

Funeral Expenses Payment

If you need help to pay for a funeral you are arranging you may be entitled to a Funeral Expenses Payment if you receive certain benefits. In most cases it is unlikely that the amount paid will cover the total cost of the funeral.

If you are responsible for arranging the funeral and you or your partner are receiving:

1. Universal Credit
2. Income Support
3. Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
4. Income related Employment and Support Allowance
5. Pension Credit
6. Housing Benefit
7. Child Tax Credit
8. Working Tax Credit where a disability or severe disability element is included in the award.

An FEP can help towards the cost of the following:

- Burial fees for a particular plot
- Cremation fees including the cost of the Doctor's certificate
- Travel to arrange or go to the funeral
- If the deceased needs to be moved more than 50 miles then travel costs within the UK may be covered
- Death certificates or other documents

You can also receive up to £1000 for other funeral expenses such as funeral director fees, flowers or the coffin.

A claim must be made within 6 months of the funeral. A claim can be made before the funeral if an invoice or signed contract has been obtained from the Funeral Director (not an estimate).

To Claim:

Call the Bereavement Service Helpline:

Telephone: 0800 151 2012

Textphone: 0800 731 0464

Welsh language: 0800 731 0453

Welsh language textphone: 0800 731 1456

NGT text relay (if you cannot hear or speak on the phone): 18001 then 0800 151 2012

British Sign Language video relay service.

Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

For more information visit:

www.gov.uk/funeral-payments