

Funeral Support Payment



If you live in Scotland and you are on benefits you can get help to pay for a funeral.

You can get the payment if:



- You are on benefits
- You are the closest person to the person who has died
- You are responsible for paying for the funeral
- You live in Scotland
- The person who died lives in the United Kingdom



You can get the payment if you are on one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (UC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Child Tax
- Credit (CTC) and disability or severe disability element of Working Tax Credit.

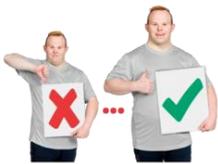




You can get the payment if the funeral takes place in the United Kingdom or in some cases in a member state of the European Union:



- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Norway
- Switzerland



At the beginning of the online form you can check if you can get the payment. You can also do this on page two of the paper application form.



Funeral Support Payment will cover some of the funeral costs. This will depend on what people choose and different costs for funerals across Scotland.

The amount you get will depend on what you have claimed and what money is left by the person who died.

The payment can cover:



- burial and cremation costs
- a flat rate for any other expenses - £1,000 for most applications and £122.05 if the person who died had made provision for their funeral through a funeral plan
 - some travel costs
 - document costs
 - medical costs





Funeral costs are different throughout the country. You can get more information about what we will pay for locally at:

mygov.scot/burial-cremation-costsscotland

1 person can claim for **1** funeral.



To apply call freephone on **0800 182 2222** to complete the application over the phone or to ask for a paper application form.

You can apply online at:

mygov.scot/funeral-support-payment

Before you apply for the payment you need to:



- Register the death
- Give the funeral director (if you have one) consent to speak with us about the application (this will shorten the time taken to process the application).



There are 2 application forms – one for a child and 1 for an adult.

The application forms are marked clearly in the top right-hand corner. The form for the funeral for a young person or child has less questions.



You will get a decision within 10 working days of us receiving a completed application form, along with all supporting evidence that we need. The payment will follow this soon after.



We will need bills or receipts for the items you are claiming for. For example, travel receipts to plan or attend the funeral.

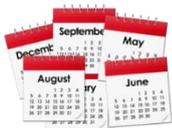
You will get a pre-paid envelope to return to Social Security Scotland to start the application.



This payment is not a loan. It does not need to be paid back. If the person who died left money, we will recover this payment from the money they have left.



The money will be paid directly to you or the funeral director. (This is usual preferred choice.) We will need your permission to do this.



You can apply after the person has died and for up to six months after the funeral.



The payment is to help towards the cost of the funeral. What the money is used for is up to you. It usually will cover the burial or cremation costs and help towards other things like funeral director's fees, a coffin or flowers.

Funeral Support Payment does not have an impact on any other benefits or tax credits.



If you need this information in other languages or formats call:
0800 182 2222