

POINTS TO REMEMBER!

- ❑ Be sure that you get credit for all your contributions that should be posted to your account.
- ❑ It is your responsibility to get your Social Security card and to be sure that your employer has your correct Social Security number.
- ❑ Your full name and correct Social Security number must be shown on the form that your employer sends to Social Security.
- ❑ Ensure that your Social Security card is valid.
- ❑ Don't lose your benefits because of an error with your name or Social Security number.
- ❑ Inform your family of benefits that they can claim as survivors.



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



and You!



FUNERAL GRANT



Customer Service complaint line:

822-0084



WHAT IS A FUNERAL GRANT?

A Funeral Grant is a one-time lump sum of money paid to assist with funeral expenses of an insured person, of a spouse, or of a dependent child of an insured person. There are two types of funeral grants: death by natural cause and death as a result of employment injury.

DEATH BY NATURAL CAUSE

For death of an insured person by natural cause, the benefit of \$1,500 is payable to the person bearing the expenses of the funeral.

◆ Funeral Grant for Death by Natural Cause

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Your Checklist

- The deceased insured person had at least 50 paid contributions.

- Present the original death certificate of the deceased person AND receipts for funeral expenses of the deceased person.
- Make your claim on the FG2 form.

FUNERAL GRANT IN RESPECT OF A DECEASED SPOUSE:

- For death of an insured person's spouse, the insured person has not less than 150 paid contributions.
- The spouse can be either by marriage or common-law;
- Provide proof of relationship: Original Marriage Certificate or a valid declaration to prove common-law union.
- \$1,000 is paid in the case of a deceased spouse of an insured person.

FUNERAL GRANT IN RESPECT OF A DECEASED DEPENDENT CHILD:

- The deceased dependent child of the insured person is under the age of 16 years or up to 21 years if receiving full-time education.
- Present original birth certificate of deceased dependent child.
- \$500 is paid in the case of the death of a dependent child of the insured person.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- Your claim should be made within 6 months from the date of death.
- If claim is submitted after 6 months, a justification is required when making submission.

IF CLAIM IS MADE MORE THAN ONE YEAR AFTER DEATH, NO SUM SHALL BE PAID.

DEATH CAUSED BY EMPLOYMENT INJURY

For the death of an insured person, resulting from employment injury (work-related accident or prescribed disease), the benefit of \$1,500 is paid to the person bearing the expenses of the funeral.

◆ Funeral Grant for Death by Employment Injury

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Your Checklist

- Present the original death certificate of the deceased person AND receipts for funeral expenses of the deceased insured person.
- Submit claim on the FG2 form

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