



# Armed Forces Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 21

### *War pensions committees*

#### **15 War pensions committees and armed and reserve forces compensation schemes**

(1) Section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989 (establishment and functions of war pensions committees) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The regulations may give the committees functions relating to one or more of the following—

- (a) war pensions;
- (b) war pensioners;
- (c) AFCS benefits;
- (d) AFCS benefit recipients.”

(3) In subsection (2)—

- (a) omit the words from the beginning to the second “and”,
- (b) for “it shall be their function” substitute “ it is a function of a committee ”,
- (c) in paragraph (a), for “connected with war pensions or affecting war pensioners in their area and, where they think” substitute “ connected with war pensions or AFCS benefits or affecting people in its area who are war pensioners or AFCS benefit recipients and, where it thinks ”,
- (d) in paragraph (b), for “to them by persons receiving or claiming war pensions and, if they think” substitute “ to it by people receiving or claiming war pensions or AFCS benefits and, if it thinks ”,
- (e) in paragraph (c)—
  - (i) for “them” substitute “ it ”, and
  - (ii) for “they” substitute “ it ”, and
- (f) in paragraph (d), for “war pensioners in their area” substitute “ people in its area who are war pensioners or AFCS benefit recipients ”.

(4) After subsection (3) insert—

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“(3A) The regulations may provide for the committees to have names specified in the regulations (as well as being known as war pensions committees).”

(5) In subsection (4), before the definition of “war pension” insert—

““AFCS benefit” means a benefit payable under an armed and reserve forces compensation scheme established by order under section 1(2) of the Armed Forces (Pensions and Compensation) Act 2004;

“AFCS benefit recipient” means a person in receipt of an AFCS benefit, in the person's capacity as such;”.

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