

## SURVIVORS' PENSION

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## SURVIVORS' GRANT

This benefit is awarded upon death by natural cause of an insured person. Those who do not qualify for a Survivors' Pension may qualify for a Survivors' Grant; this is a lump sum payment made only once.

## FUNERAL GRANT

### (For death caused by Employment Injury)

For the death of an insured person, resulting from employment injury, this benefit (\$1,500) is paid to the person bearing the expenses of the funeral.

## DEATH BENEFIT

This benefit is payable for death of an insured person caused by employment injury (work-related accident /prescribed disease). This benefit is payable to the widow(er), children up to 16 years or up to 21 years of age if receiving full-time education, and/or parents of the deceased insured person. The minimum pension payable is \$47.00 per week divided among qualifying survivors.

EVERY BENEFIT HAS QUALIFYING CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE MET. YOU CAN GET A BROCHURE FOR THE BENEFIT YOU NEED, TO SEE THE CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS.

# TOP TIPS

## FOR GETTING YOUR FULL BENEFIT

- ➔ Claim for it.
- ➔ Claim on time.
- ➔ Provide required documents.
- ➔ Appeal a decision on a point of law when not satisfied.
- ➔ Get informed on how to get all your benefits.
- ➔ Register to get your new Social Security card.
- ➔ Check your contributions history once per year.
- ➔ Report if your employer is not paying your contributions.
- ➔ On leaving employment, you may apply to make contributions as a self-employed or as a voluntary contributor. (Conditions apply)

For more information, contact your nearest Branch Office or Sub-Office:

Belmopan  
822-2513

Independence  
523-2083

Corozal  
422-2276

Punta Gorda  
722-2076

Corozal Free Zone  
432-7240

Santa Elena  
824-2178

Orange Walk  
322-2217

Benque  
823-2337

Belize City  
224-5025

Placencia  
523-3619

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226-2625

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823-0416

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522-2101

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226-0053

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## BENEFITS IN BRIEF

Customer Service complaint line:

**822-0084**



## ◆ **BENEFITS IN BRIEF**

Old or young, retired or still working, we need to know that whatever life brings, we are prepared. That's why your Social Security has benefit plans to help everyone, from the unborn child to the survivors of a deceased worker.

CASH BENEFITS ARE INTENDED TO PARTIALLY COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF WAGES WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK.

## **MATERNITY ALLOWANCE**

This benefit is paid to an insured woman when on maternity leave. The allowance is paid for a maximum of 14 weeks but not earlier than 7 weeks before the expected date of childbirth.

## **MATERNITY GRANT**

This grant, of \$300 per child, is payable to an insured woman or to an insured man if his wife (including common-law) has given birth, and she does not qualify for the maternity benefit.

## **SICKNESS BENEFIT**

The benefit is paid for a maximum of 234 days once you are medically certified as being unable to work. It is paid weekly from the first day of illness (including Sundays).

## **INVALIDITY PENSION**

This benefit is paid to an insured person who cannot work due to a specific disease which is likely to be permanent, and who has been sick for not less than 13 consecutive weeks immediately before the week in which the benefit is claimed. The minimum pension is \$47.00 per week.

## **INVALIDITY GRANT**

This benefit is payable to an invalid person who does not qualify for an Invalidity Pension, but who has paid a minimum of 26 contributions. Minimum amount of grant payable is \$800.00.

## **INJURY BENEFIT**

This benefit is payable to insured persons who are injured or develop a prescribed disease out of and during the course of insurable employment.

## **MEDICAL CARE**

If you suffer an employment injury or a work-related prescribed disease, you may be entitled to medical treatment paid by Social Security.

## **DISABLEMENT PENSION**

If you are injured on the job or while going from home to work or from work to home, or develop a disease and subsequently you are assessed at 25% disabled or more, you qualify for a Disablement Pension. The minimum weekly pension payable is \$47.00.

## **DISABLEMENT GRANT**

If you are injured on the job or while going from home to work or from work to home, or develop a disease and subsequently you are assessed at less than 25% disabled, you will receive a Disablement Grant in the form of a lump sum payment.

## **CONSTANT ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE**

Following an employment injury or work-related prescribed disease if the insured person is 100% disabled, an allowance will be paid for that person's care, as determined by a Medical Board. The Allowance is 25% of the amount being paid as Disablement Pension.

## **RETIREMENT PENSION**

This benefit is payable between the ages 60 to 64 if you retire from insurable employment, or at age 65 whether you retire or not. The minimum pension payable is \$47.00 per week.

## **RETIREMENT GRANT**

If you don't qualify for a Retirement Pension, you might qualify for a Retirement Grant. The minimum grant payable is \$800.00.

## **FUNERAL GRANT**

### **(For death by Natural Cause)**

For death by Natural Cause of an insured person, the benefit of \$1,500 is payable to the person bearing the expenses of the funeral. Upon the death of a spouse, the grant of \$1,000 is paid to the insured person. Upon the death of a dependent child who is up to 16 years old or up to 21, if receiving full-time education, the grant of \$500 is payable to the insured person.