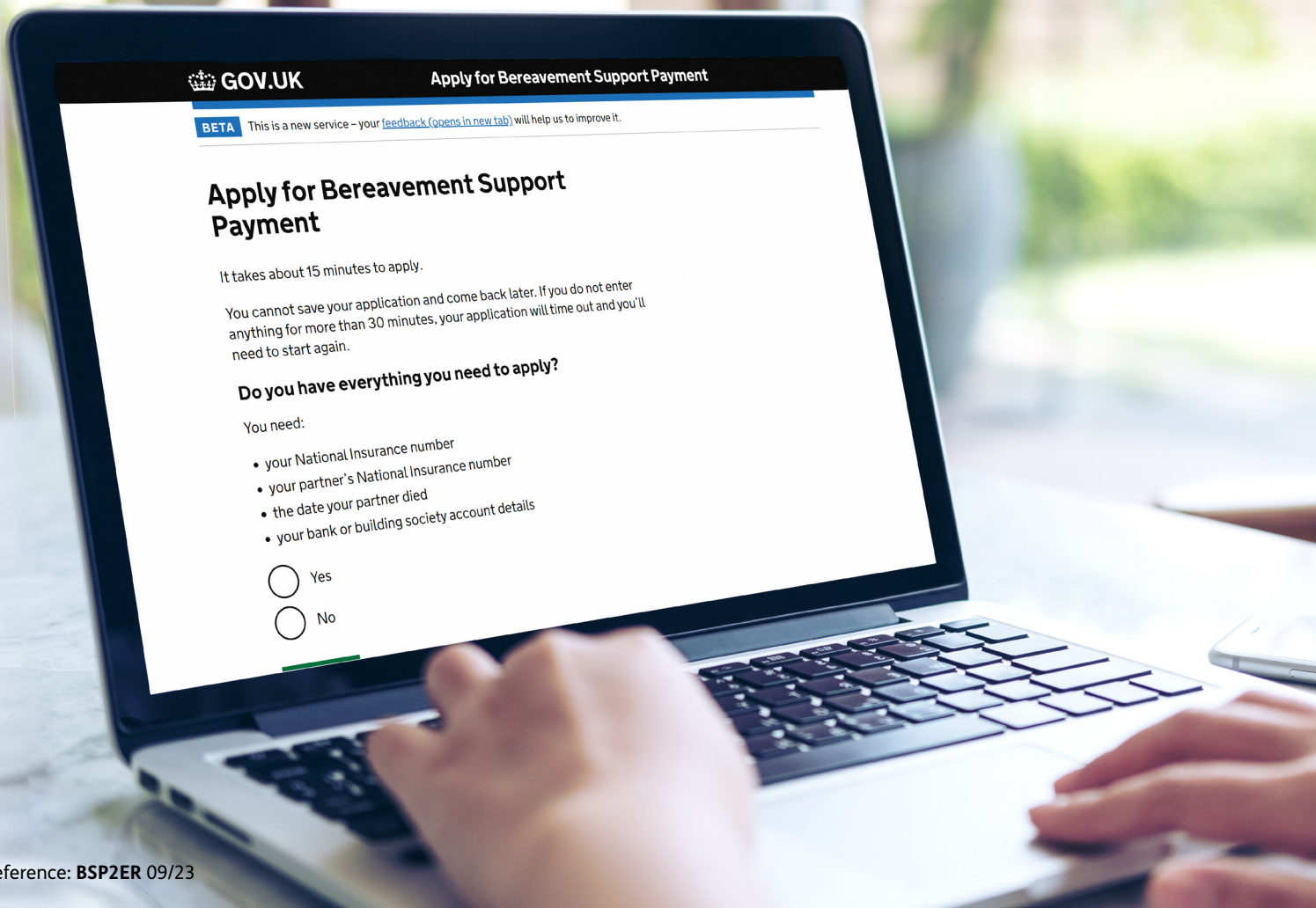




# How to apply for Bereavement Support Payment

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## Apply for Bereavement Support Payment

It takes about 15 minutes to apply.

You cannot save your application and come back later. If you do not enter anything for more than 30 minutes, your application will time out and you'll need to start again.

### Do you have everything you need to apply?

You need:

- your National Insurance number
- your partner's National Insurance number
- the date your partner died
- your bank or building society account details

Yes

No

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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 about the payments and how to apply.

For more Easy Read BSP leaflets, go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Search for **Easy Read BSP**.

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## Payment and other benefits

# BSP

The amount of Bereavement Support Payment you get depends on your relationship to the person who died.



It also depends on when you make your claim.



The first payment of BSP is a larger amount than usual, sometimes called a 'lump sum'.

This is paid direct into your bank or building society account.





You then get smaller monthly payments into the same account.



Monthly payments are paid for up to 18 months.



When you start getting BSP, you must tell the office that pays any other benefits you get.

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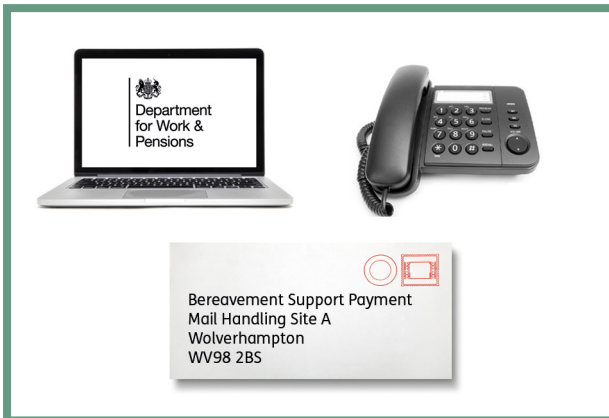
For the first year, your BSP will not affect any other benefits you get.



After a year, if you have any money left over from your lump sum payment, this could affect other benefit claims.

To find out the current rates of BSP, go to [www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment/what-youll-get](https://www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment/what-youll-get)

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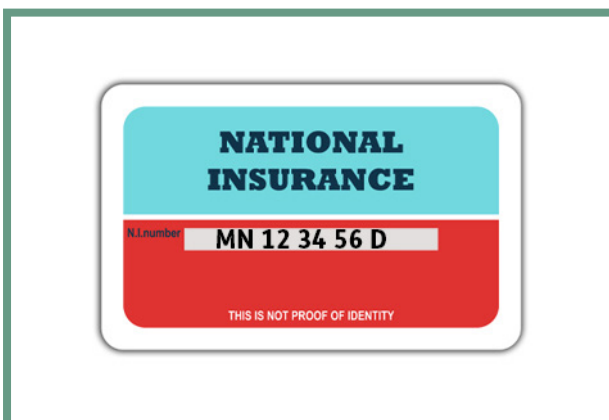


You can apply for BSP:

- online
- by phone
- by post.



Before applying, you need to get some documents and information together.



This includes:

- Your National Insurance number, if you have one
- Your bank or building society details
- The date your partner died
- Your partner's National Insurance number, if they had one.

To apply online, go to [www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment/how-to-claim](http://www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment/how-to-claim) select **Start now**.





If you live in Northern Ireland, you can use the same online service.



If you live in Northern Ireland and want to apply by phone or post, there is a different way to do this.

For more information, go to [www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/bereavement-support-payment](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/bereavement-support-payment)

## Apply by phone



To apply by phone, call the BSP helpline on:

Telephone: **0800 151 2012**

Textphone: **0800 731 0464**



For the Welsh language BSP helpline, call:

Telephone: **0800 731 0453**

Textphone: **0800 731 0456**



If you cannot hear or speak on the phone, use Relay UK:

**18001** then **0800 151 2012**



If you are deaf and use British Sign Language you may be able to use the video relay service.

To find out how to use the service on a mobile, tablet or computer, go to [www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment/how-to-claim](http://www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment/how-to-claim)

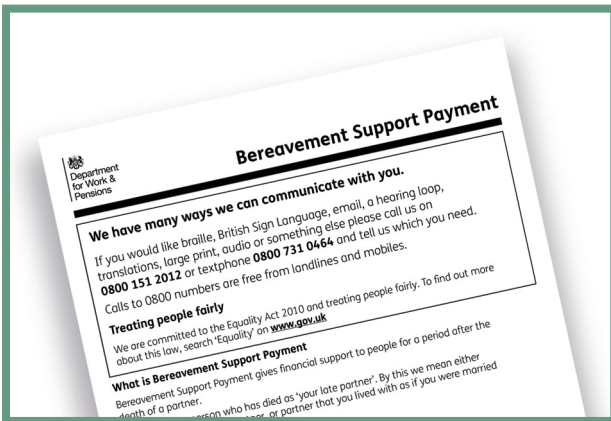


If you live abroad, call the International Pension Centre.

Telephone: **+44 191 206 9390**

Lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm.

## Apply by post



To apply by post, you need to complete a Bereavement Support Payment claim form.

To download the BSP claim form, go to

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/bereavement-support-payment-claim-form](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bereavement-support-payment-claim-form)



You need to print this form and complete it with a pen.

Sign and date your form before sending it.



Send your completed form to:  
Bereavement Support Payment  
Mail Handling Site A  
Wolverhampton  
WV98 2BS



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To get a blank claim form sent to you in the post, contact your nearest Jobcentre Plus.

To find your nearest office, go to [find-your-nearest-jobcentre.dwp.gov.uk](https://find-your-nearest-jobcentre.dwp.gov.uk)

For more information on BSP, go to [www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment](https://www.gov.uk/bereavement-support-payment)