STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1133

PENSIONS

The War Pensions Committees (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Made - - - -	*21st November 2017*
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The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25 and 29(1) of the Social Security Act 1989(**1**) and section 175(3) to (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the War Pensions Committees (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 15th December 2017.

Amendment of the War Pensions Committees Regulations 2000

2. The War Pensions Committees Regulations 2000(**3**) are amended as follows.

Committee for Wales

3. In regulation 4 (committee for Wales), for "Wales War Pensions Committee (Pwyllgor Pensiynau Rhyel Cymru)" substitute "Wales Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee (Pwyllgor Cynghori a Pensiynau Cyn-filwyr Cymru)".

Committee for Northern Ireland

4. In regulation 5 (committee for Northern Ireland), for "Northern Ireland War Pensions Committee" substitute "Northern Ireland Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee".

(**1**) 1989 c. 24; section 25 was amended by paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Transfer of Functions (War Pensions etc.) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3506) and the Armed Forces Act 2016 (c. 21), section 15; section 29(1) was amended by the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992 (c.6), Schedule 2, paragraph 106.
(**2**) 1992 c. 4; section 175(4) and (5) was amended by the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994 (c. 18), Schedule 1, paragraph 36, and the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), Schedule 3, paragraph 29(4).
(**3**) S.I. 2000/3180, amended by S.I. 2005/3032 and 2006/3152.

Committees for Scotland

5. In column 2 of the table in regulation 6 (committees for Scotland), for "War Pensions Committee", in both places where it occurs, substitute "Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee".

Functions of a committee

6.—(1) In regulation 8(1)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "surviving spouses or surviving civil partners" substitute "surviving spouses, surviving civil partners or AFCS benefit recipients";

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), at the end insert "and AFCS benefits";

(c) in sub-paragraph (c)—

(i) for "the Veterans Agency" substitute "Veterans UK"; and

(ii) for "pensioners, surviving spouses, surviving civil partners" substitute "war pensioners, surviving spouses, surviving civil partners, AFCS benefit recipients";

(d) in sub-paragraph (d)—

(i) for "surviving spouses and surviving civil partners" substitute "surviving spouses, surviving civil partners, AFCS benefit recipients and others claiming war pensions or AFCS benefits";

(ii) for "pensions" substitute "war pensions, AFCS benefits"; and

(iii) for "the Veterans Agency" substitute "Veterans UK".

(2) In regulation 8(2)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "war pensioner, surviving spouse or surviving civil partner" substitute "claiming or receiving a war pension or AFCS benefit";

(b) in sub-paragraph (c), after "report" insert "or make recommendations";

(c) in sub-paragraph (d), for "surviving spouses and surviving civil partners" substitute "surviving spouses, surviving civil partners and AFCS benefit recipients".

(3) After regulation 8(3) insert—

"(4) In this regulation "Veterans UK" means an office designated by the Secretary of State for the purpose of receiving and determining claims for war pensions and AFCS benefits.".

Committees in England

7. In column 2 of the table in Schedule 1 (committees in England), for "War Pensions Committee", wherever it occurs, substitute "Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee".