

# PENSIONER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❑ A Pensioner's Declaration Form (P6) is to be submitted to Social Security twice yearly in June and December.
- ❑ Proof of education for beneficiaries of Survivor and Death Benefits are due in January and September for students attending Sixth Form and in September for students attending High School.
- ❑ If these documents are not submitted on the due dates, the pension may be suspended.



# 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

San Pedro  
226-2625

Spanish Lookout  
823-0416

Dangriga  
522-2101

Caye Caulker  
226-0053

Or visit: [www.socialsecurity.org.bz](http://www.socialsecurity.org.bz)

# SOCIAL SECURITY



# and You!



# DEATH BENEFIT

Customer Service complaint line:

**822-0084**

## ◆ **Death Benefit** (For survivors of death caused by Employment Injury)

### HOW DO I QUALIFY?

#### Your Checklist

- Be the widow, widower, child, or parent of a deceased insured person who died as a result of work-related accident or prescribed disease.

#### WIDOW

- Have the care of the deceased insured person's children or be pregnant for the deceased insured person.
- Be 50 years or over, permanently incapable of self-support, and wholly dependent on the deceased insured person.

#### WIDOWER

- Be an invalid without any source of income and fully dependent on deceased insured person.

#### CHILDREN

- Biological, stepchildren or adopted children of the deceased.

#### PARENTS

- If the deceased insured person has no widow, widower, or children, the parents can claim the benefit if they are 55 years or over; and
- Were mainly maintained by the deceased person.

#### TO CLAIM THE BENEFIT

- Present original birth certificate of all survivors claiming the benefit.
- Present original birth and death certificates of deceased insured person.
- When spouse is applying, present original marriage certificate or valid declaration to prove common-law union (common-law union refers to the relationship that is established when a man and a woman are not legally married to each other or to any other person and cohabit together continuously as husband and wife for a period of at least five years).

- Widows, widowers and children's parent / guardian, submit claim on form SBV1.
- Present the Social Security card of the deceased insured person.

### WHEN DO I APPLY?

- Make the claim within 13 weeks after the date of death of the insured person.

NO SUM SHALL BE PAID FOR ANY PERIOD MORE THAN 26 WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE CLAIM IS MADE.

### HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?

The minimum pension payable is \$47.00 per week, divided among the qualifying survivors. The maximum benefit for all Survivors is equal to 60% of the average insurable earnings of the deceased insured person in the four weeks prior to injury.

### INDIVIDUAL PORTIONS

Widow or widower: 66.67 percent; Invalid children: 40 percent; Other children: 25 percent; Parent: 40 percent If the maximum benefit payable (100%) is exceeded, each share is reduced accordingly.

### HOW LONG DO I RECEIVE THE BENEFIT?

As of the date of death of the insured person, for as long as the survivors continue to meet the qualifying conditions. The benefit to the widow or widower will stop upon remarriage. Benefits for children will continue up to age 16 years, or up to 21 years if receiving full-time education. Benefit for invalid children continues as long as a child is invalid (incapable of self-support). If the widow meets all the qualifying conditions, she gets the benefit for life. If the widow is under the age of 50 and without the care of children, payments is for 52 weeks only.



### WHAT IS A DEATH BENEFIT?

This benefit is payable upon the death of an insured person, caused by employment injury (work-related accident / prescribed disease). This benefit may be paid to the widow(er), children up to 16 years or up to 21 years of age if receiving a full-time education, or parents of the deceased.

