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When a claim for work related death is received, it is registered by Claims Administration and Support (CAIS) and determined by the Specialised Claims Team (SCT).

Where an employee dies from a condition arising out of, or in the course of, employment:

- lump sum compensation is payable to their dependants under section 17 of the SRC Act
- weekly compensation payments are payable to prescribed children under section 17 of the SRC Act and
- compensation is payable for the reimbursement of funeral expenses under section 18, to the payer of the funeral.

Additionally:

- medical expenses incurred by the deceased employee before the date of death may be payable to the deceased employees' estate
- other entitlements that may have been payable prior to the death may be payable to the estate, and
- provider invoices dated prior to the date of death can still be determined.

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## Assessing a work-related death claim

When we receive a claim for work related death, we must assess the claim in line with the SRC Act. This page includes information on:

- submitting a work-related death claim
- the initial assessment procedure

- requesting information to support assessment and decision making
- conducting file reviews with the Clinical Panel or medical specialist.

## Payments for dependants

A dependant of the deceased is entitled to claim compensation if liability for the death has been accepted under the SRC Act. This page includes information on:

- establishing dependency
- types of dependency (whole or partial)
- evidence required to establish dependency
- lump sum payments including assessing, apportioning and determining lump sum payments
- trust accounts
- weekly payments for prescribed children, and
- prescribed child reviews.

## Paying for funeral and memorial services

When liability is accepted for a work-related death, Comcare becomes liable for reasonable costs associated with the deceased employee's funeral. This page includes information on:

- reimbursing funeral costs
- what can and cannot be reimbursed
- prepaid funerals
- funerals paid by an insurer
- memorial services, and
- transporting a deceased employee's body home.