

5. FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

Eligibility

This benefit is not payable in the event of the death of a person having attained the age of sixty five (65) years.

This benefit is payable immediately on the death of a member, member's spouse or dependent child prior to attaining the age of nineteen (19) years

Continuity

The grant is payable to the member or in the event of the death of the member the nominated beneficiary. There is no limit on the number of claims that may be submitted at the time providing:

- the death(s) occurred within the previous three months of making such claim
- the claim is made in respect of those members indicated above.

Amount

The grant is for the following amounts:

- death of a member \$3,000.00
- death of a member's spouse \$3,000.00
- death of a dependent child \$1,000.00

NOTE: Payment may only be made where it is not in breach of the provisions of the Life Insurance Act 1908.

Claiming

When the Welfare Society Station Representative is made aware of a member becoming eligible, he/she shall immediately seek confirmation to that effect. After receiving confirmation he shall contact the Senior Office Controller and relay the facts relating to the claim. The WSSR will prepare an Application for Benefit form on behalf of the member. The Senior Office Controller will upon receiving the information from the WSSR arrange for payment at the appropriate rate to be made as soon as practicable.

When the grant is offered to the member (there is no requirement that the member must accept the grant) the WSSR must ensure that the claim form is completed and signed by the member or his/her representative. If the member has not nominated a beneficiary the grant will be forwarded to their estate.

Special Early Draw Provision

On the production of satisfactory evidence (in the opinion of the Welfare Board) 50% of the active members funeral assistance benefit may be advanced to a claimant if such person is suffering a terminal illness.