

## INJURY AWARDS AND DWP BENEFITS

We are aware that The Home Office have recently requested Police Pension Administrators to send a letter out to all retired officers in receipt of an injury award to request details of any DWP benefits they may be in receipt of.

This information is a requirement of the Police [Injury Benefit] Regulations 2006 and is used, together with other factors when calculating the amount of the actual injury award paid to the retiree.

The amount of a retired officers' injury award is calculated in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Police [Injury Benefit] Regulations 2006.

Paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 outlines that any injury award shall be reduced by the amount of any additional benefits [as indicated in sub paragraph 3] received by the retired officer.

It is however important to be aware that the relevant benefits are those DWP benefits payable to you ***for the qualifying injury on duty only***. Any benefits payable for a different injury are not taken into account and are not deductible from your injury pension. If you were in receipt of Incapacity Benefit upon retirement [*even if for a different injury*] it is deductible until the benefit ceases.

In particular other DWP benefits are not relevant, for example; mobility allowance and disability living allowance and we are aware that some pension administrators have been deducting these non relevant benefits from injury pensions. ***It is therefore important that you check exactly which DWP benefits are being deducted from your injury pension.***

It is also important to note that should you cease receiving Incapacity Benefit or severe disablement allowance and become 'fit for work', but later resume receiving the same benefits, you are given the benefit of the doubt that they are payable for a different disability and they would not be deducted from your injury award.