

Funeral Expenses

If your family member received a benefit for a dust disease, we can help cover the funeral costs when they pass away.

icare Dust Diseases Care is able to pay or reimburse up to \$15,000 for funeral costs when an injured worker who was receiving a dust diseases benefit passes away.

What funeral expenses will icare Dust Diseases Care pay for?

Reasonable funeral expenses can include (but are not limited to):

- Funeral director's professional fees
- Cost of the funeral service (including cremation or burial)
- The coffin
- Mourning car
- Cemetery site
- Flowers
- Newspaper notice
- Death certificate

Reasonable funeral expenses can include consideration of diverse religious and cultural beliefs and practices.

Who receives payment?

The estate of the deceased person receives the funeral expense payment. If there is no estate or executor, we can make the payment to the person who paid the funeral expenses if they are able to provide proof of payment. Payment may also be made directly to the funeral director for funerals not yet paid upon evidence of amounts owing if requested.

How are funeral expenses claimed?

You do not need to complete an application form.

The Estate or the person who paid the funeral, will be required to provide Dust Diseases Care with a copy of the medical death certificate or a copy of the death certificate issued by Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

How is payment made?

A one-off payment of \$10,000 is paid into the bank account of the deceased worker upon being notified of the worker's death. The Executor of the Estate can access these funds to go towards funeral expenses.

If the funeral costs more than \$10,000 Dust Diseases Care may be able to pay a further \$5,000 for reasonable funeral expenses. The Estate or the payer of funeral expenses will need to provide itemised invoices or receipts for all services provided as part of the funeral. Payment of further funeral expenses will be paid to the Estate or the payer of the funeral expenses. Payment may also be made directly to the funeral director for funerals not yet paid upon evidence of amounts owing if requested.