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Financial Assistance for Ex-Servicemen in Penury (Armed Forces Flag Day Fund)

A grant that may help destitute non-pensioner ex-servicemen up to the rank of Havildar or equivalent, and their widows.

What you may get

The page says the grant is Rs 4,000 per month (paid annually) for life, and that from 1 November 2026 it is enhanced to Rs 8,000 per month (paid annually) for life.

Who it is for

Non-pensioner ex-servicemen of rank Havildar or equivalent and below, and their widows, aged 65 years.

Main conditions

- Non-pensioner ex-serviceman or widow.
- Rank Havildar or equivalent (Navy, Air Force) and below.
- Age 65 years on 1 April of the financial year of applying.
- A widow of a grant holder is eligible whatever her age.

Documents

- Service document or discharge book (all pages)
- Age proof if the date of birth is not in the discharge book
- Identity card issued by the Zila Sainik Board
- Bank passbook first page or cancelled cheque
- Certificate of penury in the given format

How to apply

1. Log in to the KSB web portal and apply for the Penury Initial application.
2. Upload scanned copies of the documents.
3. The Zila Sainik Welfare Officer checks the originals and recommends the application.
4. For later years, apply for Penury Renewal with a life certificate between 1 December and 31 March.

Status

Active

Official source: <https://ksb.gov.in/ex-servicemen-penury.htm>

Official application: <https://www.ksb.gov.in/>

LABHLO page: <https://labhlo.in/en/schemes/central/rmewf-penury-grant-ex-servicemen/>



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