

for each child under the age of sixteen up to a maximum total of 5s. in all: *i.e.*—

	Per Diem.	
	s.	d.
For wife	2	0
For wife and one child	2	6
For wife and two children	3	0
For wife and three children	3	6
For wife and four children	4	0
For wife and five children	4	6
For wife and six children or more	5	0

2. The following conditions shall govern the payment of marriage allowance:—

- (a.) In the case of a chief petty officer, petty officer, or man, an allotment must be declared of at least one-half of his active pay (excluding allowances) plus the full amount of the marriage allowance.
- (b.) Marriage allowance may be paid to widowers with children in accordance with the above scale, subject to an allotment in favour of a guardian of one-quarter active pay (excluding allowances) plus full amount of marriage allowance. In this case the allowance payable to a wife is payable to the guardian of the children, in addition to the allowance in respect of each child.
- (c.) Marriage allowance will be payable irrespective of place of residence of wife, or of guardian in the case of a widower, provided the necessary allotment is made.
- (d.) Marriage allowance may be paid in regard to stepchildren and adopted children under sixteen years of age, provided that the rating claiming the allowance maintains such children and that they are not in receipt of endowment from any other source.
- (e.) Before giving approval to applications Commanding Officers are to satisfy themselves as far as practicable that the statements contained in the application form are true and correct. In this connection certificates of marriage, and birth-certificates in respect of the children, should be examined whenever possible, or steps taken to have same produced at a later date.
- (f.) The authority for payment of marriage allowance is, in the case of an officer, to be retained by the Accountant Officer, and, in the case of a man, attached to his service certificate. Duplicate applications are to be forwarded into office, and a notation should be made on the same clearly indicating whether marriage and birth certificates have been produced.
- (g.) Applications are to be renewed annually on the 30th June, when particulars are to be compared with those on the forms in the possession of the Accountant Officer or attached to men's service certificates. In the case of any irregularities the person concerned is to be called upon for an explanation, and any adjustments which may be necessary in the allowances already credited are to be effected in his account.
- (h.) The Naval Board may withhold payment of the whole or part of the allowance when considered desirable.
- (i.) For purposes of mulcts and conduct deductions, marriage allowance is not to be included in the daily rate of pay, this allowance being regarded for this purpose similarly to lodging and provision allowances. Payment is not, however, to be made when a rating is in cells, prison, &c., and pay stopped in consequence.
- (j.) During sickness, or periods of imprisonment not exceeding ninety days, when allotments would ordinarily be stopped, the allotment to wife or guardian should be continued at a rate not less than the amount of marriage allowance which would have been payable. A declaration of allotment at the reduced rate is to be made in every such case, and the form forwarded into office. Any debt accumulated by such allotment may be recovered in easy instalments, or, in the event of discharge, should be communicated for recovery from deferred pay.

12. Dependant's Allowance.—When marriage allowance is not drawn an allowance of 2s. per diem shall be payable to ratings in respect of a dependant residing in New Zealand requiring support, subject to the same conditions as are in force for payment of marriage allowance, under the following provisions:—

- (a.) The approval of the Naval Board shall be obtained in all cases, and shall generally be limited to cases of mothers (being widows), or of the father being permanently incapacitated by age or