# Funeral Support Payment

## What is it?

A one off payment to help with some of the cost of a funeral if you (or your partner) are on certain benefits or tax credits.

The payment can be towards the funeral of a baby (including a baby who was stillborn), child or adult.

## Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if:

* You live in Scotland
* You or your partner get certain benefits or tax credits
* The person who died lived in the UK
* The funeral is being held in the UK (or EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland in some circumstances)
* It is reasonable for you or your partner to accept responsibility for the cost of the funeral

## When can I apply?

You can apply after the person has died and up to 6 months after the date of the funeral. If a qualifying benefit is awarded late, you will get 20 more working days to apply.

## How much will I be paid?

The amount varies depending on a number of factors but the average total payment is £1700.

Funeral Support Payment can cover the reasonable cost of a burial or cremation. It also pays a certain amount towards some other funeral costs, and money towards travel, documentation and medical costs.

The amount you get will also depend on how much money was left by the person who died.

Payment can be made to you or to the funeral director.

## How do I apply?

You can apply:

* By phone on 0800 182 2222
* British Sign Language users can apply via video relay using the [contactSCOTLAND](https://contactscotland-bsl.org/) app
* Online via the [Funeral Support Payment section](https://www.mygov.scot/benefits/funeral-support/) of the mygov.scot website
* By post – you can request a paper form by calling the above number or download and print a form from the [mygov.scot website](https://www.mygov.scot/benefits/funeral-support/)

## Where can I find further information?

Further information about Funeral Support Payment can be found on the [mygov.scot website](https://www.mygov.scot/benefits/funeral-support/)

Many organisations provide welfare rights advice and support to apply for benefits. For details of support available in your local area please contact Visibility Scotland:

* By phone on **0141 332 4632**
* [Email us](mailto:info@visibilityscotland.org.uk)
* [Visit our website](https://visibilityscotland.org.uk/)

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