

## Financial Help When Somebody Dies

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When someone close to you dies, you might find it difficult to deal with things. Never be afraid to ask for help and remember: financial assistance from the Government might be available, but you will need to make a claim in order to receive it.

### Paying for a funeral

- Do you have access to enough cash?
- Are you able to access the deceased's bank account?
- Did the deceased arrange life assurance or a funeral plan?
- Was the deceased or their partner receiving benefits?

If the deceased didn't leave enough money you may be entitled to a Social Fund Funeral Payment ([www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk))

### Other financial help

If your husband, wife or civil partner has died recently and you meet certain conditions you may get a Bereavement Payment of £2,000 up to 12 months after a death. You might also be able to receive ongoing help in the form of either:

- Widowed Parent's Allowance, or
- Bereavement Allowance

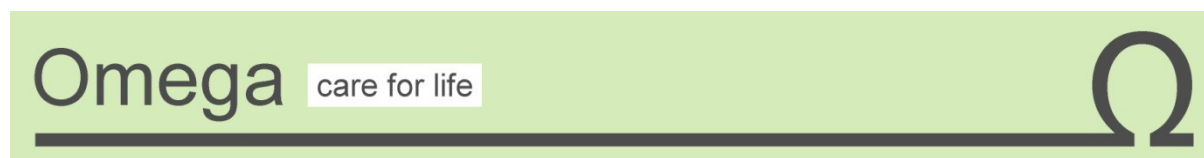
### How to claim bereavement benefits

- Fill in form BD8 which you will get when you register a death. Send the form to Jobcentre Plus. They will send you a claim form BB1
- You can download form BB1 at [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)
- You can phone for a claim form: Tel: 0845 608 8602 or 0845 608 8634

The situation depends on your age and circumstances. There is a helpful booklet called Bereavement Benefits (DWP1005) see also [www.direct.gov.uk/benefitsadviser](http://www.direct.gov.uk/benefitsadviser).

Omega is keen to share useful information with carers, former carers and the bereaved. If you can help us to expand this information by letting us know about helpful services which you have used, please [Contact Us](#). If you encounter difficulties claiming benefits we might be able to help you clarify your entitlement.

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