



Social Security Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 24

War pensions committees

25 Establishment and functions of war pensions committees

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations establish committees, known as war pensions committees, for such areas as may be specified in the regulations; and the regulations may, in particular, include provisions with respect to—
 - (a) the membership of the committees;
 - (b) the manner in which the members are to be appointed and the period for which, and the terms on which, they are to hold office; and
 - (c) the manner in which they may be removed.
- (2) The committees shall have such functions relating to war pensions and war pensioners as may be conferred upon them by the regulations; and the regulations may, in particular, provide that it shall be their function—
 - (a) to consider any matter connected with war pensions or affecting war pensioners in their area and, where they think it appropriate, to make recommendations to the Secretary of State about that matter;
 - (b) to consider complaints made to them by persons receiving or claiming war pensions and, if they think fit, to make representations about those complaints to the Secretary of State;
 - (c) to consider any matters referred to them by the Secretary of State and to report to him on those matters with such recommendations as they may think fit; and
 - (d) to assist the War Pensioners' Welfare Service in looking after the welfare of war pensioners in their area.
- (3) The regulations may include provisions with respect to the manner in which the committees are to discharge the functions conferred on them; and they shall exercise their functions subject to, and in accordance with, any such provisions.
- (4) In this section—

“war pension” means—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) any pension or other benefit, payable otherwise than under an enactment, for or in respect of a person who has died or been disabled in consequence of service as a member of the armed forces of the Crown,
- (b) any pension or benefit awarded under—
 - (i) the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act 1939,
 - (ii) the Pensions (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine) Act 1939, or
 - (iii) the Polish Resettlement Act 1947,
- (c) any pension or other payment which constitutes such an obligation as is mentioned in section 4(1) of the Statute Law Revision Act 1958 (seamen and fishermen killed or injured in the 1914-1918 war),
- (d) any other pension or benefit which is specified in an order made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section,

but does not include any pension or benefit administered by the Defence Council, the Minister of the Crown with responsibility for defence or the Commissioners for the Royal Hospital for Soldiers at Chelsea; and

“war pensioner” means a person in receipt of a war pension, in his capacity as such a pensioner.

- (5) In section 9(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (central advisory committee to include chairmen of at least 12 war pensions committees) for the words “by schemes under section 1 of that Act” there shall be substituted the words “by regulations under section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989”.
- (6) In the War Pensions Act 1921—
 - (a) sections 1 and 2 (which are superseded by this section) shall cease to have effect; and
 - (b) in section 3 (constitution of central advisory committee) for the words “under this Act” there shall be substituted the words “under section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989”.