STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 413

PENSIONS

The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*25th February 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*3rd March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*6th April 2015*

The Secretary of State for Defence, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Armed Forces (Pensions and Compensation) Act 2004(**1**), makes the following Order:

PART 1

Preliminary

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2015 and comes into force on 6th April 2015.

(2) In this Order "the principal Order" means the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011(**2**) and a reference to a numbered article is a reference to the article, Table or Schedule in the principal Order which bears that number.

PART 2

Amendments to the principal Order

Amendment to article 2 (interpretation) of the principal Order

2. Article 2 (interpretation) of the principal Order is amended by inserting at the appropriate place—

(**1**) 2004 c.32.
(**2**) S.I. 2011/517 as amended by S.I. 2011/2552, S.I. 2012/1573, S.I. 2013/436, S.I. 2014/412.

""the AFPS 2015" means the scheme established by the Armed Forces Pension Regulations 2014;"

Amendment to article 12 (injury and death – other exclusions) of the principal Order

3. Article 12 (injury and death – other exclusions) of the principal Order is amended by—

(a) substituting in paragraph (1) "predominantly" for "partly",

(b) substituting in paragraph (2) "predominantly" for "partly".

Amendment to article 24A (award of armed forces independence payment) of the principal Order

4. Article 24A(3) (award of armed forces independence payment) of the principal Order is amended by substituting "£139.75" for "£138.05".

Amendment to article 29 (description of benefits – death) of the principal Order

5. Article 29 (description of benefits – death) of the principal Order is amended in paragraph (4) by inserting "or the AFPS 2015" after "AFPS 2005".

Amendment to article 35 (amount of bereavement grant) of the principal Order

6. Article 35 (amount of bereavement grant) of the principal Order is amended by substituting for the existing paragraph (2),—

"(2) Where the person was—

(a) a member of the AFPS 2005, or

(b) a member of the AFPS 2015,

the amount of the bereavement grant is the difference between the salary of the member on the date of death and the amount specified in paragraph (1)."

Amendment to article 39 (adjustment of guaranteed income payment, survivor's guaranteed income payment and child's payment to take account of other amounts) of the principal Order

7. Article 39(1) (adjustment of guaranteed income payment, survivor's guaranteed income payment and child's payment to take account of other amounts) of the principal Order is amended by—

(a) substituting, for the existing sub-paragraph (a),—

"(a) a pension under the AFPS 1975, the AFPS 2005, the AFPS 2015 or the Gurkha Pension Scheme ("a pension"); or",

(b) inserting in sub-paragraph (b) after "Payments Scheme Order 2005"—

"or the Armed Forces Early Departure Payments Scheme Regulations 2014".