

2024 No. 347

PENSIONS

**The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme)
(Amendment) Order 2024**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>5th March 2024</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>14th March 2024</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>8th April 2024</i>

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Armed Forces (Pensions and Compensation) Act 2004(a).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2024 and comes into force on 8th April 2024.

Extent

2. This Order extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendment of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011

3. The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011(b) is amended in accordance with articles 4 and 5.

Amendment of article 24A

4. In article 24A (award of armed forces independence payment), in paragraph (3), for “£172.75” substitute “£184.30”.

Amendment of article 24D

5. In article 24D (payment of armed forces independence payment in respect of Motability), in paragraph (2), for “£71.00” substitute “£75.75”.

5th March 2024

Andrew Murrison
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence

(a) 2004 c. 32.

(b) S.I. 2011/517; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2013/436, 2017/247, and 2023/323.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/527) (the “Principal Order”), which provides for benefits to be payable to, or in respect of a person by reason of injury, illness or death caused wholly or partly, by service in the regular or reserve armed forces.

Article 4 amends article 24A of the Principal Order to increase the amount of the allowance known as “the armed forces independence payment” which is designed to provide financial support to cover extra costs that a recipient of that benefit may incur as a result of a relevant injury. That amount is increased to £184.30 per week.

Article 5 amends article 24D of the Principal Order to increase the amount that may be paid in settlement of liabilities due under an agreement between a claimant and Motability in respect of the hire or hire purchase of a vehicle. That amount is increased to £75.75 per week.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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