

## Funeral Benefit Guidelines

### Who is Eligible for a Funeral Benefit?

The Workers' Compensation Dust Diseases Board can assist with payments of funeral expenses for people who have been awarded compensation as a worker by the Board.

### Who can make a claim for payment of funeral expenses?

The Executor/trix of a person's will is usually responsible for the payment of the funeral expenses. Funeral Expenses are usually paid from the person's estate.

The Executor can make a claim to the Board for payment of the person's funeral expenses.

If you are not the Executor/trix and wish to make a claim to the Board, you will need to contact the Board on (02) 8223 6600 to discuss your claim.

### How much is the Claimable Benefit?:

The Board will pay up to a total of \$9,000 towards the cost of a funeral.

### What expenses will the Board pay for?

The Board will pay for the following funeral expenses:

- A casket
- Mourning Car
- Single cemetery site
- Newspaper announcements
- Flowers for the casket
- Issue of death certificate
- Clergy fees
- Funeral director fees

### How do I apply for payment of funeral expenses.

The Executor/trix of the Estate should complete the enclosed application form and send it to the Board with the following documents:

1. Either a copy of the Medical Death Certificate (available from the Funeral Director) or a copy of the Death Certificate issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
2. An itemised invoice from the Funeral Director.

If the Executor/trix has already paid the funeral expenses from the estate, the Board will issue a cheque payable to the Estate.

If the funeral expenses have not been paid, the Executor/trix can ask the Board to directly pay the Funeral Director. Please note that you will have to pay the Funeral Director for services not covered by the Board and/or in excess of \$9,000.

If the funeral expenses were not paid from the Estate, the Executor/trix will need to provide documents showing who paid for the funeral.

### How long will it take to process the claim?

The funeral expenses claim will be processed within 21 days from receipt of the application form and the necessary documents by the Board.

### Where do I send the claim form?

Send the claim form and the supporting documents to;

Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Board

Level 2 82 Elizabeth Street

Sydney NSW 2000

**FURTHER INFORMATION  
CAN BE OBTAINED FROM**

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