

ARMY PENSIONS ACTS-1923, 1927 AND 1932

In the *Army Pensions Act, 1923* the term active service is defined as applying to an officer or soldier...[who is] "... attached to or forms part of a force which is engaged in operations against the enemy or is engaged in military operations in a place wholly or partly occupied by the enemy...". The Act provided, among other things, for the payment of wound pensions to wounded members of Óglaigh na hÉireann, including the Army and the Irish Volunteers, the Irish Citizen Army, 1916 and for the payment of allowances and gratuities to the widows, children and dependants of any deceased officer or soldier "...who has been or shall be killed in the course of his duty while on active service..." "... "during the period April and May 1916 to on or after the 1st day of April 1922".

The *Army Pensions Act, 1927* amended and extended the 1923 Act and the legislation was further amended and extended under the *Army Pensions Act, 1932*. The application of the term "military service" is defined and interpreted in both acts.

Administration and investigation of claims under the Act, 1923 and the subsequent amending legislation was led by the Department of Defence, with supporting and other evidence sought from the Military Authorities, the Army Pensions Board, and An Garda Síochána and later through a Military Services Registration Board (established under *Army Pensions Act, 1932* and in operation to July 1943 as MSR Board 1).

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