



An introduction to Bereavement Support Payment

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Introduction



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Bereavement Support Payment is money from the Department for Work and Pensions.



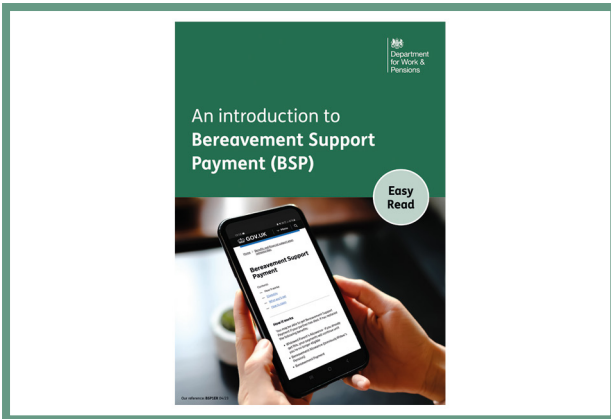
It is to help people whose husband, wife, civil partner or partner have recently died.

BSP

Bereavement Support Payment is sometimes called BSP.



People can still claim even if they have savings or are working.



This information will tell you more about BSP and who can get it.

For more Easy Read BSP leaflets, go to www.gov.uk

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Who can claim Bereavement Support Payment

BSP

BSP has replaced the following benefits:

- Bereavement Allowance
- Bereavement Payment
- Widowed Parent's Allowance.



If you get Widowed Parent's Allowance, we will continue to pay this.



You might get BSP after your partner died. But, you must have been:

- Married
- In a registered civil partnership
- Living together as if married and had dependent children or were pregnant.



Explaining Civil Partnership

A **Civil Partnership** is a legal agreement between two people of any sex.

To be in a **Civil Partnership** you must be at least 18 years old.



When your partner died, you must have been:

- Living in the UK or in a country that pays bereavement benefits
- Under **State Pension age**.



Explaining State Pension age

Your **State Pension age** is the youngest age you can get State Pension.

For more information on State Pension age, go to www.gov.uk/state-pension-age

For more information on countries that pay benefits abroad, go to www.gov.uk/claim-benefits-abroad/bereavement-benefits



You cannot claim BSP if you are in prison.



Your partner must have paid National Insurance contributions for at least 25 weeks in one whole tax year.



The tax year must have been since 6 April 1975.



Explaining National Insurance contributions

A person pays National Insurance contributions once they turn 16 years old and start earning a certain amount of money.

This applies to both employed and self-employed people.

For more information on National Insurance contributions, go to www.gov.uk/national-insurance



If your partner did not pay enough National Insurance contributions, you may still be able to get BSP if they died because of:

- An accident at work
- A disease caused by work.

If you were married or in a registered civil partnership



21
months

You can make a claim if your partner died in the last 21 months.



**3
months**

You must claim within 3 months of your partner's death to get the full amount.

To find out what the full amount is, go to

www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment/what-youll-get

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You might be able to claim BSP if your partner's death was confirmed more than 21 months after they died.



**+21
months**

This could be because their body was not found for a long time after they died.

Or you were separated from them and did not know they had died.



Information on claiming BSP is available in the Easy Read booklet:

- How to apply for Bereavement Support Payment.

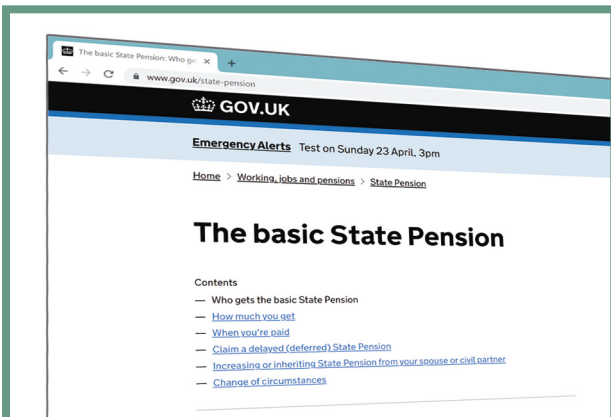
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If you were living together and had children



You may be able to claim if your partner died on or after 6 April 2017.



You must have been under State Pension age when your partner died.



If you are making a backdated claim, you must have been under State Pension age on 30 August 2018.



When your partner died, you must have been either:

- Pregnant
- Getting or could get Child Benefit.

Widowed Parent's Allowance



If your husband, wife, civil partner or partner died before 6 April 2017, you may be able to get Widowed Parent's Allowance.

For more information on Widowed Parent's Allowance, go to www.gov.uk/widowed-parents-allowance

For more information on BSP, go to www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment