

9. The Naval Board will consider each case on its merits, and, notwithstanding the provisions of clause 10, may accept such lesser rate of purchase-money as may be determined in the case of applications recommended for consideration on compassionate grounds and which satisfy the requirements of clauses 5 and 6.

10. *Scale of payments*: The following is the scale of payments for discharge from the Service by Naval ratings:—

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| I. Ratings of all branches, if within three months of entry (except that boys may purchase discharge up to, but not exceeding, six months' service from date of first entry for the sum of £10) | | £ | 20 |
| II. Engine Room, Ordnance, and Electrical Artificers and Shipwrights— | | | |
| If within 2 years of date of entry | | 60 | |
| If more than 2 years but within 3 years of date of entry | | 50 | |
| If more than 3 years but within 4 years of date of entry | | 40 | |
| If more than 4 years but within 8 years of date of entry | | 35 | |
| If more than 8 years but within 12 years of date of entry | | 25 | |
| *If more than 12 years but within 13 years of date of entry | | 35 | |
| *If more than 13 years but within 17 years of date of entry | | 24 | |
| *If more than 17 years of date of entry | | Free | |
| III. Mechanics— | | | |
| Within 2 years of date of qualifying as such | | 80 | |
| If more than 2 years but within 3 years of date of qualifying | | 65 | |
| If more than 3 years but within 4 years of date of qualifying | | 55 | |
| *If more than 4 years but within 8 years of date of qualifying | | 45 | |
| *If more than 8 years but within 12 years of date of qualifying | | 24 | |
| Subject to the provision that discharge by purchase within 2 years after completing first engagement shall require payment of 50 | | | |
| IV. Ratings of all branches other than those shown above:— | | | |
| Boys and Ordinary Seamen under age of 18 (other than those at I above) | | 40 | |
| Men— | | | |
| If within three years of date of entry or of attaining age of 18 years | | 32 | |
| If more than 3 years but within 8 years of date of entry or of attaining age of 18 | | 20 | |
| If more than 8 years but within 12 years of date of entry or of attaining age of 18 | | 32 | |
| *If more than 12 years but within 13 years of date of entry or of attaining age of 18 | | 20 | |
| *If more than 13 years but within 17 years of date of entry or of attaining age of 18 | | Free | |
| *If more than 17 years of date of entry or of attaining age of 18 years | | Free | |

* Deferred pay up to date of completion of first continuous service or second continuous service engagement may be withdrawn by the rating if it is not already paid to him when he has completed such an engagement. In these and all other cases claim to any benefit of deferred pay for current engagement is forfeited, *vide* Article 134.

Any rating who is permitted to purchase his discharge within three years of qualifying for higher Gunnery rate, higher Torpedo rate, P. & R.T. Instructor, Artificer Diver, Diver, Air Gunner, or Acting Observer's Mate, will be required to pay a sum of £20 in addition to the sum applicable under the scale shown above.

11. *Calculation of service for discharge by purchase*: The amount of purchase-money payable for the discharge of men who make application within three months of entry, and boys who make application within six months of entry, is to be governed by the date of application, provided that there is no undue delay in depositing the sum required; in all other cases the governing factor is the actual date of discharge.

Service must be actual service in receipt of pay as recorded on the Service Certificate calculated to the date of discharge (Article 1456, clause 1, King's Regulations), and no period shown thereon as time forfeited or as in desertion will be allowed to reckon, although time prior to desertion, being actual service in receipt of pay, will count for the purpose.

Ratings, including Artificer and Shipwright ratings, entered direct from the shore after the age of 18 years, will count service for the purposes of discharge by purchase from the date of entry.

12. The amount of any debt due to the Crown at the time of discharge must be paid in addition to the purchase-money.