

Funeral Support Payment (2025-26)

A Funeral Support Payment helps with some of the costs that occur after the death of an adult, child, infant or a stillborn baby. It can be paid to you or directly to the funeral director.



Who can apply for a Funeral Support Payment?

- You must live in Scotland
- You or your partner are responsible for paying for a funeral – usually as the nearest relative of the person who has died.
- Either you or your partner get one of the following benefits.
 - ✓ Universal Credit
 - ✓ Pension Credit
 - ✓ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - ✓ Income Support
 - ✓ Housing Benefit
- The person who has died lived in the UK and their funeral will also be in the UK (there may be some exceptions for funerals abroad.)

What costs can a Funeral Support Payment help with?

- Costs related to burial, cremation or alkaline hydrolysis for the person who has died, and some of the costs of their funeral.
- Official documents related to the death (e.g. death certificate.)
- Transporting the person who has died, for example from hospital to the crematorium, if the distance is more than 49.7 miles.
- Your cost for travelling to and from the funeral, cremation or burial.

It will not contribute to the cost of a memorial service, scattering or burial of ashes that happens after and separately from the funeral, burial or cremation.



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How much will a Funeral Support Payment provide?

The amount will depend on circumstances and usually does not cover all costs. For example, if the person had a funeral plan or insurance, it will not pay for items or services already covered by the plan or insurance.

Funeral Cost. If the person did not have a funeral plan or insurance, your payment will include a fixed amount of **£1,279.15** for the funeral. If they had coverage for a funeral, the fixed amount will be **£156.10**.

Moving. If the person must be moved, for example from hospital to crematorium, you will have to pay for the first 49.7 miles of the journey. Funeral Support Payment will cover the cost of the rest of the trip.

Other costs. The amount paid for your travel to and from the funeral and for legal documents, (e.g. death certificate), depends actual costs involved.

Young people. Most Scottish Councils do not charge for burial or cremation of a person under 17, including stillborn babies. This means the payment may be lower. (However, there may be a charge elsewhere in the UK.)

How to apply:-

After registering the death, gather information you will need for the application.

- Your National Insurance number,
- Funeral Director contact details,
- Any receipts or bills you've had so far,
- Your bank account details (if you wish to be paid directly),
- A letter to the person who died with their name and address. It must be dated within the last 12 months.

Only one person can receive Funeral Support Payment (or its equivalent elsewhere in the UK,) for a person who has died.

You can apply up to 6 months after the person's death.

Apply Online. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/FSP-Online>,

By phone. Social Security Scotland on **0800 182 2222**.

By Post. Ring the above number to be sent a paper form.



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