

Armed Forces Pension Awareness Week

Agenda

12th – 16th September 2022

To coincide with the annual Pension Awareness Day on 15th September this year, the Ministry of Defence is running Pension Awareness Week to provide you with clear and concise guidance on the various aspects of your Armed Forces Pension. We will be inviting personnel to submit questions prior to the event via our Q&A forum, from which we will release answers to FAQs at the close of each day throughout the week. The Forces Pension Society will also be hosting two presentations during the week on AFPS 15 and retirement planning, and we will be pinpointing existing videos and guidance, alongside releasing new factsheets and videos which cover the most complicated and frequently queried topics concerning Armed Forces Pensions.

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

Please note: All information, including fact sheets, videos, and the link to access the Q&A ahead of the event will be released on the Pension Awareness Week [Defence Connect Page](#). Regular updates ahead of the event will also be issued on defnet.

If you are accessing this document from a non-MODnet device, please login to Defence Connect and type in 'MOD Pension Awareness Week'. The page should be very easy to find.

Monday 12th September

09:00 – *Factsheet*. A Glossary of terminology relating to Armed Forces Pensions will be published.

13:00 – *AFPS 15 Overview Pack*. A simple and concise factsheet, covering the various benefits provided by the Armed Forces Pension Scheme 2015 (AFPS 15), will be released. We will also be issuing several case studies, to illustrate basic examples of the benefits individuals may expect to accrue given differing periods of service, at different ranks across the services.

16:00 – *Your FAQs answered*. We will release answers to some of the frequently asked questions received in the Q&A forum.

Tuesday 13th September

09:00 – *Factsheet*. A factsheet covering AFPS15 Commutation will be released; explaining how the process works.

12:00 - 13:00 - *Live Presentation*. A Forces Pension Society presentation about AFPS 15. 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 receive a Teams invite from 15th August via single Service representatives, or by contacting AFPension-Policy@mod.gov.uk.

14:00– *Video & Factsheet.* Added Pension, a mechanism by which you can enhance your AFPS 15 pension, can be a confusing topic but one which some members may be interested in. We will be releasing a video which provides an overview of Added Pension and what you need to do to obtain a quote. In addition, a factsheet will be released with further detail to accompany this.

16:00 – *Your FAQs answered.* We will release answers to some of the frequently asked questions received in the Q&A forum.

Wednesday 14th September

09:00 – *Video & Factsheet.* A video, as well as a factsheet on Reservists pension benefits will be available. This will help all members of the Reserve Forces understand what pension scheme they are eligible for and their benefits.

13:00 – *Video & Factsheet.* A video, as well as factsheet on the effects re-joining the Armed Forces may have on an individual's pension benefits will be released.

15:00 – *Factsheet.* A factsheet providing an overview of the 2015 Remedy will be released. It also signposts other resources which members may find useful in understanding this complex topic.

16:00 – *Your FAQs answered.* We will release answers to some of the frequently asked questions received in the Q&A forum.

Thursday 15th September:

09:00 – *Factsheet.* A factsheet on the Benefits Information Statement (BIS) will be released which explains the document in detail.

11:00 – *Guidance form.* An overview of Pension Form 1 will be released to aid members understanding of what is required in its completion.

12:00 – 13:00 - *Live Presentation.* A Forces Pension Society presentation on the 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 receive a Teams invite from 15th August via single Service representatives, or by contacting AFPension-Policy@mod.gov.uk.

14:00 – *Factsheet.* A factsheet on pension taxation will be released. This will break down pension taxation so that it is easier to understand.

16:00 – *Your FAQs answered.* We will release answers to some of the frequently asked questions received in the Q&A forum.

Friday 16th September:

09:00 – *Survey.* A Pension Awareness Week feedback survey will be released on [Defence Connect](#) and circulated via Single Service 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.