

◆ SURVIVORS' GRANT

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Your Checklist

- ❑ If the deceased insured person was not entitled to either a Retirement or an Invalidity Pension at the time of death, but has at least 26 paid contributions, then a Grant is payable to the survivors. (See other requirements under Survivors' Benefit)

HOW MUCH WILL I GET?

The minimum grant paid is \$800.00 as a one-time payment.

Social Security has two formulas to determine the amount of a Survivors' Grant, and uses whichever gives the higher amount.

- 6 times the sum of insurable earnings in best 3 years of contributions, divided by 150, x units of 50 contributions; or
- 2 times by the number of contributions, x units of 50 contributions.

The total grant is distributed in individual portions as follows:

- Widow or widower: 66.67%
- Invalid children: 40%
- Other children: 25%
- Parent: 40%

If maximum benefit (100%) is exceeded, each share is reduced accordingly.

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's and Death Benefit 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
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Belize City 224-5025	Placencia 523-3619
San Pedro 226-2625	Spanish Lookout 823-0416
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SURVIVORS' BENEFIT

Customer Service complaint line:

822-0084

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HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Your Checklist

- Be a survivor (widow/widower, child or parent) of a deceased insured person, who was receiving or was entitled to receive Retirement or Invalidity Pension.
- Present original birth certificate of all survivors claiming benefit.
- Present original birth and death certificate of deceased insured person.
- When the spouse is applying, present original marriage certificate or valid declaration to prove common-law union (relationship is at least 5 years).
- Submit a medical certificate as supporting evidence for children with permanent disability.
- Submit claim on SVB1 form.

WIDOW

- Have care of deceased insured person's children under 16 years or up to 21 years if attending school, or be pregnant for deceased insured person.
- OR have been a spouse of the deceased insured person for not less than 3 years. In the case of common law union, not less than 5 years.
- AND be 50 years or over.
- OR be permanently incapable of self-support and was wholly dependent on the deceased insured person.

WIDOWER

- Have been a spouse of the deceased insured person for not less than 3 years. In the case of common-law union, not less than 5 years.
- OR be permanently incapable of self-support and was wholly dependent on the deceased insured person.
- AND had no income from any source.

CHILDREN

- Children who were maintained by the deceased insured person.

PARENTS

- Parents aged 55 years or over.
- Mainly maintained by the deceased insured person.
- If the deceased insured person has no widow(er) or children.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- Submit your claim form within 13 weeks after the date of the death of the insured person.

NO SUM SHALL BE PAID FOR ANY PERIOD MORE THAN 26 WEEKS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THE CLAIM WAS MADE.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?

The minimum pension paid is \$47.00 per week. The Survivors' Pension is paid every 4 weeks. The amount depends on how much the deceased insured person was receiving or would have been entitled to receive as an Invalidity or Retirement Pension. The total pension is distributed as follows:

Individual Portions:

Widow or widower: 66.67%

Invalid children: 40%

Other children: 25%

Parent: 40%

If maximum benefit (100%) is exceeded, each share is reduced accordingly.

HOW LONG DO I RECEIVE THE BENEFIT?

The payment starts from the date of the death of the insured person and continues for as long as the survivors continue to meet the qualifying conditions.

Widow(er) and parents' benefit stops upon re-marriage.

Children's benefit continues up to 16 years or up to 21 years if attending school. If the widow meets all the qualifying conditions, she gets Survivors' Pension for life. If the widow is under the age of 50 years and without the care of children, the pension is for 52 weeks only.



Social Security has two kinds of benefits for survivors, a pension and a grant. Which kind you qualify for depends on the number of contributions the deceased insured person contributed to social security during his or her working lifetime.

WHAT IS A SURVIVORS' PENSION?

This four-weekly benefit is awarded upon the death of an insured person due to natural causes. This benefit may be payable to the widow(er), children up to 16 years or up to 21 years of age if receiving full-time education, or parents.

WHAT IS A SURVIVORS' GRANT?

Those who do not qualify for a Survivors' Pension may qualify for a one-time Survivors' Grant.

