

# FORCES PENSION SOCIETY CALL TO ACTION!

## Veterans' Unclaimed Armed Forces Pensions



At least 15,000 unclaimed Armed Forces pension benefits\*...



Historically, around 2,000 preserved Armed Forces pensions go unclaimed each year...



Anyone serving after April 1975 now aged 60 or over could have an Armed Forces pension if they served for 2 years or more...



The pension is NOT paid automatically – veterans must apply to Veterans UK using AFPS Form 8 or call 0800 085 3600 for further information



IT PAYS TO UNDERSTAND  
YOUR PENSION



SCAN FOR MORE

\*Source: MoD AFPS Annual Report 2025. This document is reproduced annually to incorporate any new figures.

# ARMED FORCES PENSION SCHEME '75

## Preserved Pension Eligibility

Left service  
between 1 April  
1975 and  
31 March 1978



Left service  
between 1 April  
1978 and  
5 April 1988



Left service  
between  
5 April 1983  
and 5 April  
1988



Left service  
after 6 April  
1988



Must have  
been age 26  
(or over) on  
completion of  
service with  
5 years  
(or more)  
reckonable  
service

Must have 5  
years (or  
more)  
reckonable  
service

Must have  
enlisted after 5  
April 1978 and  
needs 5 years  
contracted-  
out service (i.e.  
full paid  
service from  
any age)

Must have 2  
years  
reckonable  
service