

# Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant

## What is a Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant?

A Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant is a once-off payment for widows, widowers and surviving civil partners with qualified children, to provide income support after the death of their spouse/civil partner.

This grant applies only to widows, widowers (widowed since 1 December 1999) and surviving civil partners (since 1 January 2011) who have at least one qualified child.

## Who is a qualified child?

A child up to age 18, who is normally resident in the State and who is living with you, is a qualified child. A child aged between 18 and 22, who is normally resident in the State, continues to be a qualified child if he or she is in full-time education by day at a recognised school or college. Payment continues up to the end of the academic year in which the child reaches the age of 22.

## How do I qualify?

You must have at least one qualified child normally resident with you (which can include a child for whom Guardian's Payment is being made). You must also be entitled to, or in receipt of, one of the following payments:

- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension,
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension under EU Regulations,\*
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension under a Bilateral Agreement between Ireland and another country\*,

- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension under the Occupational Injuries Scheme,
- One-Parent Family Payment (for widows, widowers or surviving civil partners), **or**
- Bereavement Grant (only where you are widowed or a surviving civil partner).

## \*The countries covered either by EU Regulations or under a Bilateral Agreement are:

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| • Australia      | • Iceland       | • Republic of Cyprus (Cyprus South) |
| • Austria        | • Ireland       | • Republic of Korea                 |
| • Belgium        | • Italy         | • Romania                           |
| • Bulgaria       | • Japan         | • Slovakia                          |
| • Canada         | • Latvia        | • Slovenia                          |
| • Czech Republic | • Liechtenstein | • Spain                             |
| • Denmark        | • Lithuania     | • Sweden                            |
| • Estonia        | • Luxembourg    | • Switzerland                       |
| • Finland        | • Malta         | • the Netherlands                   |
| • France         | • New Zealand   | • the United Kingdom                |
| • Germany        | • Norway        | • the United States of America      |
| • Greece         | • Poland        |                                     |
| • Hungary        | • Portugal      |                                     |

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For more information:

- Log on to [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie).
- LoCall Information Line **1890 66 22 44** (from the Republic of Ireland only) or **+353 71 91 933313** (from Northern Ireland or overseas).
- Drop in to your local Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre.

## How do I get my payment?

This payment can be paid:

- by direct payment into your account in a financial institution. This account must be a current, deposit or savings account,  
**or**
- by cheque.

## How do I apply?

You do not have to complete an application form if you are applying for Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension or One-Parent Family Payment (for widows, widowers or surviving civil partners), otherwise you should fill in the application form **WPG 1** and return it to:

### **Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Pension Section**

Social Welfare Services  
College Road  
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LoCall: 1890 500 000 (from the Republic of Ireland only), or  
+353 71 91 57100 (from Northern Ireland or overseas)

You can also contact the above section for more details on the Grant.

#### **Note**

**The rates charged for the use of 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.**

Qualifying conditions for our schemes change from time to time. Always check with your local Social Welfare Office or with Information Services to see if qualifying conditions have changed.

The information in this leaflet is correct at the time of publication.

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