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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 22/23-162 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

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
 - b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
 - c. Discretionary Housing Payments
 - d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)(Please answer YES/NO)

2. Does the Local Authority disregard all payments made under the War Pension scheme, as income, when assessing eligibility for:
 - a. Housing Benefit
 - b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
 - c. Discretionary Housing Payments
 - d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)(Please answer YES/NO)

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
 - b. Council Tax Support/ Council Tax Reduction
 - c. Discretionary Housing Payments
 - d. Disabled Facilities Grants (England and Wales only)(Please answer YES/NO)

Response:

1.
 - a. Yes
 - b. Yes
 - c. Income is taken into account but any expenses associated with this income are deducted
 - d. Yes

2.
 - a. Yes
 - b. Yes
 - c. Income is taken into account but any expenses associated with this income are deducted
 - d. Yes – See below

Income from war pensions

Do not enter the c. £80/week payments made to special war widows under a number of enactments from April 1990. (These are usually referred to as "pre-1973" War Widows.) Such payments are wholly ignored as income.

Do not enter any payment of War Pensioners Mobility Supplement (equivalent to the mobility element of DLA/PIP) which is also disregarded.

Otherwise, enter any:

- war disablement or war widow's pension or analogous compensation

- an analogous pension under the social security scheme of another country
- a pension from the Federal Republic of Germany or Austria to the victims of Nazi persecution.

3.
 - a. Disablement and Mobility Payments are disregarded
 - b. Disablement and Mobility Payments are disregarded
 - c. Income is taken into account but any expenses associated with this income are deducted
 - d. No

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 22/23-162

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.