

Funeral Expense Assistance

Q: What are the plans for Funeral Expense Assistance?

Funeral Expense Assistance (FEA) will be delivered by summer 2019, and will replace the current DWP Funeral Payment in Scotland. Improvements mean that around 40% more people will be eligible to apply for the new assistance. FEA will provide financial support directly to those who need it most at the point of bereavement, helping towards burial or cremation costs, certain transport costs, plus £700 for other costs such as funeral directors fees or flowers.

We have committed to annually uprating the £700 to take account of the impact of inflation.

We are also addressing parts of the DWP application process that people currently find difficult or distressing, improving the process and removing barriers to applying.

For further information on Funeral Expense Assistance go to:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/social-security/funeral-expense-assistance/>