

What else should you know?

If the surviving spouse is receiving a surviving spouse's pension, he/she should maintain the child/children under his/her custody therefore the child would not receive a pension.

What additional information I need to know ?

For any more information or clarification you may contact the Benefit Officer or Marketing and Promotion Officer on

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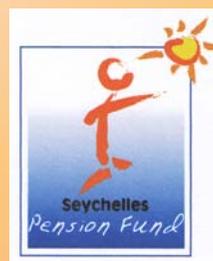
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**Children's Pension**

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What is it?

This is a sum of money that the children of the deceased will receive as a monthly pension.

What is the purpose of a children's pension?

This pension is to ensure a basic income to the child/children of the deceased who has contributed to the Social Security Fund or the Seychelles Pension Fund.

Who is entitled to receive a children's pension?

The child of the deceased through the guardian is entitled to receive the pension. The pension is payable to the legitimate, adopted or recognized illegitimate child. In the case of recognized illegitimate child proof is required that at the time of death the deceased was maintaining the child personally or by a maintenance allowance payable through the family tribunal. Also for a child/children to receive a pension their mother/father should have been a member of the Seychelles Pension Fund and contributed to the Fund for a continuous period of ten years of the mandatory pension contribution or to the Social Security Fund immediately prior to his or her death or contributed an aggregate period of 20 years in the Social Security Fund or Pension Fund prior to his or her death.

What are the benefits available for your child/children in case of death?

When a member dies the children will receive a pension which shall be the equivalent of the prescribed percentage set out in schedule 4 to the benefit regulations which the member or self employed person will have earned if he or she has retired on attaining the age of retirement. For example

Average Salary	Percentage of Salary Payable	Amount	Percentage of Pension	Pensions payable
R2,200	70%*	2,000	80%	R1,600
R2,900	70%*	2,030	80%	R1,624
R4,000	65%	2,600	80%	R2,080
R6,400	60%	3,840	80%	R3,072

*** or R2000 per month whichever is greater**

However where the deceased member has a surviving spouse, the child shall be entitled to a pension of 50% or such bigger amount if the deceased father or mother has prior to his or her death opted for a child to receive up to an additional 25% of the pension.

When will the child get his/her pension?

A children's pension shall be granted to the guardian of the deceased member's children in case of death of both parents or of a parent from the previous marriage or relationship, for the maintenance of the children if the deceased prior to his death was maintaining the children. If the children are the children of the surviving spouse and leaving with him or her then the children's pension will be payable to the surviving spouse as their guardian.

What is the pension payable when the children are living separately?

Where the deceased's children are living separately and being maintained by another guardian, the monthly children's pension payable shall be divided equally and paid to the guardian.

How will the guardian claim it for the child/children?

If the child is still a minor then the guardian appointed to care for the child can claim the pension for the child, in other words the pension will be payable to the guardian for the maintenance of the child/children. A claim may be made on the prescribed form to the Chief Executive Officer supported by the following documents:-

- National Identity Card of claimant.
- Death Certificate of deceased member.
- Proof of appointment as guardian or affidavit to that effect.
- Birth certificate of the child/children.
- (If child is above 18) Proof that he/she is attending full time education.

A person who has reached the age of 18 and whose pension has been extended in view that he or she is still attending full time education may request that the pension be paid to him in lieu of the guardian.

Can the pension cease?

Yes, it can in the following circumstances (i) on the child attaining the age of 18 and if not receiving full time education. In any case the pension will cease at age 25 irrespective if the person is still receiving full time education. (ii) if the child on reaching the age 15 obtains full time employment and earn a salary of not less than R1,900 a month.