



This leaflet is designed to provide you with information about our Funeral Grants. It is a guide and should not be treated as a complete and authoritative statement of law. Should you have further questions please contact the Social Security Office at:



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FUNERAL GRANT

WHAT IS A FUNERAL GRANT?

Funeral Grant is a lump sum payment of \$2,500 for the cost of funeral expenses upon the death of an insured person, if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- A. The insured person had been receiving Sickness or Maternity Benefit or would have been entitled to such benefit at the time of death;
- B. The insured person had paid at least 26 weekly contributions in the 12 months immediately before death.
- C. The insured person had been receiving, or had received, an Invalidity Benefit or Age Benefit;
- D. The insured person had satisfied the conditions to receive an Invalidity Benefit or Age Benefit;

WHO IS ENTITLED TO FUNERAL GRANT?

Funeral Grant is payable to the person who pays or will pay the cost of the funeral of the deceased insured person.

In other words, the cheque for the Funeral Grant is made payable to the name or names on the receipt from the funeral home.

HOW SHOULD A CLAIM FOR FUNERAL GRANT BE MADE LOCALLY?

An original death certificate and the receipt or invoice for the cost of the funeral must be presented to the Social Security Office. The claimant will then complete an application for Funeral Grant.

If the claimant is unable to obtain the death certificate and receipt immediately, the claim should still be made and the documents submitted when available.

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Receipt must be in the name of the person making the claim or an authorized representative.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR A DECEASED INSURED PERSON WHO RESIDES OVERSEAS?

Claimants are required to present a notarized death certificate and a notarized receipt from the funeral home.

WHEN SHOULD FUNERAL GRANT BE CLAIMED?

A claim for a Funeral Grant must be submitted no later than 6 months after the death of the insured person.

IS FUNERAL GRANT PAYABLE WHERE A DECEASED PERSON HAD BEEN RECEIVING OLD AGE ASSISTANCE OR SURVIVORS BENEFIT?

Funeral Grant is NOT payable to a person who had been receiving Old Age Assistance or Survivors Benefit unless that deceased person had received or had been entitled to an Invalidity Grant or Age Grant.

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Processing of the Funeral Grant claim will commence after All requisite documents are supplied.