



Courts and Tribunals Judiciary

What do we do?

We are part of His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals, and are an independent judicial tribunal which hears appeals relating to claims for compensation made by either serving or former armed forces personnel. Claims are made under either the old Service Pensions Order (the SPO, broadly relating to injuries sustained by service personnel before 6 April 2005) and the new tariff-based Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) for cases arising after April 2005.

Who are we?

We always hear cases as a panel of three; a judge, a doctor and a service member. Many of our panel members have some experience or connection to the Armed Forces but our service members all have substantial (at least 7 years) experience of serving and are likely to have had deployed operational experience, experience of supporting operations and of command, staff or unit responsibilities for personnel matters. A wide understanding of the military ethos and service working practices is fundamental and exposure to all three Armed Forces is desirable. You can still be serving or recently retired.

How much time would be involved?

You would be expected to sit between 15 and 30 days each year and there are opportunities to sit more. You are paid a fee for each day you spend hearing cases but are expected to do the preparation work and help writing up decisions in your own time.

Why would I want to be a service member?

This is really important work which gives you the opportunity to bring your specialist knowledge and expertise to help make the right decisions for veterans. It is an important public service, and we all find the work rewarding and intellectually stimulating as well as having a great team of colleagues to work with.

What experience do I need?

We are looking for those who have at least 7 years' service (either currently serving or recently retired (within the last 5 years)) at Lieutenant Commander, Squadron Leader, or Major rank and above, and Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the Regular or Reserve Forces. You are likely to have had deployed operational experience, experience of supporting operations, and of command, staff or unit responsibilities for personnel matters. A wide understanding of the military ethos and service working practices would be a fundamental element of this substantial experience. Candidates would also be expected to have exposure to all three Armed Forces.

The War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Chamber will be looking for new panel members in **November 2023** - would you be interested in joining us?

FIND OUT MORE

If you want to find out more about the work of the WPAFCC you can look here <https://www.gov.uk/war-pension-armed-forces-compensation-tribunal>

More about the application process can be found here <https://judicialappointments.gov.uk/non-legal-tribunal-member-roles/>

We will be advertising in **November 2023** and you can sign up for alerts here <https://judicialappointments.gov.uk/sign-up-for-judging-your-future-newsletter/>

For more information on the role and what it entails, you can contact the WPAFCC at PresidentsOf-viceWPAFCC@justice.gov.uk