



Debts (Deceased Servicemen etc) Act 1893

1893 CHAPTER 5 56 and 57 Vict

Collection of Effects and Payment of Preferential Charges

2 Preferential charges.

The following shall be the preferential charges on the property of a person dying while subject to [^{F1}service law], and shall, except so far as other provision may be made for them or any of them, be payable in preference to all other debts and liabilities, and, as among themselves, in the following order:—

- (1) Expenses of last illness and funeral:
- (2) [^{F2}Service] debts, namely, sums due in respect of, or of any advance in respect of—
 - (a) Quarters;
 - (b) Mess, band, and other regimental accounts;
 - (c) [^{F2}Service] clothing, appointments and equipments, not exceeding a sum equal to six months pay of the deceased, and having become due within eighteen months before his death;to which shall be added, where the death occurs out of the United Kingdom,—
- (3) Servants wages, not exceeding two months wages to each servant; and
- (4) Household expenses incurred within a month before the death, or after the last issue of pay to the deceased, whichever is the shorter period.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 6](#); S.I. 2009/812, art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, art. 4
- F2** Word in s. 2(2) substituted (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2054\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Debts (Deceased Servicemen etc) Act 1893, Section 2.