

## **Bereavement Payment**

### **Overview**

If your husband, wife or civil partner has died you may be able to get Bereavement Payment: a one-off, tax-free, lump-sum payment of £2,000.

### **Eligibility**

You may be able to claim Bereavement Payment if your spouse or civil partner paid National Insurance contributions.

If your spouse or partner's death was caused by their job, it doesn't matter if they paid National Insurance contributions or not.

One of the following must also apply:

- you were under State Pension age when they died
- your spouse or civil partner was not entitled to Category A State Retirement Pension when they died

You cannot get the Bereavement Payment if any of the following apply:

- you were divorced or had dissolved the civil partnership when your spouse or partner died
- you're living with another person as husband, wife or civil partner
- you're in prison

## **Funeral Payment**

You could get a Funeral Payment if you're on a low income. You (or your partner) must be in receipt of 1 of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- the disability or severe disability element of [Working Tax Credit](#)
- one of the extra elements of [Child Tax Credit](#)
- Universal Credit

Different areas pay different amounts for burials/cremation expenses, e.g. funeral director's fees, flowers, coffin may be paid. You usually have to pay back any money you get from the deceased person's estate (if they have one).

**For further information visit <https://www.gov.uk/funeral-payments/overview> or ring 0345 606 0265.**