

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT

KEY THINGS TO KNOW



1. WHAT IS IT?

Bereavement Support Payment is a lesser-known welfare benefit available to:

- Those whose husband, wife or civil partner died within the last 21 months.
- Those whose long-term partner died within last 21 months, with whom they have dependent children



2. WHAT RATE IS APPLIED?

Though not means-tested, those eligible receive either a standard or higher benefit rate dependent on whether they have responsibility for children or not.

Usually paid as a one-off payment followed by up to 18 monthly payments (dependent on when claim is made).



3. WHAT IS PAID?

	Standard Rate	Higher Rate
Initial Lump Sum of	£2,500	£3,500
Further 18 Monthly Payments of	£100	£350



4. WHEN TO APPLY?

Applications can be paid up to 21 months after partner's death.

But to get the full amount available, a claim must be made within 3 months of death.



5. OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS

- For deaths on or after 6th April 2017
- The deceased paid NI contributions for a period of at least 25 weeks in one tax year since 1975, or the deceased died due to an accident or disease at work
- Surviving partner was living in the UK or a nation that offers bereavement payments and under pensionable age



6. PREVIOUS KNOWN AS...

Bereavement Support has replaced:

- Widowed Parent's Allowance
- Bereavement Allowance
- Widow's Pension



KEY POINTS

For those whose spouse, civil or long-term partner died in the last 21 months.

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Higher rate is paid to those who receive Child Benefit (or entitled to it) or who were pregnant.

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