

WAR PENSIONS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. The purpose of this Bill is to increase the rates of certain war pensions and allowances and to increase the allowable income of war veterans.

2. The following war pensions and allowances are to be increased by 2s. 6d. a week as from 8th May, 1950, namely:—

- (a) The additional mother's allowance payable to the widow of a deceased member of the Forces or the wife of a totally disabled member of the Forces (*clause 2*):
- (b) The increased pension which may be paid to or on behalf of children in the cases provided by section 31 of the principal Act (*clause 3*):
- (c) The pension payable to the guardian of a motherless child of a deceased member of the Forces (*clause 4*):
- (d) The allowance which may be paid for the services of an attendant (*clause 5*):
- (e) Economic pensions (*clause 6*). In addition, the provisions fixing the maximum allowable income of the widowed mother of a deceased member of the Forces are repealed:
- (f) The pension or mother's allowance payable to the wife of a totally disabled member of the Emergency Reserve Corps (*clause 7*):
- (g) War veterans' allowances (*clause 8*).

3. *Clause 9* increases the allowable income of war veterans as from 1st January, 1950, as follows:—

- (a) In the case of a male veteran who has no wife, his allowable income is increased from £52 a year to £78 a year:
- (b) In the case of any other male veteran, the total allowable income of the veteran and of his wife is increased from £52 a year to £78 a year:
- (c) In the case of a female veteran who has no husband, her allowable income is increased from £52 a year to £78 a year:
- (d) In the case of any other female veteran, the total allowable income of the veteran and of her husband is increased from £104 a year to £130 a year.

4. *Clause 10* authorizes the Board in computing any war veteran's allowance to take no account of the personal earnings of any woman from domestic service in a private home up to £78 a year.

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

8th November, 1950

Hon. Mr. Macdonald

WAR PENSIONS AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to Amend the War Pensions Act, 1943.

Title.

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1950, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the War Pensions Act, 1943 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title and commencement.
1943, No. 22

10 (2) Except as otherwise hereinafter provided, this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the eighth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty.

War Pensions

Increasing
maximum rates
of war pensions.
1949, No. 25

2. The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the First and Third Schedules (as set out in the Schedule to the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949) and substituting therefor respectively the *First* and *Third* Schedules set out in the Schedule to this Act. 5

Increased
pensions to
children in
certain cases.

3. (1) Section thirty-one of the principal Act (as amended by section three of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949) is hereby further amended by omitting the words "twenty-five shillings", and substituting the words "twenty-seven shillings and sixpence". 10

Repeal.

(2) Section three of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949, is hereby repealed.

Increasing
pensions to
guardians of
motherless
children.

4. (1) Section thirty-six of the principal Act (as amended by section six of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949) is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection two the words "twenty-five shillings", and substituting the words "twenty-seven shillings and sixpence". 15

Repeal.

(2) Section six of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949, is hereby repealed. 20

Increasing
allowances for
services of
attendant.

5. (1) Section forty of the principal Act (as amended by section seven of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949) is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection one the words "five pounds fifteen shillings a week", and substituting the words "six pounds a week." 25

Repeal.

(2) Section seven of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949, is hereby repealed.

Economic Pensions

Increasing
maximum rates
of economic
pensions.
1947, No. 26
1949, No. 52

6. (1) Section fifty-one of the principal Act (as amended by section seven of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1947, and by section twelve of the Finance Act (No. 2), 1949), is hereby further amended by repealing paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), and substituting the following paragraphs:— 30 35

"(a) To any member of the Forces, forty-seven shillings and sixpence a week:

"(b) To the widow of a deceased member of the Forces under forty years of age who has never had a child, twenty-two shillings and sixpence a week: 40

"(c) To any other widow of a deceased member of the Forces, twenty-seven shillings and sixpence a week:

“(d) To the widowed mother of a deceased member of the Forces—

“(i) Where the claimant was wholly dependent on the member or was partially dependent on two or more sons, being deceased members, twenty-seven shillings and sixpence a week; and

“(ii) In any other case, twenty-two shillings and sixpence a week:

“(e) To any person who is in receipt of a pension under section forty-six or section forty-seven hereof in respect of his own disablement, forty-seven shillings and sixpence a week:”.

(2) Section seven of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1947, and section twelve of the Finance Act (No. 2), 1949, are hereby repealed.

Repeals.
1947, No. 26
1949, No. 52

Pensions in Respect of Service with Emergency Reserve Corps

7. (1) Section fifty-seven of the principal Act (as amended by subsection two of section four of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1946, and by section eight of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949) is hereby further amended as follows:—

Increasing maximum rates of Emergency Reserve Corps pensions.
1946, No. 17
1949, No. 25

(a) By omitting from paragraph (c) the words “one pound five shillings a week”, and substituting the words “one pound seven shillings and sixpence a week”:

(b) By omitting from the said paragraph (c) the words “one pound fifteen shillings a week”, and substituting the words “one pound seventeen shillings and sixpence a week”.

(2) Section eight of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949, is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (c) and (d).

War Veterans' Allowances

8. (1) Section sixty-two of the principal Act (as amended by section two of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1945) is hereby further amended as follows:—

Increasing allowable income of war veterans.
1945, No. 12

(a) By omitting from subsection one the words “fifty-two pounds” wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words “seventy-eight pounds”:

(b) By omitting from paragraph (d) of that subsection the words "one hundred and four pounds", and substituting the words "one hundred and thirty pounds".

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty. 5

Increasing rates of war veterans' allowances. 1945, No. 12 1949, No. 25

9. (1) Section sixty-two of the principal Act (as amended by section two of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1945, and by section nine of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949) is hereby further amended by omitting the words "one hundred and thirty pounds" wherever they occur (except where inserted by section eight of this Act), and substituting in each case the words "one hundred and thirty-six pounds ten shillings". 10 15

Repeal.

(2) Section nine of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1949, is hereby repealed.

Provisions as to personal earnings from domestic service in a private home.

10. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, the Board may, in its discretion, in computing for the purposes of section sixty-two of the principal Act the income of any woman, take no account of her personal earnings (if any) from domestic service in a private home up to seventy-eight pounds a year. 20

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty. 25

SCHEDULE

Schedule.

“ FIRST SCHEDULE

“ RATES OF PENSIONS IN RESPECT OF DEATH OF MALE MEMBER OF FORCES

<i>(First Column.)</i>	<i>(Second Column.)</i>	<i>(Third Column.)</i>	<i>(Fourth Column.)</i>
Rank or Rating.	To the Wife in Every Case, Per Week.	To the Wife With a Dependent Child or Children, Per Week (Additional Mother's Allowance).	To Each Child, Per Week.
All ranks and ratings below commissioned rank (Army, Navy, and Air Force)	£ s. d. 2 10 0	£ s. d. 1 17 6	s. d. 10 0
Commissioned officer not above the rank of Lieutenant (Army); Sub-Lieutenant (Navy); Pilot Officer (Air Force)	2 15 0	1 17 6	10 0
Captain (Army); Lieutenant (Navy); Flying Officer, Flight Lieutenant (Air Force)	3 0 0	1 17 6	10 0
Major (Army); Lieutenant-Commander (Navy); Squadron Leader (Air Force)	3 7 0	1 17 6	10 0
Lieutenant - Colonel (Army); Commander (Navy); Wing Commander (Air Force)	3 16 0	1 17 6	10 0
Colonel (Army); Captain (Navy); Group Captain (Air Force)	3 18 0	1 17 6	10 0
Brigadier, Brigadier-General, Major-General, Lieutenant - General (Army); Commodores, first and second class, Rear-Admiral (Navy); Air Commodore, Air Vice-Marshal, Air Marshal (Air Force)	4 0 0	1 17 6	10 0

"THIRD SCHEDULE

"RATES OF PENSIONS IN RESPECT OF TOTAL DISABLEMENT OF MALE MEMBER OF FORCES

(First Column.) Rank or Rating.	(Second Column.) To the Member, Per Week.	(Third Column.) To the Wife Without a Dependent Child, Per Week.	(Fourth Column.) To the Wife With a Dependent Child or Children, Per Week (Mother's Allowance).	(Fifth Column.) To Each Child, Per Week.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Major (Army); Lieutenant-Commander (Navy); Squadron Leader (Air Force); and all ranks and ratings below	3 10 0	1 7 6	1 17 6	10 0
Lieutenant-Colonel (Army); Commander (Navy); Wing Commander (Air Force)	3 11 0	1 18 0	2 8 0	10 0
Colonel (Army); Captain (Navy); Group Captain (Air Force)	3 13 0	1 19 0	2 9 0	10 0
Brigadier, Brigadier-General, Major-General, Lieutenant-General (Army); Commodores, first and second class, Rear-Admiral (Navy); Air Commodore, Air Vice-Marshal, Air Marshal (Air Force)	3 15 0	2 0 0	2 10 0	10 0"