

# Social Security

## Bereavement Support Payment

# BSP1

(Notes)

### Help when your partner has died

This pack contains –

- Information about Bereavement Support Payment
- A Bereavement Support Payment claim form.

### What is Bereavement Support Payment?

Bereavement Support Payment (BSP) is a social security benefit paid to certain people whose partner has died. By partner we mean their husband, wife, civil partner or partner they lived with as if they were married at the time of their partner's death.

### Do I qualify for a Bereavement Support Payment?

You will usually qualify for BSP if your late partner died on or after 6 April 2017 and at the time of their death –

- you were under [state pension age](#)
- you were:
  - married or in a civil partnership with the person who died, or
  - living with the person who died as if you were married or in a civil partnership with them, and you had dependent children who were under the age of 20 who you were getting child benefit for (but see below), or
  - living with the person who died as if you were married or civil partners and you were expecting a child
- your late partner paid enough National Insurance contributions in the Isle of Man, the UK or in certain other countries, or they died as a result of an accident at work or a disease caused by their work
- you were ordinarily resident in the Isle of Man or a country with which we have a reciprocal agreement to pay certain Isle of Man benefits.

If you weren't getting child benefit for a child or children who were living with you at the time of your partner's death only because your income was more than £80,000 you may still be able to get BSP.

If your late partner was getting child benefit for a child or children who were living with you at the time of your partner's death and they are living with you now, you will need to claim child benefit for them before we can consider your claim for BSP. For more information about claiming Child Benefit please go to the [Child Benefit](#) webpage on [www.gov.im](http://www.gov.im) or telephone 01624 685656 (option 2).

If your late partner died before 6 April 2017 go to the 'More information' section at the end of these notes.

**If you're not sure if you can get Bereavement Support Payment, please contact the Pensions Team on (01624) 685176 or email [statepensions@gov.im](mailto:statepensions@gov.im).**



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## How much Bereavement Support Payment can I get?

BSP is paid to you as an initial lump sum payment of £3,500 plus weekly payments for up to 78 weeks. You may not get the lump sum payment and you may get fewer than 78 weekly payments depending on when you claim and when you reach state pension age.

BSP may be paid to you for longer than 78 weeks if at the end of the 78-week period there is a child or children in your family aged under 6.

## How will I be paid Bereavement Support Payment?

BSP can be paid directly into your bank account or you can collect it from a Post Office using a MiCard.

## Effect of Bereavement Support Payment on other social security benefits

If you get BSP it won't affect any other social security benefits you get or were getting.

## New relationships

Your BSP won't stop if you remarry, form a new civil partnership or you live with another person as if you're married to them.

## Any work you do

Any work you do or earnings you get won't affect your BSP.

## Taxation

The lump sum payment of BSP is not taxable, but weekly payments of BSP are taxable.

## When to claim

Send us the completed claim form BSP1 as soon as you can after your partner's death. If you delay claiming you may lose money you would otherwise have been entitled to.

## More information

For more information about BSP please visit [www.gov.im/socialsecurity](http://www.gov.im/socialsecurity), email [statepensions@gov.im](mailto:statepensions@gov.im) or call us on 685176. You can also visit us at our Head Office or our Ramsey Office (see details below).

If you're not working or are on a low income you might be entitled to other benefits. To find out more please visit our website or contact us using the details provided below.

If your late partner died before 6 April 2017 and you were expecting a child or had dependent children under 20 years old when they died, you may be able to get Widowed Parent's Allowance. You can find out more about bereavement benefits at [www.gov.im/socialsecurity](http://www.gov.im/socialsecurity).

## Contact details

### Head Office

Address: Social Security Division, Markwell House, Market Street, Douglas IM1 2RZ

Telephone: (01624) 685656

Counter opening hours	Monday - Friday	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Phone calls and emails	Monday - Thursday	9.00 am - 5.30 pm
	Friday	9.00 am - 5.00 pm

### Ramsey Office

Address: Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey IM8 1RT

Opening hours: Tuesdays only 9.15 am – 1.00 pm & 1.45 am – 4.30 pm

Email: [socialsecurity@gov.im](mailto:socialsecurity@gov.im)

Website: [www.gov.im/socialsecurity](http://www.gov.im/socialsecurity)

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## Bereavement Support Payment Claim Form

In this form we refer to the person who has died as 'your late partner'. By this we mean your deceased husband, wife, civil partner or partner that you lived with as if you were married or in a civil partnership.

**Before you start**

To apply you will need:

- your National Insurance number, if you know it
- your birth certificate
- the date your late partner died
- your late partner's death certificate, if one is available
- your late partner's National Insurance number, if you know it
- your marriage or civil partnership certificate, if you have one
- your bank details, if you want to be paid Bereavement Support Payment into your bank account

**Part 1 -About you**

<b>1. Title</b> For example Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms	<input type="text"/>						
<b>2. Surname or family name</b>	<input type="text"/>						
<b>3. All your other names in full</b>	<input type="text"/>						
<b>4. Any other surnames or family names you have used or been known by</b> This includes your maiden name, all former married or civil partnership names and all changes of family name	<input type="text"/>						
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Please send us your **original** birth certificate if you have it (don't send us a photocopy). But if you don't have your original birth certificate, don't delay sending in this claim form. If you prefer you can take your birth certificate to a Social Security office with this form. They'll sign this form to show that they've seen your certificate.

**7. Are you providing your birth certificate with this form?**

**Yes** We'll send your birth certificate back to you as soon as we can

**No** Send it to us as soon as you can



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**Part 1 - About you (continued)**

**8. Your home address**

Postcode

**9. Daytime phone number**

If we may contact you by email, please provide your email address.

**10. Email address**

**11. The address where you normally lived when your late partner died**

Only complete this if it was different to where you live now.

Postcode

**12. Were you married to, or in a civil partnership with, the person who died at the time of their death?**

**No** Go to Part 2 – About your late partner

**Yes** Please answer the questions below

**13. On what date did you get married or form a civil partnership?**

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you converted your civil partnership into a marriage, or you married your civil partner, put the date your marriage is treated as starting on.

Please send us your **original** marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate if you have it (don't send us a photocopy). If you don't have your original marriage or civil partnership certificate don't delay sending in this claim form. If you prefer you can take your original marriage or civil partnership certificate to a Social Security office with this form. They'll sign this form to show that they've seen your certificate.

**14. Are you sending us your marriage or civil partnership certificate with this form?**

**Yes** We'll send your certificate back to you as soon as we can

**No** Please send it to us as soon as you can

**15. What country did your marriage or civil partnership take place in?**

**16. At the time of their death, were you living with your late partner?**

**Yes**  **No**



**Part 2 - About your late partner (continued)**

26. Did your late partner ever pay National Insurance (NI) contributions?  Yes  No

27. At the time of their death was your late partner employed or self-employed?  Employed

Self-employed

28. Do you think your late partner died because of an accident at work or because of a disease or illness connected with their work?

Yes  No

29. May we get medical reports from their doctor and any hospital, if we need them?

Yes  No

30. Did your late partner ever live or work outside the Isle of Man?

Yes please tell us about this below

No go to Part 3

31. If your late partner paid National Insurance contributions or something similar in another country, including the UK, they may count towards your BSP entitlement. If they did, which country or countries did they live or work in?


32. If possible, please tell us when they lived or worked there?

Day	Month	Year	From				to			
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33. Did they pay into the Social Security scheme of that country?  Yes  No  Unsure

If 'Yes' what was their Social Security reference number? (if you know it)

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### Part 3 - About your children and child benefit

**34. Did you have any dependent children under the age of 20 at the time your late partner died?**

**No** Go to question 39

**Yes** Please provide details of your child(ren) below

	Surname	Other names	Date of birth
1 <sup>st</sup> child	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2 <sup>nd</sup> child	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3 <sup>rd</sup> child	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**35. Were you entitled to Child Benefit for any of these children when your late partner died?**

**Yes**

**No**

**36. Are you entitled to Child Benefit for any of these children now?**

**Yes** Go to Part 4 on the next page

**No** Please answer the questions below

**37. If your entitlement to Child Benefit has ended, on what date did it stop?**

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**38. Are you waiting to hear if you can get Child Benefit?**

**Yes**       **No**

**39. Were you expecting a child at the time your late partner died?**

**Yes**       **No**

#### More information about Child Benefit

For more information about claiming Child Benefit please contact the Child Benefit Team.

Go to the [Child Benefit](#) page on [www.gov.im](http://www.gov.im) or telephone 01624 685656 (option 2).

**Part 4 – Additional information**

Please tell us anything else you think we might need to know about your claim for Bereavement Support Payment.


**Part 5 - How we will pay your BSP**

If you're already getting paid another social security benefit by us and you don't wish to change how they are all paid to you, please don't complete this Part. Please go to Part 6.

If you are not being paid another social security benefit by us or you do wish to change how you are currently paid benefit by us then please read the bullet points below and complete the relevant section.

- BSP can be paid weekly or every 4 weeks into your bank or National Savings and Investments (NS&I) investment account. If you want to be paid this way please complete **Section A** on the next page, or
- you can collect your BSP weekly by MiCard at a Post Office of your choice. For this method of payment you will need to enrol for a MiCard. If you want to be paid this way please complete **Section B**.



## Part 5 - How we will pay your BSP (continued)

### **Section A** Payment into a bank account

The account can be:

- a bank cheque or deposit account (but not a mortgage account nor a business account) or
- a National Savings and Investments (NS&I) investment account (but not an ordinary account).

The account may be:

- in your name, your spouse's or partner's name, or in the name of a person authorised to receive benefit or act on your behalf, or
- in the joint names of you and your spouse or partner, or in the joint names of you and a person authorised to receive benefit or act on your behalf.

We can only pay benefits/pensions into one bank account. If you are already receiving another social security benefit this way we will have to use the same account for your BSP.

Where the account is not in your name, this form should be signed by you or a person authorised to receive benefit or act on your behalf.

**Please note**, if the account includes the name of someone acting on your behalf, you're confirming that they'll use the money in the way you tell them to.

#### **Please tell us which account you want your BSP to be paid into**

**Name and address of bank**

Postcode

**Sort code number**

								<b>Type of account</b> (current, deposit etc.)	
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**Account number**

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**Name(s) account is held in**

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**How often do you want to be paid?**

**Weekly**

**Every 4 weeks**

## Part 5 - How we will pay your BSP (continued)

### Additional Information regarding payment into a bank account

#### Finding out how much we have paid you

You should check your account statements regularly.

#### If you think the wrong amount is paid

You should contact us straight away.

We may have paid you the wrong amount because we were not able to change the amount you are paid quickly enough to take account of some new information you give us. If this is the case you will normally have to pay the money back. But you may not have to pay the money back if it is decided that you were paid too much for some other reason.

If not enough money is paid to you, we will add the money we owe you onto the next payment, or we may make a special payment.

By giving us your account details:

- you agree that we will pay your BSP into that account, and
- you understand what we have told you above about "If you think the wrong amount is paid".

Please now go to Part 6.

### **Section B** MiCard

#### Which Post Office would you like to collect your BSP from?

**I want to enrol for a MiCard**

#### If you think the wrong amount is paid

You should contact us straight away.

We may have paid you the wrong amount because we were not able to change the amount you are paid quickly enough to take account of some new information you give us.

If not enough money is paid to you, we will add the money we owe you onto the next payment, or we may make a special payment.

If we have paid you too much money because we were not able to change the amount you are paid quickly enough you may have to pay it back. But you may not have to pay it back if it is decided that you were paid too much for some other reason.

By enrolling for a MiCard:

- you agree that we will pay you by MiCard, and
- you understand what we have told you above about "if the wrong amount is paid".

## Part 6 – Your Declarations

The declarations below set out your legal responsibilities in respect of your claim.

- I declare that all of the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.
- I will report any changes in my circumstances straightaway to the Treasury.
- This is my claim for Bereavement Support Payment.

Your signature

Date

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## What to do now

1. Check that you have answered all the questions that apply to you and your late partner.
2. Check that you have signed this form.
3. Check that you have got the different documents we've asked for, including –
  - the free certificate of registration of death
  - your birth certificate
  - your marriage certificate/civil partnership certificate, if you were married or in a civil partnership.

Now send us this claim form to the address below. If possible, please include all the relevant documents we've asked for.

But don't delay sending this form back to us because you do not have all of the documents – you can send them to us later.

Address: Pensions Team  
Social Security Division  
Markwell House, Market Street  
Douglas. IM1 2RZ

Telephone: (01624) 685176.

## What happens next

- We'll write to you to tell you whether you're entitled to Bereavement Support Payment.
- If you are entitled to Bereavement Support Payment we'll tell you how and when we're going to pay your benefit.
- If you're not entitled to Bereavement Support Payment we'll tell you why and what you can do next.

You can find out more about Bereavement Support Payment at [www.gov.im/socialsecurity](http://www.gov.im/socialsecurity).

## How the Treasury collects and uses information

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## Other organisations that may be able to help you

Cruse Bereavement Care, Isle of Man Branch

Premier House

1 Carrs Lane

Douglas,

Isle of Man

IM4 4QB

Telephone: (01624) 668191

Email: [info@cruseisleofman.org](mailto:info@cruseisleofman.org)

Website: [www.cruseisleofman.org](http://www.cruseisleofman.org)

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