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DHSS Married Women's Pension Top Up.

Who could qualify:

Women are 67+ years old or more who were pension age by 6 April 2016.

Over 80's regardless of their National Insurance record.

Women whose pension was not revised when their husband died or revised since then.

Divorcees who have not re-married.

Your husband reached retirement age from 17 August 2008 when the system glitched and women's pension may not have been topped up and therefore should be back dated to that date.

Who do not qualify:

Women who have re-married cannot claim on their late husband's pension but could claim on their current husband's pension if applicable.

Women in a Civil partnership or same sex relationship.

Heirs of widows paid less than £77.45 per week.

What are the payment criteria?

Your pension is less than 60% of your husband's received National Insurance Pension.

If your husband topped up his National Insurance Pension the top up is also counted.

Back dated to 2008 if you qualify and there are no residency issues.

What would your payment be?

The percentage difference between your paid pension and his paid pension back dated according to the number of years since instigation of the top up process. Complicated by the changing years of pension rates.

How do I apply for this and/or see if I am qualified?

The easy way, if you can, is to go to: <https://pensionunderpaid.lcp.uk.com> and follow the simple calculator which just tells you if you qualify.

It is complicated to calculate for yourself and if any of the above criteria applies you can either write to the DHSS with your details or ring them, but it may not be easy to reach them by phone under the current Covid-19 situation. You can also contact Citizens Advice if necessary. **If you qualify, this is your money that is owed to you, it is not a scam.**

Information extracted from Martin Lewis and Lane, Clark and Peacock website.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Mackie'.

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