

City of Wolverhampton Council

Housing Benefit War Pension Disregard Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy sets out the circumstances in which War Pensions are fully disregarded when working out a person's income in the assessment of Housing Benefit.

2. Purpose and principles of the policy

2.2. The purpose of this policy is to:

- a) Ensure income is treated consistently when assessing entitlement to Housing Benefit
- b) Ensure that all assessments are dealt with in a fair, consistent and equal manner
- c) Make clear the types of pensions to be disregarded under the Housing Benefit War Pensions Disregard Policy.

3. Background

3.1 The Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 make provision for the first £10.00 of income from War Disablement Pension, War Widows (Widowers) Pension and the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme to be disregarded in any housing benefit assessment. The cost of this disregard is fully reimbursed to the Council.

3.2 The Social Security Administration Act 1992 gives the Council discretion to disregard any amount it chooses in addition to the statutory provision. The Council has taken advantage of this provision and fully disregarded income claimants receive from the War Widows (Widowers), War Disablement Scheme and the Armed Forces Compensation Schemes.

4. Policy

4.1 The Council will fully disregard income from War Disablement Scheme, War Widows (Widowers) Pension and the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme when assessing entitlement to Housing Benefit.