension is at Great War pension rates, only that portion in excess of 14s. a week (or 21s. a week in the case of a warrant officer, 1st class of the Army, or an officer of corresponding rank in the Royal Air Force), or part thereof, may be commuted;
- (4) where the pension is at pre-war pension rates, only that portion in excess of 7s. a week (or 14s. in the case of a warrant officer, 1st class of the Army or an officer of corresponding rank in the Royal Air Force), or part thereof, may be commuted;
- (5) the pensioner proves to the satisfaction of the Minister, not only that it will be to his distinct and permanent advantage to receive a capital sum in lieu of a portion of his pension, but that grave hardship would result if commutation were refused;
- (6) the pensioner passes a medical examination prescribed by the Minister, showing him to be in a good state of health and to possess a normal expectation of life;

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(a) S.R. & O. 1920 No. 1307, *see* the title "Injuries in War (Compensation)."

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- (7) if the pensioner is in receipt of a service pension in addition to a disablement pension, commutation of the disablement pension shall not be allowed so long as any part of the service pension remains commutable under the Regulations governing commutation of service pensions, but, for the purpose of commutation of the disablement pension, any uncommuted portion of the service pension shall be reckoned towards the limits in (3) and (4) above;
- (8) the age of the pensioner shall be reckoned at the age he attained on the birthday immediately preceding the award of commutation.

6. An allowance in respect of a wife, child, or other person shall not be subject to commutation.

7. For the purposes of these Regulations, Great War pensions shall be calculated, in the case of soldiers and airmen, at the rates provided in the Royal Warrant for soldiers of the 17th April, 1918, and, in the case of seamen and marines, at the rates provided in the Order in Council of the 14th January, 1919,(a) with respect to the pensions of seamen and marines disabled or deceased in consequence of the Great War, and in each case with the addition of 20 per cent. of such rates.

8. The sum payable in lieu of the part of the pension which is commuted shall be calculated according to the Tables appended hereto.

Made by the Minister of Pensions, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, this 23rd day of July, 1924.

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Secretary.

TABLE I(b)

*Table of Values for the Commutation of a Pension of £1 per annum payable quarterly in advance*

Age between	Commutation for each £1 of pension	Age between	Commutation for each £1 of pension
	£		£
33 and 34	16·038	48 and 49	12·950
34 „ 35	15·872	49 „ 50	12·700
35 „ 36	15·700	50 „ 51	12·444
36 „ 37	15·523	51 „ 52	12·182
37 „ 38	15·340	52 „ 53	11·913
38 „ 39	15·151	53 „ 54	11·639
39 „ 40	14·957	54 „ 55	11·359
40 „ 41	14·756	55 „ 56	11·074
41 „ 42	14·549	56 „ 57	10·784
42 „ 43	14·336	57 „ 58	10·489
43 „ 44	14·118	58 „ 59	10·190
44 „ 45	13·895	59 „ 60	9·888
45 „ 46	13·666	60 „ 61	9·582
46 „ 47	13·433	61 „ 62	9·273
47 „ 48	13·194	62 „ 63	8·962

(a) S.R. & O. 1919 (No. 62) II, p. 68.

(b) Table as substituted by S.R. & O. 1938 No. 105.

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TABLE I—*continued*

Age between	Commutation for each £1 of pension	Age between	Commutation for each £1 of pension
63 and 64	£ 8·650	72 and 73	£ 5·953
64 „ 65	8·339	73 „ 74	5·679
65 „ 66	8·029	74 „ 75	5·412
66 „ 67	7·721	75 „ 76	5·155
67 „ 68	7·415	76 „ 77	4·907
68 „ 69	7·113	77 „ 78	4·668
69 „ 70	6·815	78 „ 79	4·439
70 „ 71	6·522	79 „ 80	4·219
71 „ 72	6·235		

*Note.*—In the event of commutation taking place at a date following a regular date of payment of pension by less than 6 weeks, the above values should be reduced by £0·25.

TABLE II(a)

*Table of Values for the Commutation of a Pension of £1 per annum payable weekly in advance*

Age between	Commutation for each £1 of pension	Age between	Commutation for each £1 of pension
33 and 34	£ 15·913	57 and 58	£ 10·364
34 „ 35	15·747	58 „ 59	10·065
35 „ 36	15·575	59 „ 60	9·763
36 „ 37	15·398	60 „ 61	9·457
37 „ 38	15·215	61 „ 62	9·148
38 „ 39	15·026	62 „ 63	8·837
39 „ 40	14·832	63 „ 64	8·525
40 „ 41	14·631	64 „ 65	8·214
41 „ 42	14·424	65 „ 66	7·904
42 „ 43	14·211	66 „ 67	7·596
43 „ 44	13·993	67 „ 68	7·290
44 „ 45	13·770	68 „ 69	6·988
45 „ 46	13·541	69 „ 70	6·690
46 „ 47	13·308	70 „ 71	6·397
47 „ 48	13·069	71 „ 72	6·110
48 „ 49	12·825	72 „ 73	5·828
49 „ 50	12·575	73 „ 74	5·554
50 „ 51	12·319	74 „ 75	5·287
51 „ 52	12·057	75 „ 76	5·030
52 „ 53	11·788	76 „ 77	4·782
53 „ 54	11·514	77 „ 78	4·543
54 „ 55	11·234	78 „ 79	4·314
55 „ 56	10·949	79 „ 80	4·094
56 „ 57	10·659		

*Note.*—In the case of men whose pensions may be paid up to the end of the financial quarter in which death occurs, the amounts in Table II may be increased by small amounts varying with the age at which commutation is effected.

(a) Table as substituted by S.R. & O. 1938 No. 105.