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Bereavement Payment

1. Eligibility

You may be able to get a £2,000 Bereavement Payment if your spouse or civil partner died before 6 April 2017. This is a one-off, tax-free, lump-sum payment.

If your spouse or civil partner died on or after 6 April 2017 you may be eligible for Bereavement Support Payment (<https://www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment>) instead.

You may be able to get Bereavement Payment if, when your husband, wife or civil partner died, you were either:

- under State Pension age
- over State Pension age and your husband, wife or civil partner wasn't entitled to a State Pension based on their own national insurance contributions

Additionally, your husband, wife or civil partner must have either:

- paid enough National Insurance contributions
- died because of an industrial accident or disease

When you can't get Bereavement Payment

You can't get Bereavement Payment if any of the following are true:

- you were divorced from your husband, wife or civil partner
- you're living with another person as husband, wife or civil partner
- you're in prison

Other bereavement benefits

You may also be eligible for:

- Widowed Parent's Allowance (<https://www.gov.uk/widowed-parents-allowance>) - if you're bringing up children
- Bereavement Allowance (<https://www.gov.uk/bereavement-allowance>)

You don't have to apply more than once - you'll be considered for all bereavement benefits when you apply for one.

If you're abroad

If you've moved abroad contact the International Pension Centre to find out if you can claim.

Bereavement and widows' benefits if you're abroad

Telephone: +44 191 21 87608

Find out about call charges (<https://www.gov.uk/call-charges>)

Department for Work and Pensions

Bereavement and widows' benefits

International Pension Centre

Tyneview Park

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

NE98 1BA

You must include your:

- full name
- date of birth
- National Insurance number (<https://www.gov.uk/national-insurance/your-national-insurance-number>)

2. How to claim

You can apply using a form or by phone.

Apply using a form

Download and fill in the Bereavement Benefits pack (form BB1)

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bereavement-benefits-claim-form>).

You can also get the form from your local Jobcentre Plus (<https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus>) in person or by ordering over the phone.

The pack has notes to help you fill in the form.

Take the completed form to your local Jobcentre Plus (<https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus>) or send it to:

Dover Benefit Centre

Post Handling Site B

Wolverhampton

WV99 1LA

Alternative formats

Call the Bereavement Service helpline to ask for alternative formats, such as braille, large print or audio CD.

Apply by phone

Call the Bereavement Service helpline.

Bereavement Service helpline

Telephone: 0345 606 0265

Welsh language: 0345 606 0275

Textphone: 0345 606 0285

Welsh language: 0345 606 0295

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

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When you need to apply by

You can claim Bereavement Payment up to 12 months after your husband, wife or civil partner dies.

You should claim within 3 months if you're also claiming Widowed Parent's Allowance (<https://www.gov.uk/widowed-parents-allowance>) or Bereavement Allowance (<https://www.gov.uk/bereavement-allowance>).

How Bereavement Payment is paid

Bereavement Payment is usually paid into your bank, building society or credit union account (<https://www.gov.uk/how-to-have-your-benefits-paid>).

Appeal a decision

You can appeal to the Social Security and Child Support Tribunal (<https://www.gov.uk/social-security-child-support-tribunal>) if you disagree with a decision. You must usually ask for 'mandatory reconsideration' (<https://www.gov.uk/social-security-child-support-tribunal/before-you-appeal>) before you appeal.

3. Effect on other benefits

Bereavement Payment can affect your entitlement to:

- Income Support (<https://www.gov.uk/income-support>)
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (<https://www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance>)
- Housing Benefit (<https://www.gov.uk/housing-benefit>)
- Employment and Support Allowance (<https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance>)
- Universal Credit (<https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>)

You can ask your Jobcentre Plus (<https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus>) adviser how this works.