

SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS

Help for All

HOW TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS.

Full information on all matters relating to Social Service benefits may be obtained from the Commonwealth Director of Social Services in the Capital city of each State or from any office of the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

CLAIM FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS.



These may be obtained at any Post Office or at any office of the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

Claim forms for maternity allowance and child endowment may be obtained also from any Registrar of Births. Claim forms for unemployment and sickness benefits are available also from any Registrar of Unemployment and Sickness Benefits.

LODGMET OF CLAIMS

Age, Invalid and Widows' Pensions.

Claimants living in metropolitan areas should lodge their claims with the Commonwealth Director of Social Services in the capital city of the State in which they reside. Other claimants should lodge their claims with the nearest Commonwealth Registrar of Social Services.

Maternity Allowances and Child Endowment.

Claims should be sent to the Commonwealth Director of Social Services in the capital city of the State in which the claimant resides. They should be lodged within six months after the date of the birth or, where the claim is for child endowment only, within six months after the date on which the claimant became eligible to claim the endowment.

The relevant portion of the claim for maternity allowance must be completed by the doctor, midwife or other person who attended the mother at the birth.

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits.

Claims should be lodged with the nearest Registrar of Unemployment and Sickness Benefits or Regional Registrar of Social Services, or, in districts where there is no Registrar, with the District Agent or the District Employment Officer. A medical certificate should be attached to a claim for sickness benefit, but lodgment of the claim should not be delayed on this account.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

A funeral benefit of £10 is payable to the person who has paid, or is liable to pay, the cost of the funeral of an aged or invalid pensioner or of a claimant who, but for his death, would have been granted an age or invalid pension.

The benefit is also payable, under the same conditions, in respect of the funeral of a person who, at the time of his death, was receiving, or was a claimant for, a tuberculosis allowance and was otherwise qualified for an age or invalid pension.

Where the cost of the funeral has been partly met from a contributory funeral benefit fund (except that of a friendly society), a funeral benefit is payable equal to the amount (not above £10) by which the cost of the funeral exceeded the payment from the fund.

A claim for funeral benefit should be lodged (within six months after the pensioner's death) with the Commonwealth Director of Social Services in the capital city of the State in which the death occurred. Claim forms may be obtained from a Registrar of Deaths or from any office of the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.



The late Alex Williams, of Woodenbong. Alex, who was just on 100 when he died recently, lived in the area bounded by the Richmond River and the McPherson Ranges most of his life. In his younger days he was an expert horseman.