

FORCES PENSION SOCIETY CALL TO ACTION!

Veterans' Unclaimed Armed Forces Pensions

More than 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 Dec 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