

# Social Security

## Widowed Parent's Allowance

# WPA1

(Notes)

### Help if your partner died before 6 April 2017

This pack contains –

- Information about Widowed Parent's Allowance
- A Widowed Parent's Allowance claim form.

### What is Widowed Parent's Allowance?

Widowed Parent's Allowance (WPA) is a social security benefit paid to certain people whose partner died before 6 April 2017.

By partner we mean a partner they lived with as if they were married at the time of their partner's death.

Widowed Parent's Allowance has been replaced by [Bereavement Support Payment](#) in relation to deaths occurring after 5 April 2017.

### Do I qualify for Widowed Parent's Allowance?

You will usually qualify for WPA if your late partner died before 6 April 2017 (but after 8 April 2001) and at the time of their death –

- you were under [state pension age](#)
- 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 getting Child Benefit for a child who lived with you both when your partner died and on 30 August 2018 or you were expecting a child when your partner died.

You may still be able to get WPA 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 too high.

### When you cannot get Widowed Parent's Allowance

You cannot get Widowed Parent's Allowance if you:

- are married, are in a civil partnership or are living with another person as if you're married to them or as if you've formed a civil partnership
- reached [state pension age](#) before 30 August 2018, or
- are in prison.

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 WPA. 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 you're not sure if you can get Widowed Parent's Allowance or want more information, please contact the Pensions Team on (01624) 685176 or email [statepensions@gov.im](mailto:statepensions@gov.im).**



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## How much Widowed Parent's Allowance can I get?

The amount you'll get is usually based on how much your partner paid in National Insurance contributions. The maximum amount of WPA is £148.40 a week. It may be lower than this amount depending on your partner's National Insurance record.

You'll continue to get WPA until you either:

- stop being treated as responsible for a child (this is usually when you stop getting child benefit after your child leaves school), or
  - reach state pension age,
- whichever happens first.

But your WPA will stop if you marry, form a civil partnership or you start to live with another person as if you're married or are civil partners. You **must** tell us when this happens.

## How will I be paid Widowed Parent's Allowance?

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

## Effect of Widowed Parent's Allowance on other social security benefits

Payment of Widowed Parent's Allowance may affect any other benefits you get (other than child benefit). You must tell Social Security if you are awarded Widowed Parent's Allowance and you are getting another social security benefit.

Any lump-sum payment of Widowed Parent's Allowance paid in respect of a period before 1 February 2024 won't affect any benefits you get. But if you don't spend it within 12 months of it being paid to you it will be treated as your savings and could affect any future entitlement to income support, employed person's allowance or jobseeker's allowance.

## Any work you do

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

## Taxation

WPA is taxable.

## When to claim

Send us the completed claim form WPA1 as soon as you can. If you delay claiming you may lose money you would otherwise have been entitled to.

You must make your claim for Widowed Parent's Allowance before 1 February 2025 to get a backdated payment.

## Contact details

### Head Office

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

Telephone: (01624) 685176

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: [statepensions@gov.im](mailto:statepensions@gov.im)

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

All calls to and from Social Security are recorded for the benefit of our customers and staff to assist in the provision of service standards and to prevent any potential disputes.

## Widowed Parent's Allowance Claim Form

In this form we refer to the person who has died as 'your late partner'. By this we mean your deceased 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
- your late partner's National Insurance number, if you know it
- your bank account details, if you want to be paid Widowed Parent's Allowance 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 below.

**10. Email address**

**11. What was the date of your late partner's death?**

Day	Month	Year

Please send us the certificate of registration of death of your late partner if you haven't already sent it to us. You can get this from the Registrar. If you have an interim death certificate or a letter from the coroner confirming your late partner's death, please send it to us. If you prefer you can take your certificate to a Social Security office with this form. They'll sign this form to show that they've seen your certificate. But if you don't have any certificates yet, still send in your claim form now.

**12. Were you living at the same address as your late partner when they died?**

**No**

**Yes** What was your address when you lived together?

Postcode

**13. How long had you lived together at the same address when your late partner died?**

**14. Did any other adult live at the same address as you and your late partner when they died?**

**No**

**Yes**

What was their relationship to you and your late partner?

What was their name?

What was their date of birth?

Day	Month	Year

## Part 2 - About your late partner

**15. Your late partner's title**

For example Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms

**16. Their surname or family name**

**17. Their other names in full**

**18. Any other surnames or family names they have been known by or were using when they died**

**19. National Insurance (NI) number**

Letters	Numbers			Letter
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**20. Their date of birth**

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

**21. Was your late partner getting a State pension or any other benefits?**

No

Yes

Tell us which benefits

**22. Was your late partner a member of HM Armed Forces when they died?**

No

Yes

**23. Was your late partner getting a War Pension when they died?**

No

Yes

Please tell us their reference number. This is on any letters about their War Pension.

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

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

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

Self-employed

26. 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

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

Yes  No

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

**No** Go to Part 3

**Yes** Please tell us about this below

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


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

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	From		<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	to	

31. 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

### 32. Were you expecting a child when your late partner died?

**No**

**Yes**

What date was the baby born?

Day	Month	Year

### 33. Were you or your late partner entitled to Child Benefit when your late partner died?

If you or your late partner didn't get Child Benefit only because your income was too high, please tick **Yes** and provide details of your dependent children.

**No**

**Yes**

Please provide details of the children in your household when your late partner died. For households with more than 3 children please use space provided in Part 6 "Additional information" to provide the same details for the additional children as is provided for the first 3 children below.

1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
Child's surname	Child's surname	Child's surname
Child's other names	Child's other names	Child's other names
Child's date of birth Day/Month/Year	Child's date of birth Day/Month/Year	Child's date of birth Day/Month/Year
What relation are you to the child?	What relation are you to the child?	What relation are you to the child?
What relation was your late partner to the child?	What relation was your late partner to the child?	What relation was your late partner to the child?
If you are no longer receiving Child Benefit, please tell us when it stopped? Day/Month/Year	If you are no longer receiving Child Benefit, please tell us when it stopped? Day/Month/Year	If you are no longer receiving Child Benefit, please tell us when it stopped? Day/Month/Year

**Part 3 - About your children and child benefit (continued)**

**If a child is living with another person**

**34. Have any of the children listed in question 33 ever lived at a different address than you since your late partner died?**

**No** Go to question 37

**Yes**

**35. Did you maintain the child/children when they were not in your household?**

**No**

**Yes**

**If a child is in care**

**36. Have any of the children listed in question 33 ever been in care since your late partner died?**

**No** Go to question 37

**Yes**

Tell us the name of the child

What is the address of the local authority?

Postcode



**Part 4 - About other benefits**

**37. Have you ever claimed bereavement benefits or Widowed Parent's Allowance before?**

Also tick **Yes** if you made a claim but you were turned down.

**No**

**Yes**

**38. Did you get bereavement benefits or Widowed Parent's Allowance?**

**No**

**Yes**

**39. Since 30 August 2018, have you ever received any of the benefits listed below?**

- Carer's Allowance
- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit

**No**

**Yes** Please tell us which benefits below

Name of benefit

Name of benefit

Name of benefit

Name of benefit

## Part 5 - About relationships

### 40. Since your late partner died, have you ever been married?

**No**

**Yes** If **Yes**, please give the details of your husband or wife below

Their name

Their date of birth

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

Their National Insurance (NI) number

Letters	Numbers	Letters
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

When did you get married?

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

Is the marriage ongoing?

No

When did it end?

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

Yes

### 41. Since your late partner died, have you been in a civil partnership?

**No**

**Yes** If **Yes**, please give the details of your civil partner below

Their name

Their date of birth

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

Their National Insurance (NI) number

Letters	Numbers	Letters
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

When did you enter into a civil partnership?

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

Is the civil partnership ongoing?

No

When did it end?

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

Yes

Part 5 - About relationships (continued)

42. Since your late partner died, have you ever lived with someone as if you were married to or in a civil partnership with them?

No

Yes If Yes, please give the details asked for below

Their name

Their date of birth

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

Their National Insurance (NI) number

Letters	Numbers	Letters	Numbers	Letter
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

When did you start to live with this person as if you were married or in a civil partnership?

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

Is the relationship ongoing?

No

When did it end?

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

Yes

43. If you have answered Yes to Questions 40, 41 or 42, have you had any other children since your late partner died?

No

Yes If Yes, please give the details asked for below

Their name

Their date of birth

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

Their name

Their date of birth

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



## Part 7 - How we will pay your WPA

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 8.

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.

- WPA 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** below, or
- you can collect your WPA 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**.

### **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 WPA.

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 WPA to be paid into**

<b>Name and address of bank</b>	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
	Postcode		
<b>Sort code number</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Account number</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Name(s) account is held in</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>How often do you want to be paid?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Weekly</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<b>Every 4 weeks</b>

## Part 7 - How we will pay your WPA (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 WPA 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 8.

### **Section B** MiCard

#### Which Post Office would you like to collect your WPA 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 8 – 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 Widowed Parent's Allowance.

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 and
  - your birth certificate.

Now take or send this claim form to the address below. If possible, please include 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 Widowed Parent's Allowance.
- If you are entitled to Widowed Parent's Allowance we'll tell you how much it will be and how and when we're going to pay your benefit.
- If you're not entitled to Widowed Parent's Allowance we'll tell you why and what you can do next.

You can find out more about Widowed Parent's Allowance at [www.gov.im/socialsecurity](http://www.gov.im/socialsecurity).

## How the Treasury collects and uses information

To find out more about how we use information, contact any of our offices or visit our Social Security Division [privacy notice](#) page on the gov.im website.

## 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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Claim number

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