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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI442917947

Thank you for your request for information relating to Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. Does the Local Authority disregard all payments made under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (2005) as income, when assessing eligibility for:
- a. Housing Benefit Yes
- b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction Yes
- c. Discretionary Housing Payments Yes
- d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only) Yes
- 2. Does the Local Authority disregard all payments made under the War Pension scheme, as income, when assessing eligibility for:
- a. Housing Benefit Yes
- b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction Yes
- c. Discretionary Housing Payments Yes
- d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only) In line with Government legislation we would disregard 'War Pensioners Mobility Supplement'. However, standard percentage based 'War Disablement Pension' would only be disregarded if the applicant is in receipt of constant 'Attendance Allowance.'
- 3. Does the Local Authority disregard a Service Invaliding Pension or Service Attributable Pension, paid under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme, as income, when assessing eligibility for:

- a. Housing Benefit Yes
- b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction Yes
- c. Discretionary Housing Payments Yes
- d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only) We are unable to answer this as yes/no.
- If, or when, we come across a client who is in receipt of this, we would need to take further advice at the time.

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Yours faithfully

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