

Armed Forces Pension Awareness Week

Agenda

13th – 17th September 2021

This year, the Ministry of Defence are running a Pension Awareness Week to provide you with simple, clear, and concise guidance about your Armed Forces Pension. The week has been organised to provide the opportunity for interactive advice through an 'Ask Me Anything' session, which will be live from 13th September, alongside presentations run by the Forces Pension Society. We will also be pinpointing existing videos and guidance, alongside publishing new, simple factsheets on the most complicated and frequently asked areas of an Armed Forces Pension.

Please see the agenda for the week below and how to find our information;

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Monday 13th September

9am – Factsheet. A Glossary of complex terms will be published on our [Defence Connect Page](#).

12pm - The 'Ask Me Anything' session will officially open on [Defence Connect](#). No question is a silly one when it comes to pensions, so dedicated pension experts will be on hand to assist you over the week.

1pm – Factsheet. A simple and concise factsheet on the Armed Forces Pension Scheme 2015 (AFPS15) will be published on our [Defence Connect Page](#).

Tuesday 14th September

9am – Factsheet. An Armed Forces Pension is one of the most generous Pension schemes in the UK, providing some excellent benefits and rates to members. A factsheet has been uploaded to [Defence Connect](#) which provides a comparison of AFPS with other pension schemes.

12 – 1pm - Live Presentation. The Forces Pension Society are putting on a presentation about the AFPS15. The presentation will provide an explanation of the key benefits of the scheme, including Early Departure Payment, ill health tiers and added pension. The session will be hosted on Teams and will open at 11.45am to allow members to join in good time. Members can get a Teams invite sent from their HR Hubs, by contacting AFPension-Policy@mod.gov.uk, or The Forces Pension Society directly.

2pm – Factsheet. The Pension Remedy Calculator has been developed to support and aid members when making a remedy decision appropriate for their circumstances. A factsheet on the Pension Calculator will be released on our [Defence Connect](#) Page.

Wednesday 15th September

9am – Factsheet. A factsheet on Reservists will be released on our [Defence Connect](#) Page. This will help all members of the Reserve Forces understand what pension scheme they are eligible for, their benefits and if they qualify for an EDP.

2pm – Factsheet. A factsheet on the legalities applying to rejoiners from each pension scheme will be released on our [Defence Connect](#) Page.

Thursday 16th September:

9am – Factsheet. A factsheet on the Benefits Information Statement (BIS) will be released on our [Defence Connect](#) Page.

12 - 1pm - Live Presentation. The Forces Pension Society will be giving their second presentation of the week about financial aspects of resettlement and retirement planning. The session will be hosted on Teams and will open at 11.45am to allow members to join in good time. Members can get a Teams invite sent from their HR Hubs, by contacting AFPension-Policy@mod.gov.uk, or The Forces Pension Society directly.

2pm – Factsheet. A factsheet on Pension Taxation will be released on our [Defence Connect](#) Page. This will break down the complex ideologies of pension taxation so that it is simple to understand.

3pm – Q&A. Our 'Ask Me Anything' session on [Defence Connect](#) will close.

Friday 17th September:

9am – Survey. A Pension Awareness Week feedback survey will be released in order on [Defence Connect](#) and circulated via HR streams. We would be so grateful if you could take the time to fill this short survey out as it will provide an insight into how beneficial you found the week and what aspects can be improved upon for next year.