

Survey of First World War Military Service Tribunal records across England and Wales

Listed within this document are records of First World War Military Service Tribunals for England and Wales held at national and local record offices.

The passing of the Military Service Act in January 1916 enforced compulsory military service upon British society for the first time in modern history. Single men and widowers without children aged 18 to 41 were now liable to serve in the Army as long as they were not in a reserved occupation. In May 1916 the act was extended to cover both single and married men and in 1918 was extended in age range up to 51.

As a result of conscription being enforced, a series of Military Service Tribunals were established to hear applications and appeals for exemption from those with reasons not to serve in the Army.

The reasons for seeking exemption needed to fall under seven grounds covering employment or educational studies that were of greater national importance, domestic circumstances, conscientious objection and medical reasons.

The grounds of appeal, in full were:

- A.** On the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that the man should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged
- B.** On the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that the man should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work which he wishes to be engaged
- C.** If he is being educated or trained for any work, on the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that, instead of being employed in military service, he should continue to be so educated or trained
- D.** On the ground that serious hardship would ensue if the man were called up for Army service, owing to his exceptional financial or business obligations or domestic position
- E.** On the ground of ill-health or infirmity
- F.** On the ground of a conscientious objection to the undertaking of combatant service
- G.** On the ground that the principal and usual occupation of the man is one of those included in the list of occupations certified by Government Departments for exemption

Applicants seeking exemption under these grounds would start by applying to Local Tribunal, usually at borough, district or town level. The application for exemption could be made by the individual himself, a family member on their behalf, or their employer.

The decision of a local tribunal could be appealed to a County Appeal Tribunal. Again, the same individuals, as above, could raise the appeal but at so could the local Military Representative on behalf of the army. Therefore, local tribunal decisions seen as too lenient by the army could be overruled on appeal.

A final level of appeal was the Central Tribunal in London. This was used more sparingly and generally for unique or complex cases. Also, the Central Tribunal may be requested to set a precedent in certain cases, so that County Appeal Tribunal could follow suit in similar cases in their region.

The tribunal system will have recorded applicants in two separate ways. Men will have been noted as being either attested or non-attested men. An 'attested' man was someone who had signalled their willingness to serve in the Army when called upon under the Derby Scheme of late 1915. The Derby Scheme was the last effort to save the traditional voluntary recruitment, whereby men of military age not in the Army (as identified by the National Register of 1915) were requested to attest their willingness to serve when called upon in the future.

The Derby Scheme system was largely based upon age grouping for single and married men. The idea was that all the single 19 year old males would be called upon first, followed by each single age group. The married age groups would then follow from the 19 year old group. A Tribunal system was being established so that men could delay their call up because of personal circumstances when the Derby Scheme was judged to have failed to attract the required voluntary numbers to meet the military manpower demands.

The Military Service Act of January 1916 followed with Military Service Tribunals established to hear exemption applications from compulsory service.

Non-attested men were therefore those of military age who had not signed up to the Derby scheme. For this reason, you will note that some of the records captured in the survey cover dates earlier than 1916. In the most part, this will be because of the records created under the Derby Scheme period (October to December 1915).

Overseeing the administrative running of Military Service Tribunals was the Local Government Board, who issued instructions, pamphlets and booklets to the Tribunals to help provide guidance. Included in such instructional material were documents on official Substitution policies, whereby women and also men of non-military age or fitness could replace those in industry who could serve in the army. These instructions and pamphlets help to underline the

significant contribution of wider society and the Home Front to the British war effort.

Tribunal hearings would have generally taken place at Town Halls, local council buildings and other places central to the local community. Local newspapers would cover hearings and researchers are therefore advised to seek this avenue for further information. The British Library Newspaper Archive may be of assistance in this area.

Rather than being seen just as a military record, tribunal records can provide an insight into the social history of Britain during wartime. The individual case papers, where they survive, will include a very diverse range of personal circumstances for why an individual could not serve with the Army at that time. For example, grouping cases under the same ground for appeal does not necessarily mean similarity or consistency in the cases heard. For example, under the grounds of Conscientious Objection you are likely to find cases based on personal beliefs, nationality, political views, and religion or faith membership.

Following the end of hostilities, the Government issued an instruction to destroy Tribunal records, retaining two official sets for possible future use. Luckily, many records do survive at local level, having been saved or avoided the official destruction order through good judgement or, in some cases, luck.

While the list of surviving records contained within this document is wide-ranging, it is by no means a complete record of what can be found for Military Service Tribunals. Readers are encouraged to enquire with their local record offices or local history centres to see if additional material for the local area survives.

Likewise, papers and correspondence may survive within private papers, particular for those local dignitaries who sat on the Tribunal decision panels, such as M.P's, judges and Council leaders.

The data recorded of surviving records held across England and Wales was compiled by members of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) during 2013/14 while we worked in partnership to digitise the Middlesex Appeal Tribunal records held here at The National Archives (TNA) in our MH 47 collection.

Kindly funded jointly by the FFHS and the Friends of The National Archives (FTNA), the project has seen 11,000 case papers re-sorted, conserved, digitised and made available online. For a 10 year period (starting in 2014), the online records can be downloaded for free from our online catalogue, Discovery.

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Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service

Bedfordshire County Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
WW1/AT 1	Correspondence regarding the setting up of the County Tribunal with a few references to individual cases; January – April 1916.
WW1/AT 2	Out correspondence covering the work of the tribunal. Reference to a few individual cases but not in detail; March – April 1916.

Bolton Archives

Westhoughton Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
AW/8/1	Bound volume noting appeals for exemption and subsequent decisions of the Tribunal; January 1916 – December 1917.

Horwich Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
AH/17/1	Bound volume register of applications for exemption; January 1916 – December 1917.

Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies

Newport Pagnell Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DC13/39/42	Minute book; November 1915 – October 1918.
DC13/39/43	Register of proceedings; December 1915 – October 1918.

Bletchley Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DC14/39/1	Minute book; December 1915 – November 1918.

Eton Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DC10/38/1	Minute book including summary of individual applications for exemption; January 1916 – November 1918.

Bury Archives and Local Studies

Radcliffe Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
ARD	Letter book but does not contain information about decisions made. Noted as in poor condition and not catalogued. Contains 152 entries; 24 April – 15 November 1918.

West Yorkshire Archives, Calderdale (Halifax)

Halifax Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description

CMT1/HXM:415	Minutes, Volume 1; November 1915 – June 1916.
CMT1/HXM:416	Minutes, Volume 2; July 1916 – May 1918.
CMT1/HXM:417	Minutes, Volume 3; May 1918 – January 1919.
CMT1/2/2	Local Tribunal Committee minutes, 3 volumes; 1915-1919.
Hipperholme Local Tribunal	
JB:51	Applications for exemption including Local Government Board circulars and notices of meetings; 1915-1919.
Aire and Calder Navigation employees	
C299/1/2/5/30	Applications for exemption for employees of Aire and Calder Navigation heard at the Leeds Local Tribunal; March – April 1916.

National Library of Wales/Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru, Aberystwyth

Cardiganshire Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
GB 0210 CARWAR	Appeal case papers, official handbooks and circulars, minutes, correspondence and letter books, register of attendance, notebooks, applications for medical examination and miscellaneous documents that appear to have strayed from the office of Edgar Evans, relating to electoral arrangements; 1916-1918.

Cheshire Archives and Local Studies

Hale Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
LUH 1/30/1-2	Minute books, 2 volumes including names of applicants and tribunal decisions; 1915-1918.
LUH 1/31	Register, unbound sheets including decisions of the tribunal; December 1915 – July 1918.
Macclesfield Local Tribunal	
LBM/2515/53/1	Letter book indexed by name; 1915-1918.
LBM/2515/53/2	Letter book indexed by name; 1918-1922.
LBM/2703/43/2	Minutes of tribunal identified by case number only; 1916-1918.

Cornwall Record Office

St Columb Major Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
P36/7/10	1 volume of minutes; 1915-1918.
Phillack Local Tribunal	
DCWP/179	1 volume of minutes; 1916-1918.

Cumbria Archives Centre, Carlisle

Cumberland and Westmorland Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
CC26/1	Circulars, regulations and instructions from Local Government Board about implementing the Military Service Act, 1916 at Local Tribunals; 1916-1918.
CC26/2-15	Hearings of special cases at Carlisle, Cockermouth, Kendal and Whitehaven giving list of appeals, draft minutes and case papers of named men; 1916-1918.
CC26/16	List of men engaged in farming recommended for exemption by the district committees of the War Agricultural Executive Committee; 1917-1918.
CC26/17	Register of agricultural appeals heard by the Cumberland and Westmorland Appeal Tribunal; [1918].
CC26/18	Register of appeals heard by the Cumberland and Westmorland Appeal Tribunal; [1917].
CC26/19	Accounts detailing travelling expenses for members attending the tribunal appeal hearings; 1916-1918.
CC26/20/1-5	Lists of applicants and their employers engaged in farming at various Poor Law Union districts; 1918.
CC26/21/1-5	Applications by men engaged in farming in Westmorland for exemption; 1918.
CC26/22	Miscellaneous records including draft minutes of the first meeting of the Cumberland, Westmorland and City of Carlisle Appeal Tribunal; 1916-1917.

Cumbria Archive and Local Studies Centre, Whitehaven

Whitehaven Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
SPUW/10	Minute book; 1915-1918.

Devon Record Office

Brixham Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
R4582A-2/BZ/2	Minute book; 1915-1916.
R4582A-2/BZ/3	Minute book; 1917-1918.
R4582A/TZ/2	Torquay Municipal Borough minute book; 1916.
Crediton Local Tribunal	
317 M D	File of typed details taken from applications for exemption; 1916.
Okehampton Local Tribunal	
3248A/7/1	Applications for exemption; 1916-1917.
Culmstock Local Tribunal	
3591O/A/1	File of applications covering surnames A-L; 1916.
3591-0	File of application forms; 1916.
Devon Appeal Tribunal	
1262M/0/O/LD/151/12	Correspondence consisting of 2 letters from J.H.L.

	Brewer to Hugh N.G. Stuckley; January 1918.
1262M/0/O/LD/151/21	Letter regarding the North Devon Appeal Tribunal; May 1918.

Doncaster Archives

Tickhill Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DZ/MD55	Minutes including some government circulars and a letter from the King; 1916-1918.

Dudley Archives and Local History Centre

Coseley Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
UDCC/A6/1	Minute book; 1916.

Durham County Record Office

Darlington Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
Da/A 38/1/1	Minute book. Does not provide names of applicants unless an issue with a decision. Largely statistical based; December 1915 – October 1918.

East Riding and Local Studies Service

Beverley Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
BOBE/13/1/1	Letter book containing out letters of the Clerk to the Local Tribunal, indexed; 1915-1918.

East Sussex Record Office

East Sussex Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
C/C/92/1-11	Correspondence files; February 1916 – August 1917.
Chailey Local Tribunal	
DL/D 119/1	Minutes of local tribunal; 1917-1918.
Rye Local Tribunal	
DAP/box 320/2	Minutes of local tribunal; 1916-1917.

Essex Record Office

Essex County Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
C/DC 14/5-12	Applications for Medical Re-Examination; 1918.
C/DC 14/13	Correspondence files; 1916-1919.
Chelmsford Local Tribunal	

D/B 7 M3/2/1	Minutes of local tribunal; 1915-1917.
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Glamorgan Archives

Cardiff Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
RDC/C/1/34	Minute book including report of decisions; January 1916 – October 1918.

Gloucestershire Archives

Gloucester Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
D570	Papers, Tribunal Chairman's notebooks and register of cases; 1916-1918.
D9125/2/251	Letters to Sir Francis Hyett with reference to his appointment to the County Appeal Tribunal; 1916.
Gloucester Local Tribunals	
D1340/C3/21	Transcripts of proceedings held at local tribunals in Gloucester for Conscientious Objection cases; March – April 1916.
Thornbury Local Tribunal	
D1578	Applications for exemption; 1916-1918.

Gwent Archives

Miscellaneous Tribunal papers	
Reference	Description
D4379/1-52	Applications for exemption relating to cases heard at Aberbargoed, Cwmbran, Llantarnam, Newport, Pontnewydd and County Appeal Tribunal; 1916-1918.
D4279/53	Newspaper cuttings relating to Tribunal hearings; 1916-1918.
Chepstow Local Tribunal	
CSWBG/M5/71	Minute book including decisions of tribunal; 1916-1918.
Brynmawr Local Tribunal	
A320/C/320	Register of cases heard including decisions made; 1916-1918.
A320/C/321-339	Case papers of applications for exemption; 1916-1918.

Hampshire Archives and Local Studies

Winchester Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
W/B5/37/1	Indexed minute book; December 1915 – September 1919.
W/C1/2/19-19	Winchester Clerks' letter books; 1916-1918.
Lymington Local Tribunal	
27M74/DBC91	Minutes of local tribunal; June 1917 – August 1918.

Romsey Local Tribunal	
97M81/17/4	Record of local tribunal; January 1916.
4M92/N25/9	Papers relating to appeal of A Cole, Blacksmith of Romsey; 1918.
4M92/U3/3/3	Applications for exemption stating name, age, address, occupation and tribunal decision; 1916.
4M92/U3/3/4	Exercise book of Romsey Town Clerk listing names and addresses of Romsey men by street; November – December 1915.
4M92/U7/5/7	Register of cases; 1916-1918.
4M92/U7/5/8	Register of proceedings giving names, occupations, addresses, employer details, nature of application and decision; 1916-1917.

Isle of Wight Record Office

Ryde Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DC3/229/1	Register of cases listing 828 cases including name, address, occupation, age, decision and date of tribunal hearing. Also details of appeal hearing, where an appeal took place; February 1916 – November 1918.

Lancashire Record Office

Lancashire Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
TA 1	Miscellaneous documentation regarding the working of the County Appeal Tribunal including clarifications and examples of arriving at tribunal decisions and questions to be asked in conscientious objection cases; 1914-1917.
Oldham Local Tribunal	
DDX 920/4	Notice of hearing for Fred Berry; March 1918.
Fylde Local Tribunal	
DDX1059/2	Exemption certificates issued to William and Richard Moore of Peel Hill Farm; March 1916.
Burnley Local Tribunal	
DDX1101/80	Folders containing appeal papers for 28 cases heard at the local tribunal; 1916-1918.
Lancaster Local Tribunal	
MBLA Acc 826 Box 126	Letter book; 1917-1918.
Preston Local Tribunal	
RDP 20/4	Minute book; January 1916 – October 1918.
Adlington Local Tribunal	
UDAD/5/4	Minutes of local tribunal; November 1915 – October 1918.
Clayton-Le-Moors Local Tribunal	

UDCL/53/1	Minutes of local tribunal; December 1915 – October 1918.
UDCL/53/2	Letter book; October 1918.
Formby Local Tribunal	
UDFQ/2/22/3	Minute book; November 1915 – October 1918.
Thornton Cleveleys Local Tribunal	
UDTh/2/13	Minutes of local tribunal; November 1915 – October 1918.
UDTh/3/23	Letter book; December 1915 – October 1918.

Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland

Hinckley Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DE5126/256-261	Register of cases, 6 volumes; 1916-1918.
DE5126/262-265	Lists of applications; 1916-1918.
DE5126/266	Minutes of the local tribunal; 1916-1918.
DE5126/267	Notices of decisions of appeal tribunal; 1916-1918.
DE5126/268	Correspondence and papers regarding appeal cases; 1916.
DE5126/269-270	Applications for exemption; 1918.

Hertfordshire Archives

South Mimms Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
Off Acc 717	Brief description of each case including Agricultural committee minutes; February 1916 – June 1918.
St Albans Local Tribunal	
Off Acc 1162/1813-1815	Register of cases plus papers for Attested men; 1916-1918.
Off Acc 1162/1816	Certificates and letters of exemption; February 1916 – July 1918.
Off Acc 1162/865	Minutes of local tribunal detailing names and outcomes; [1916-1918].
Off Acc 1162/2960	Lord Derby recruiting scheme, advice for canvassers; [1915].
Berkhamsted Local Tribunal	
UDC4/68/1	Local Tribunal rules and regulations including poster and reserved occupations list; [1916-1918]
UDC4/68/2-3	List of cases including name and employer. Also information on substitution of men by women in the workplace; [1916-1918].
Baldock Local Tribunal	
Off Acc 1417/27	Minute book; 1916-1918.
Hertfordshire Appeal Tribunal	
Acc 436 box 28 (15c)	Appeal by the Military Representative against the case of Arthur Freeman Holden; 1917.
HCC7/14	Minutes of the Hertfordshire County Council Finance

	and General Purpose Committee including papers of setting up the County Appeal Tribunal; 1916.
DE/FJO/A19-22	Files relating to appeals made to the Appeal Tribunal and Hitchin Local Tribunal on grounds of business and conscience, specifically Frederick Osborn; [1916-1918].
DE/L/B559	Appeal by Gordon William Seabrook regarding medical grading; 1918.
Tring Local Tribunal	
DE/X120/Z1	Minutes of local tribunal specifically regarding nominating officers and canvassers for Lord Derby recruitment scheme; 1915-1916.
Miscellaneous Tribunal papers	
NQ2/11A/1	Local and national newspaper cuttings relating to conscientious objection cases; 1916-1918.

Lincolnshire Record Office

Grantham Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
Grantham Borough/14/1-2	Correspondence regarding the setting up of the Local Tribunal; February 1916.
Grantham Borough/14/3	Printed instructions, circulars and forms relating to the setting up of local tribunals; 1915-1916.
Grantham Borough/14/4-5	Register of cases providing names, occupation, address, employer details, nature of application, and decision of tribunal; December 1915 – November 1918.
Market Rasen Local Tribunal	
4-BM/9/5	Files regarding the Local Tribunal including register of cases; 1916-1919.
Gainsborough Local Tribunal	
Gainsborough UDC	Minute book including newspaper cuttings and details of cases heard; 1915-1917.
Bourne Local Tribunal	
9-ANC/9/4/9	Register of cases including name, address, occupation and tribunal decisions; 1916-1918.
Miscellaneous Tribunal papers	
THOR/13/6/15	Directory of local tribunals covering most of Lincolnshire including names and addresses of clerks and of the military representatives; [1914-1918].
LLHS/8/2	Papers relating to wartime recruitment including tribunals at Spilsby, Sibsey, Horncastle, and Skegness; 1914-1918.
SOC FR/227	Compilation of newspaper cuttings regarding conscription including notes of conscientious objection cases at the Lincoln Tribunal; 1916-1918.

London Metropolitan Archives

County of London Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
CUB/243	Minutes of the Appeal Tribunal; 1916-1918.
CUB/244	Staff register; 1916-1918.

Greater Manchester County Record Office with Manchester Archives

Disley Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
GB127.MISC/1171	Various papers relating to National Registration, Defence of the Realm, and letters regarding tribunal cases; [1914-1918]
Miscellaneous Tribunal papers	
M284	Correspondence, circulars and notices of hearings including letters to tribunals regarding local recruits and specifically conscientious objectors; 1916-1918.

Hillingdon Local Studies and Museum Service

Yiewsley Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
O/YWD/5/12	Proceedings of the tribunal; 1915-1918.
Hayes Local Tribunal	
O/HU/7/9	Proceedings of the tribunal, 1915-1918.

Norfolk Record Office

Norwich Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
N/TC 28/31	Minutes of local tribunal; December 1915 – November 1918.
Thetford Local Tribunal	
T/TC 2/10	Local Tribunal papers; January 1916 – October 1918.
Great Yarmouth Local Tribunal	
T/TC 90/122	Local Tribunal papers including minute books, registers of certificates issued and register of cases giving names, addresses, occupations and tribunal decisions; 1916-1919.

North Yorkshire County Record Office

North Riding of Yorkshire Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
NRCC/CL	Case papers; [1916-1918].
Scarborough Local Tribunal	
DC/SCB II 1/19/5	Minute book; 1916.
Knaresborough Local Tribunal	
DC/KNU I 2/5	Minute book; 1916-1918.

Aysgarth Local Tribunal	
DC/AYS VIII/1	Minute book; 1916-1918.
DC/AYS VIII/2	Register of proceedings; 1916.
DC/AYS VIII/3	Register of cases; 1916.

Northamptonshire Record Office

Northamptonshire Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
X180 – X196	Case papers arranged by case number, 1 – 11153; December 1915 – October 1918.
X197	Working notes of the Appeal Tribunal meetings; 1916-1918.
X198	Boot trade appeal case papers, 2307-7901 (broken sequence); [1916-1918].
X199	Adjourned cases, 8789-11102; agricultural cases, 3915-9004; War Agricultural Committee certificates; and correspondence; 1917-1918.
X200	Appeals Tribunal lists; 1916-1917.
X201 – X203	Boot trade appeals; 1917-1918.
X204	Appellants lists; [1916-1918].
X205	Summary appeal sheets and register books; 1916-1918.

Northumberland Archives

Ashington Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
NRO 2637/Box 3	Three notebooks listing the names and personal information of men interviewed by the Tribunal; 1917.
NRO 551/31	Register of cases; 1916-1918.

Oxfordshire History Centre

Oxford Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
OCA/JJ.3.15 (Ac 48/1999)	Minute book including name, address, occupation and outcome of cases heard; December 1917 – November 1918.
OCA/Crypt/A.9.4	Chairman's Papers including some details of cases heard as well as administrative documents; 1916-1918.

Pembrokeshire Archives

Kidwelly Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
D-LJ/933-944	Records of Kidwelly Local Tribunal, including minute book, register of claims, notices of decisions and

	correspondence; 1915-1918.
Miscellaneous Tribunal papers	
D-LJ/945	Records relating to tribunals in Narberth including correspondence from claimants; [1916-1918].

Portsmouth History Centre

Portsmouth Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DC/45/1	Exemption registers, including Attested Men, Unattested Men, Re-Examination cases, and Reviews; [1916-1918].
DC/45/2	Minutes of local tribunal; February 1916 – November 1918.
DC/45/3	Correspondence with Central Government, Local Government, Government Boards, Earl of Derby, Local Recruiting committees and other local tribunals. Also forms, instructions and regulations as well as newspaper cuttings; [1915-1918].

Sheffield Archives

Wath upon Dearne Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
NP 493	Register of cases and decisions; 1915-1918.

Shropshire Archives

Church Stretton Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
XDA 18/224/35	Appeal Tribunals; 1919.
XDA 18/224/76	Revised list of Appeal Tribunals; 1920.
Wellington Local Tribunal	
XDA 13/135/59	Circulars listing exemption categories; 1916-1918.
XDA 13/135/60	Applications for exemption; 1916-1917.
XDA 13/226/1	Register of cases; 1916-1918.
Miscellaneous Tribunal papers	
X552/9/1/3/8	Tribunal related forms; 1916.

Lichfield Record Office, Staffordshire

Lichfield Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
D1154/M/3	Minutes of local tribunal including case number, name and decision. Also loose Local Government Board circulars; 1917-1918.
D156/15	Letter book including name index, names, addresses and occupations; February – August 1916.
Derbyshire and Repton Rural Appeal Tribunal	

D23/2/8/38	Correspondence regarding exemption for men employed at sewage farm; 1916-1917.
Burton on Trent Local Tribunal	
D23/4/3/15-22	Register of cases including name, address, occupation, employer details and tribunal decision; 1916-1918.

Somerset Heritage Centre

Somerset County Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
DD/S/CL/1	Register of cases including name, age and outcome; 1916-1918.
DD/S/CL/2	Register of cases including name, age and outcome; 1916-1918.
C/EW/1	Taunton Section register, including name, address, age and outcome; 1916-1918.
C/EW/2	Bath Section register, including name, address, age and outcome; 1916-1918.
Wellington Local Tribunal	
D\R\wel/40/3-5	Applications for exemption; 1916-1918.
D\R\wel/40/1-2	Minute books; 1915-1918.
Weston Super Mare Local Tribunal	
D\B\wsm/33/1	Minute book; 1916-1918.

Staffordshire Record Office, Stafford

Mid Staffordshire County Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
C/C/M	Case papers, register of cases, and register of medical re-examination cases; [1915-1918].
Stafford Local Tribunal	
D1323/P/3/1/1-4	Minute books including name, employer details and tribunal decision. Also note books and tribunal panel attendance books; 1915-1918.
D1323/P/3/1-5	Circulars and Government instructions to Tribunals; 1916-1918.
Gnosall Local Tribunal	
D3040/1/4	Minute book; 1915-1918.
Leek Local Tribunals	
D3359/64	Records specific to legal firm Challinor and Shaw who represented some applicants in their cases before the Leek Urban Tribunal, the Leek Rural Tribunal and before the North Staffordshire Appeal Tribunal in Stoke; 1917-1918.
Stourbridge Local Tribunal	
D585/1/9/4-5	Register of cases; [1916-1918].
D585/1/9/6	Case papers of appeal applications; [1916-1918].
D585/1/9/7-8	Register of proceedings of local tribunal; [1916-1918].

Biddulph Local Tribunal	
D1448/1/197	Local tribunal meeting papers; 1916.

Kent History Centre and Library, Maidstone

West Kent Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
C/A/2/15/1-9	General correspondence of the tribunal, Government circulars, restricted occupation lists, substitution of women for men pamphlets and list of military representatives; 1915-1919.
C/A/2/15/10-12	Minute books and statistics of cases adjourned or withdrawn; 1916-1918.
C/A/2/15/13-15	Case files including conscientious and Alien cases; 1916-1918.
C/A/2/15/16-17	Register of cases and alphabetical index; 1916-1918.
C/A/2/15/18-19	Correspondence of the Tribunal clerk regarding men for whom appeals files are not held and subsequent notes and decisions made in such cases; 1916-1918.
C/A/2/15/20-21	Case files and register of medical re-examination cases; 1917-1918.
C/A/2/15/22-23	Case files and register of cases following the Royal Proclamation of 20 April 1918 (Man Power Bill); 1918.
Faversham Local Tribunal	
Fa/Amz2/1	Minutes of local tribunal; 1916-1918.
RD/F/Amz/2/1	Rough minutes of local tribunal; 1917-1918.

Stoke on Trent City Archives

Stoke on Trent Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
LUH/1/30/1-2	Minute books; December 1915 – November 1918.
LUH/1/31-32	Register of cases; December 1915 – November 1918.

Suffolk Record Office, Bury St Edmunds

Bury St Edmunds Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
EE500/D/12/22	Local Tribunal papers; [1914-1918].

Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich

Leiston-cum-Sizewell Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
EF5/1/2/6	Register of proceedings of local tribunal including name, address, nature of the application and decision; 1915-1918.
EF5/1/2/7	File of returns including Government circulars; 1918.
Felixstowe Local Tribunal	

EF12/1/1/54	Minute book including names and employer details; 1916-1918.
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Suffolk Record Office, Lowestoft

Oulton Broad Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
03/01	Minute books; 1915-1918.

Surrey History Centre

Woking Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
6198-16/1-6	Letter book including names of applicants; 1916-1918.
Dorking Local Tribunal	
LA4/23/297-303	Minute books, registers of proceedings and pamphlets; 1916-1918.
Surrey and Croydon Appeal Tribunal	
CC418/1	Minute book; 1916-1918.
CC28/303B	Registers for the Guildford Area Committee of the Surrey and Croydon Appeal Tribunal; 1915-1918.

Tower Hamlets Archives and Local Studies Centre

Poplar Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
L/PMB/B/6/1	Register of cases including name, address, occupation, employer details, nature of application and decision; June 1916 – May 1918.

Tyne and Wear Archives Service

Newcastle Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
G.MST1 /1/1-7	Returns of the Military Representative to the Local Tribunal with comments on each of the voluntarily attested applicants; February 1916 – April 1918.
G.MST1 /2	Papers relating to Local Tribunal, Wallsend prior to transfer to Newcastle Tribunal; May 1916 – February 1917.
G.MST1 /3	Papers relating to applications by Newcastle and District Butchers Association for conditional exemption of its members; January 1916 – April 1917.
G.MST1 /4	Papers regarding exemption of all Newcastle registered dental surgeons of military age; August – September 1917.
G.MST1 /5-9	Correspondence regarding loss of exemption status following changes to reserved occupation lists. Also lists and papers regarding local employment matters;

	1915-1917.
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Wandsworth Heritage Centre

Wandsworth Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
MBW/2/30/1	Minutes of local tribunal including some names but not decisions; July 1915 – December 1916.
Battersea Local Tribunal	
MBB/2/25/2-4	Minutes of local tribunal including names, occupations and employer details as well as decisions; December 1915 – December 1919.

Warwickshire County Record Office

Warwickshire Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
CR 1520/Box 59-61	Appeals for exemption including personal details, reasons for appeal and supporting evidence, where provided; March 1916 – November 1918.
CR 1520/Box 62	Summary of cases heard, register of cases, notes, minutes, medical re-examination applicants, and acts and order from Central Government; 1916-1918.
CR 1520/Box63-64	Correspondence relating o the Tribunal's work; [1915-1918].

Westminster City Archives

Paddington Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
PBC/PLT/1-3	Minute books including names of applicants and decisions made; January 1916 – November 1918.
Marylebone Local Tribunal	
SMBC/MLT/2/1-3	Minute books; December 1915 – November 1918.
SMBC/MLT/3/1-7	Register of applications including name, address and employer details; February 1916 – November 1918.
SMBC/MLT/4/1-14	Register of claims by attested men including name, address, employer details and decision; December 1915 – November 1918.
SMBC/MLT/5/1-9	Papers regarding employees at Waring and Gillow; [1916-1918].
SMBC/MLT/6/1-3	Alphabetical indexes; [1915-1918].
SMBC/MLT/7/1-4	Agenda notice book including name, address and occupation details; December 1915 – November 1918.

Nottinghamshire Archives

Beeston Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description

DC/BS/1/9-10	Letter books; 1915-1918.
Carlton Local Tribunal	
DC/C/1/3/10/1	Minute book including names and decisions; 1917-1918.
Newark Local Tribunal	
D21.74/23	Register of cases; 1916-1918.

West Yorkshire Archives Service, Kirklees (Huddersfield)

Huddersfield Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
KMT18/12/2/52	Minute book including statistics of decisions made; 1915-1918.
Spenborough Local Tribunal	
KM39/1/2/1/1	Minute book; 1916-1919.
Birstall Local Tribunal	
RD21/6/2	Lists of cases, minutes and correspondence files; 1915-1918.
Batley Local Tribunal	
[Not stated]	Registers of decisions; 19196-1918.
Holmfirth Local Tribunal	
KC6/1/76	Papers relating to the case of Ben Taylor Woodcock, surveyor; July 1917.

West Yorkshire Archives Service, Leeds

Leeds City Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
LC/TC	Minute book; 1915-1918.
Pudsey Local Tribunal	
LMT/PU/P1236-P1237	Letter books; February 1916 – December 1918.

Wigan Archives Service

Leigh Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
MB/Lei/E1/1-31	Case papers and registers of the Leigh Local Tribunal. Case papers will give personal details of applicants, employment details and decision of the tribunal; 1915-1918.

Wiltshire and Swindon Archives

Pewsey Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
1225/217-218	Register of cases with decisions; February 1916 – August 1918.
1225/219-228	Applications for exemption; January 1916 – November

	1918.
1225/229	Notice of decisions by County Appeal Tribunal; 1916-1918.
1225/230	Government circulars, sample exemption certificates and statistical returns; 1916-1917.

Worcestershire Archives

Redditch Local Tribunal	
Reference	Description
494.5 BA10917/16/1-3	Register of applications including index; December 1915 – August 1917.
494.5 BA10917/17/1-3	Register of applications including index; July 1917 – November 1918.
494.5 BA10917/32-34	General correspondence files; 1913 – 1919
Miscellaneous Tribunal papers	
705:260 BA4000/241	Papers of Harward and Evers solicitors, Kidderminster including circulars and limited tribunal related correspondence; 1917.

The National Archives, Kew

Middlesex Appeal Tribunal	
Reference	Description
MH 47/5-162	Card indexes, registers, case papers, minute books, tribunal instructions and letter books; 1916-1918.
Central Appeal Tribunal, London	
MH 47/1-3	Minutes and small sample of case papers; 1916-1918.
Veterinary Tribunal	
MH 47/4	Selected case papers; 1916-1918.