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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 (see page 8 for contact details).

The information in this booklet is correct at the time of publication. This booklet is intended as a guide only, and is not a legal interpretation.

1. What is Death Benefit?

If a person dies as a result of an accident at work or an occupational disease, their dependants, may receive Death Benefit.

The dependant(s) may also get Death Benefit if the person who, at the time of their death, had been getting Disablement Pension assessed at 50% or more, regardless of the cause of death.

Death Benefit includes:

- Widow's or Widower's Pension
- Orphan's Pension
- Dependent Parents' Pension
- Funeral Grant

Widow's or Widower's Pension

If your spouse dies because of an accident at work or an occupational disease, or they are getting Disablement Pension assessed at 50% or more at the time of their death you may qualify for Widow's or Widower's Pension. You may get the pension as long as you remain widowed (you do not remarry or live with someone as husband and wife). It is not affected by any income you may have.

You may get an increase for qualified children with this pension. A qualified child must be under age 18, normally living with you, or aged between 18 and 22 in full-time education. The increase will continue until the end of the academic year in which they reach age 22.

Orphan's Pension

An Orphan's Pension may be paid for a child if the parent, step-parent or person who supported the child died because of an accident at work or an occupational disease or if they were getting Disablement Pension assessed at 50% or more at the time of their death.

A child is an orphan if:

- both parents are dead

or

- one parent is dead, unknown, has abandoned or refused or failed to provide for the child and the other parent is dead, unknown, has abandoned or refused or failed to provide for the child.

The orphan's guardian should apply for the pension.

Dependent Parents' Pension

If a person dies because of a work accident or disease or was getting Disablement Pension assessed at 50% or more at the time of their death and leaves a dependent parent, each parent may get a pension. To qualify, the parent must have been wholly or mainly maintained by the deceased.

The amount of pension depends on whether the deceased was single or married.

Funeral Grant

If a person dies because of a work accident or disease or was getting Disablement Pension assessed at 50% or more at the time of their death, a once off grant of €635 is paid towards the cost of the funeral.

This grant is paid by cheque.

2. How much can I get?

The rates of Death Benefit are shown in the Rates of Payment booklet **SW 19**.

3. How do I get my payment?

You may get pensions made under the Death Benefit scheme by:

- direct payment weekly in advance to any of the financial institutions listed below,

or

- a book of payable orders that can be cashed weekly at a chosen post office.

You may use the direct payment option for:

- a Pension Savings Account with An Post,
- a current or deposit savings account (**not** a mortgage account) with any of the following Banks or building societies;
 - ACC Bank
 - AIB Bank
 - Bank of Ireland
 - National Irish Bank
 - permanent tsb
 - Ulster Bank
 - EBS Building Societies
 - First Active PLC
 - ICS Building Society
 - Irish Nationwide Building Society.

4. Can I get extra benefits?

If you qualify for Death Benefits, you may also get:

- Fuel Allowance, and
- assistance under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme.

If you are **aged 66 or over** you will automatically get Free Travel. You may also qualify for:

- the Household Benefits Package, and
- a medical card from the Health Service Executive

Details of concessions for Widower's and Widower's who are aged 60 to 65 are outlined in the relevant information leaflets listed on page 8.

5. When and how do I apply?

You must apply for any of the payments under the Death Benefit scheme within **3 months** of the date of death, otherwise you may lose some benefit.

To apply, fill in application form **(OB 61)** (enclosed) and return it to :

Disablement Benefit Section

Social Welfare Services
Government Buildings
Ballinalee Road
Longford

Telephone: Longford (043) 334 00 00
Dublin (01) 704 3000

When applying make sure you send in the following certificates:

- the long version of your own Birth Certificate
- your Marriage Certificate, if relevant,
- Birth and Death Certificates in respect of the person you are applying for,
- your qualified child(ren)'s Birth Certificates (if claiming a Qualified Child Increase and not getting Child Benefit for them).

We do not accept photocopies of certificates.

You can get certificates for social welfare purposes from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. You can buy these from the General Registrar of the county in which the birth or marriage took place. You may also get them from:

The General Register Office

Government Offices

Convent Road

Roscommon

Telephone: (0906) 632 900

LoCall: 1890 25 20 76

If you are not able to get the certificate(s) immediately, you should send in your application with a note stating that you will send in the certificates as soon as possible.

If you are sending in your certificates at a later date, please ensure that you quote your pension claim number. You will get this automatically when we receive your application.

6. Where can I get more information?

For further details about Death Benefit, contact your local Social Welfare Office or **Disablement Benefit Section** at the address on page 6.

For information booklets, application forms and more information on social welfare services:

- Log on to **www.welfare.ie**.
- Text to **51909** (see details on Page 9).
- LoCall Information Line at **1890 66 22 44** (from the Republic of Ireland only) or **+353 71 91 93313** (from Northern Ireland or overseas).
- Drop in to your local Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre.

Other useful booklets:

Fuel Allowance	SW 17
Rates of Payment	SW 19
Treatment Benefit	SW 24
Injury Benefit	SW 30
Disablement Benefit	SW 31
Prescribed Occupational Diseases	SW 33
Medical Care Scheme	SW 34
Household Benefits Package	SW 107

Note

The rates charged for using 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.

To request forms, text the form code followed by your name and address to 51909 (from the Republic of Ireland only). Standard text rates apply.

For example, if you wanted to request the Bereavement Grant form, text form bg Mary Murphy 1 New Street, Old Town, Co. Donegal.

Social welfare payment or scheme	Form code
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance	FORM BTSCFA
Bereavement Grant	FORM BG
Carer's Allowance	FORM CARA
Carer's Benefit	FORM CARB
Child Benefit (Form CB1)	FORM CHILD
Disability Allowance	FORM DA
Domiciliary Care Allowance	FORM DCA
Family Income Supplement	FORM FIS
Free Travel	FORM TRAVEL
Fuel Allowance	FORM FUEL
Household Benefits	FORM HHB
Invalidity Pension	FORM INV
Living Alone Increase	FORM LAA
Maternity Benefit	FORM MAT
One Parent Family Payment	FORM OPFP
Respite Care Grant	FORM RCG
State Pension (Non-Contributory)	FORM SPNC
State Pension (Transition/Contributory)	FORM SPC
Widow(er)'s Contributory Pension	FORM WCP
Widow(er)'s Non-Contributory Pension	FORM WNCP