

## BASF UK Group Pension Scheme Bereavement Support Payment

### What is the Bereavement Support Payment?

If your partner has died, you may be able to get the Bereavement Support Payment. This payment is supplied by the UK Government and is not related to any benefits you receive or are entitled to from the BASF UK Group Pension Scheme.

This now replaces the following benefits:

- ◆ Widowed Parent's Allowance (if you already get this, your payments will continue until you're no longer eligible)
- ◆ Bereavement Allowance (previously Widow's Pension)
- ◆ Bereavement Payment



### Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for the Bereavement Support Payment, the following must apply at the time of your partner's death. You must have been:

- ◆ Under State Pension Age
- ◆ Living in the UK or a [country that pays bereavement benefits](#)
- ◆ Married to your partner, in a civil partnership with them, or living with them as if you were married

Your partner must have either:

- ◆ Paid a certain amount of [Class 1 or Class 2 National Insurance Contributions](#) in any one tax year since 6 April 1975
- ◆ Died because of an accident at work or a disease caused by work

You cannot claim the Bereavement Support Payment if you are in prison.

You usually need to make a claim within **21 months** of your partner's death. [Click here](#) for more information about the eligibility criteria.

### What you'll get

The amount that you can receive will depend on:

- ◆ Your relationship to the person who died
- ◆ When you make your claim
- ◆ When you reach your State Pension age

If you were married or in a registered civil partnership, you will receive the higher amount if one of the following applied when you partner died:

- ◆ You were getting [Child Benefit](#) for a child who lived with you
- ◆ You were told by the Child Benefit Office that you were entitled to Child Benefit for a child who lived with you
- ◆ You were pregnant

If you're not eligible for the higher rate, you will get the lower rate instead. [Click here](#) for more information about what you'll get, including the latest rates.

### How to make a claim

You can apply for Bereavement Support Payment online, by telephone, or by post. Contact details can be found [here](#). To apply, you'll need:

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

