

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

After the Loss of a Loved One

SERVICES AUSTRALIA

The Services Australia website acts as a directory to a number of government websites and supports to assist families when a loved one passes away. This includes information about registration of deaths, organising a funeral, finalising estates and some support services to look after yourself through this process.

Services Australia also offers a number of payments and allowances that may be able to be accessed, or continued to be accessed following the passing of a loved one for a period of time, depending on your unique situation and relationship to the person. Some financial supports that you may be able to access include:

- Carer Allowance
- Pension Bonus Bereavement Payment
- Double Orphan Pension
- Income Support Payment
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Farm Household Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Family Tax Benefit
- Parenting Payment
- JobSeeker Payment
- Youth Allowance

Exceptions to all financial supports apply, and eligibility is dependent on payments being received prior to the persons passing, and the nature of your relationship with your loved one. To ensure you are accessing the correct payments, a Families line can be called to discuss the options applicable to you.

Website: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/death-loved-one>

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

When someone passes away in a healthcare or aged care setting, the staff members of the facility will make all necessary arrangements for a medical certificate cause of death to be signed. If your loved one passes away at home, please call 000 to reach paramedics, or as you are otherwise advised by your healthcare professionals.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages must then be notified of someone's passing within 14 days of their funeral, usually by the funeral director. Once registered, the Registry will produce and send a certificate of death.

To access these forms, and for more information about the need and use of death certificates, see the Apply for a Death Certificate page on Government of Western Australia's website.

Website: <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/justice/civil-law/apply-death-certificate>