



# Death benefit claim form: one-off payments

## Section A - Document checklist

Please provide the relevant supporting documentation with your claim. Find out more about this on page 2.

If you are the deceased member's personal representative and/or death benefit nominee, you can use this form to claim one or more of the following benefits:

- a death benefit lump sum
- a Widow(er)'s Pension Scheme (WPS) refund
- payment of any pension that was due to be paid to the member when they died (also called residual pension)

You will only need to complete this form once, even if you are claiming more than one of the death benefits listed above.

Please read **Section I – Guidance notes** before completing this form.

This form must be printed and signed in pen. To complete the form either:

1. fill in the sections online
2. print the form
3. sign the 'Your Declaration' section in pen
4. return by post to the address below.

or

1. print the form
2. fill in the form using **black ink** with **BLOCK CAPITALS**
3. sign the 'Your Declaration' section in pen
4. return by post to the address below.

**Civil Service Pensions, Capita Pension Solutions, PO Box 713, Darlington, DL1 9JZ.**

Claim type	Document(s)
All claims	<b>Death certificate</b> <b>Bank statement (dated within the last three months)</b>
<b>Widow(er)'s Pension Scheme (WPS) refund</b> <b>(Only required if the member was unmarried at the time of death as a result of divorce, dissolution of a civil partnership, or death of their husband, wife or civil partner)</b>	<b>Proof of marital status:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decree absolute</li> <li>• civil partnership dissolution certificate or final order certificate</li> <li>• death certificate for a wife, husband or civil partner</li> </ul>

If you have a Grant of Representation (a Court Order issued by one of the Probate Registries of the High Court, which gives you authority to deal with a deceased's estate) you will need to enclose an original version of one of the following documents with your claim form:

- probate
- letters of administration
- confirmation of executor

You can find information about applying for a Grant of Representation on the GOV.UK website: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**Please note:** if we calculate the benefits payable to the deceased member's estate and the amount is more than £10,000 (or £40,000 where the personal representative is the member's spouse/ civil partner, and they are co-habiting) you or your solicitor must apply for a Grant of Representation before we can pay any benefits due.

## Section B – About the member

Please provide the personal details of the deceased member.

**Members's name**

**Member's address**

**Postcode**

**Member's National Insurance  
(NI) number**

**Member's date of birth  
(DD/MM/YYYY)**

**Has the death certificate  
already been provided to us  
for this member?**

Yes

No

**Marital status**

Please tick one box

Single  
(never married)

Married

Divorced

Civil  
partnership

Widowed

Dissolved civil  
partnership

## Section C – Your details (the claimant)

Please provide your personal details.

**Your name**

**Your address**

**Postcode**

**Your relationship to the member**

**Your National Insurance (NI) number**

Please provide your contact details.

**Your home telephone number**

**Your mobile telephone number**

**Your email address**

Please provide your bank or building society details, so we can pay any death benefits due. Please note: we can only pay benefits into an account in your own name or a joint account you hold.

**Name of account holder(s)**

**Name and address of bank or building society**

**Bank sort code**

**Account number**

**Building society roll number**

We cannot make payment into a National Savings Account. We can make payment into an account in the Irish Republic or overseas, but you will need to complete an overseas mandate. You can find the mandates on the Overseas Payment Mandates page on our website: [www.civilservicepensionscheme.org.uk](http://www.civilservicepensionscheme.org.uk)

## Section D – Your solicitor's details

If a solicitor is acting on your behalf, please provide their details.

**Company name**

**Solicitor's name**

**Address**

**Postcode**

**Telephone**

**Email**

If you would like us to pay the death benefits to your solicitor, please provide their bank or building society details.

**Name of account holder(s)**

**Name and address of bank or building society**

**Sort code**

**Account number**

**Building society roll number**

## Section E – Legal Personal Representative of the deceased member’s estate

Is there a Legal Personal Representative? (Please tick the appropriate box)

Yes

No

Please provide details of the Legal Personal Representative of the deceased member’s estate if this information is available.

We are aware that the Personal Representative can also be a beneficiary to the estate however, completion of this section in its entirety is necessary, even if you have already completed your details in another section of this form.

Where there is more than one Personal Representative completing this form, please provide details of any additional representatives on a separate blank page, remembering to provide all the required information for each individual.

**Name of Personal Representative**

**Personal Representative address**

**Personal Representative postcode**

Please provide your contact details.

**Home telephone number**

**Mobile telephone number**

**Email**

## Section F – Your declaration

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee my entitlement to death benefits and that my eligibility will be calculated upon receipt of the form.

- I am the [deceased member's nominee]/[acting as the personal representative] (delete as appropriate).
- To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is correct.
- I am entitled to the benefits in relation to the deceased member (detailed in **Section B – About the member**).

**Print name**

**Your signature**

**Date**

## Section G – Witness declaration

The applicant, who I believe to be the person named in **Section F – Your declaration** (above), has signed the declaration in my presence.

**Important:** this section **must** be signed and dated at the same time as Section F (above).

**Print name**

**Home address**

**Home postcode**

**Witness signature**

**Date**

## Section H – Your consent

If the member had service between 01 April 2015 and 31 March 2022, the member's benefits may be impacted by Remedy and there may be a decision to make on the benefits payable.

Please read the 'How to claim benefits guide' on the website.

- If affected by Remedy, we may in certain circumstances need to release your contact details to any other nominees. We will only do this if necessary.
- To release this information, we will need your consent, which you can give below:

\*I give my consent to my contact details being shared with other nominees

\*I do not consent to my contact details being shared with other nominees

\*(Please delete as appropriate)

**Print name**

**Your signature**

**Date**

## Section I – Guidance notes

Please read the following guidance carefully before completing your death benefit nomination form.

1. Before completing this form, please read our guide **How to claim death benefits** to understand more about death benefits and how to claim them. You can find the guide on the **Publications page** of our website.
2. You can use this form to claim the following benefits:
  - a death benefit lump sum
  - a Widow(er)'s Pension Scheme (WPS) refund
  - payment of any pension that was due to be paid to the member when they died (also called residual pension).
3. A solicitor dealing with the member's estate, or acting on your behalf can complete this form, but you will be required to sign it. Please ensure that your solicitor's details are included in **Section D – Your Solicitor's details**.
4. If you are claiming death benefits as the deceased member's personal representative (the person dealing with the deceased member's estate) and you have **not** enclosed a Grant of Representation, you must ask someone to complete **Section G – Witness declaration**.
5. Any lump sum will need to be paid within two years of us being told that the member has died (or from when we could first reasonably have been expected to know of the death). If not, it will be treated as a 'taxable authorised' payment and may be liable for tax. See the **HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC)** website for more information about taxable authorised payments from pension schemes. [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk).
6. Please provide the relevant supporting documentation with your claim (**see Section A – Document checklist**). Please note: we can only accept original versions of documents.
7. You only need to complete this form once, even if you are claiming more than one death benefit.