

Mortality Assistance Benefit

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Purpose

The death of a loved one can be an extremely difficult time for families – both emotionally, and financially.

This benefit provides CWU families with some financial relief in the unfortunate event of a member, or their spouse, passing away.

This benefit is not an insurance scheme. It is a benefit that is funded directly from CWU Central Branch member contributions.

What is the benefit?

Upon application, an assistance payment of \$2000 shall be made to:

- A member, following the passing of an eligible spouse; and
- The next of kin, following the passing of an eligible member.

Eligible member

A deceased 'eligible member' was a member of the CWU Central Branch ('the Branch'), who was a fully paid financial member of the Branch, or its predecessor Branches, for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the declared date of their passing; or subject to an approved temporary waiver of dues on the date of their passing but maintained a minimum of 12 months' continuous financial membership of the Branch, or its predecessor Branches, immediately prior to the date such waiver of dues was granted by the Branch Committee of Management.

Eligible spouse

A spouse is a person, as defined by the Family Law Act 1975 as being a person who is a party to a marriage; or party to a de facto relationship. A deceased 'eligible spouse' was the spouse of a member, who:

1. Is a fully paid financial member of the Branch, or its predecessor Branches, for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the declared date of their spouse's passing; or subject to an approved temporary waiver of dues on the date of their spouse's passing but maintained a minimum of 12 months' continuous financial membership of the Branch, or its predecessor Branches, immediately prior to the date such waiver of dues was granted by the Branch Committee of Management; and

2. Pays their membership contributions annually, in advance, or by a regular direct debit method.

Next of kin

In applying this policy, the Branch will recognise the executor of an eligible member's will as their next of kin. If the eligible member has passed without a valid will, the Branch will identify a next of kin from the following list, in priority order:

- The eligible member's spouse, as defined by the Family Law Act 1975;
- The eligible member's parents;
- The eligible member's oldest adult child;
- The eligible members oldest adult sibling; or
- A person determined by the coroner as the senior next of kin because of their closeness to the deceased eligible member, immediately before they died.

How to make a claim

An application form and statutory declaration will be made available to an applicant;

- On the Branch website
- By request, from the Branch Office.

Application forms must be returned fully completed by the applicant, including the accompaniment of evidentiary documents, as specified on the application form.

Eligibility exception

In extenuating circumstances that prevent a claim from meeting all the requirements of this policy, the Branch Committee of Management shall have the discretion to grant an extraordinary approval of such a claim – in part, or in full.

This policy may be varied

This policy was determined by the Branch Committee of Management on 16 November 2022. The Branch Committee of Management may vary or rescind this policy, at its discretion.

Application

Mortality Assistance Benefit Deceased Member



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Please return completed application form and statutory declaration, along with the required supporting documents via fax: (02) 9893 7396 or email: enquiries@cwucentral.org.au

APPLICANT'S PARTICULARS

First Name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ State / Territory _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Account details for payment: BSB No. _____ Account No. _____

Relationship to the deceased _____ Applicant's signature _____

DECEASED MEMBER'S PARTICULARS

First Name _____ Surname _____

CWU Membership Number (if known) _____ Employer _____

Date of Death _____

DOCUMENTS DEMONSTRATING DEATH

Please select at least one document from this list.

Please include a copy of the selected document/s when submitting this application.

Death Certificate

Published Obituary

Funeral Notice

DOCUMENTS DEMONSTRATING NEXT OF KIN

In order to verify your relationship with the deceased member, please select at least one document from the list. Please include a copy of the selected documents when submitting this application.

Deceased member's Will naming the applicant as the executor

Marriage Certificate naming the deceased member and applicant

Joint utility bills or rates notices for at least two years

Birth certificate naming the deceased member as a parent

Declaration from a Coroner naming the applicant as the next of kin

Invoice for funeral expenses, made out to the applicant

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Current member Yes No Eligible Yes No Member number: _____

Payment processed date: _____ Member removed from system date: _____

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
STATUTORY DECLARATION
STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ACT 1959

I, _____,
Applicant's first name Applicant's surname

of _____,
Applicant's full street address, suburb, state/territory

Applicant's occupation

make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

1. I am making application for payment against the CWU Central Branch ('the Branch') Mortality Assistance Benefit following the passing of:

_____ on _____.
Deceased member's first name Deceased member's first name Date of death

2. I am the deceased's next of kin.
3. I acknowledge that payment of this Benefit is made at the discretion of the Branch, in accordance with the criteria specified in its Policy.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 *Signature of person making the declaration* 3

5 *Place* Declared at ⁵ on ⁶ of ⁷
6 *Day*
7 *Month and year*

Before me,

8 *Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)* 8

9 *Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)* 9

Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* — see section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before—

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

Architect	Chiropractor	Dentist
Financial adviser	Financial Planner	Legal practitioner
Medical practitioner <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	Midwife	Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the
Nurse	Occupational therapist	Optometrist
Patent attorney	Pharmacist	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Trade marks attorney	Veterinary surgeon

(2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

Accountant who is:

- a) a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association; or
- b) a member of any of the following:
 - i. Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;
 - ii. the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants;
 - iii. CPA Australia;
 - iv. the Institute of Public Accountants

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
APS employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list
Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)

Bailiff

Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service

Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court

Clerk of a court

Commissioner for Affidavits

Commissioner for Declarations

Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Employee of a Commonwealth authority engaged on a permanent basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another

item in this list

Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising the employee's function at that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

- (a) at a place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising the employee's function at that place

Engineer who is:

- a) a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student; or
- b) a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia; or
- c) registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or
- d) registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia

Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list

Judge

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Master of a court

Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:

- a) an officer
- b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with 5 or more years of continuous service
- c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd

Member of:

- a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth
- b) the Parliament of a State
- c) a Territory legislature
- d) a local government authority

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public, including a notary public (however described) exercising functions at a place outside

- a) the Commonwealth

b) the external Territories of the Commonwealth

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office providing postal services to the public

Permanent employee of

a) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority

b) a local government authority

with 5 or more years of continuous service, other than such an employee who is specified in another item of this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

Police officer

Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

Senior executive employee of a Commonwealth authority

Senior executive employee of a State or Territory

SES employee of the Commonwealth

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher employed on a permanent full-time or part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution