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Grants and payments to help when there's a death by injury

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For More Information

ACC Information Online

www.acc.co.nz

Claim information freephone

0800 101 996

We have interpreters who can help you talk to us.

Getting help after someone dies from an injury

If someone in your family dies from an injury, ACC may be able to help cover your financial needs. We understand this is a very difficult time so we'll do everything we can to make it easy for you to deal with us.

This brochure provides general information on the types of ACC grants and payments available for a death by injury. For advice on grants and payments that apply to your situation, please contact us on 0800 101 996.

Funeral grant

A funeral grant of up to \$5541.23 is available to help cover burial, cremation and related ceremonies.

We may be able to provide this grant even if the funeral is overseas.

We can either pay this grant direct to the estate, or to the funeral director once we've seen an invoice.

Survivor's grants

We can provide one-off non-taxable payments to the partner, children and other dependants as follows:

- Partner – \$5940.91.
- Each child under 18 – \$2970.47.
- Other dependants (ie anyone who is financially dependent on the person who died because of a mental or physical disability) – \$2970.47 each.

This grant is available regardless of the nationality of the person who died.

We may be able to provide this grant if a New Zealander dies from an injury while travelling overseas.

Childcare payments

Childcare payments, to help with caring for a child or children, are available until a child turns 14 or for up to five years, whichever comes first.

If a child has a disability, payments can continue after they've turned 14, but can only be paid for up to five years.

The amount of childcare payment depends on the number of children as follows:

- For one child - \$126.33 a week.
- For two children - \$151.58 a week (\$75.79 for each child).
- For three or more children - \$176.86 a week (divided evenly).

The child must be living in New Zealand and payments will be made to their caregiver.

Weekly compensation

We can provide income-related weekly compensation for wages that would have been brought into the family, if the person who died was in paid employment in New Zealand. Compensation is usually based on 80% of their average weekly income, although there is a maximum weekly amount the law allows us to pay. This is shared between the partner and the children or dependants.

If the person who died had purchased ACC CoverPlus Extra, available to self-employed people and shareholder employees, the compensation payments will be worked out from the agreed level of cover at the time of the injury. Payments can start from the date of death.

- A partner can receive up to 60% of their late partner's calculated weekly compensation for up to five years. This can continue longer if the partner is still caring for the children or dependants of the person who died, until they turn 18. Remarriage won't affect compensation, but qualifying for New Zealand Superannuation may.

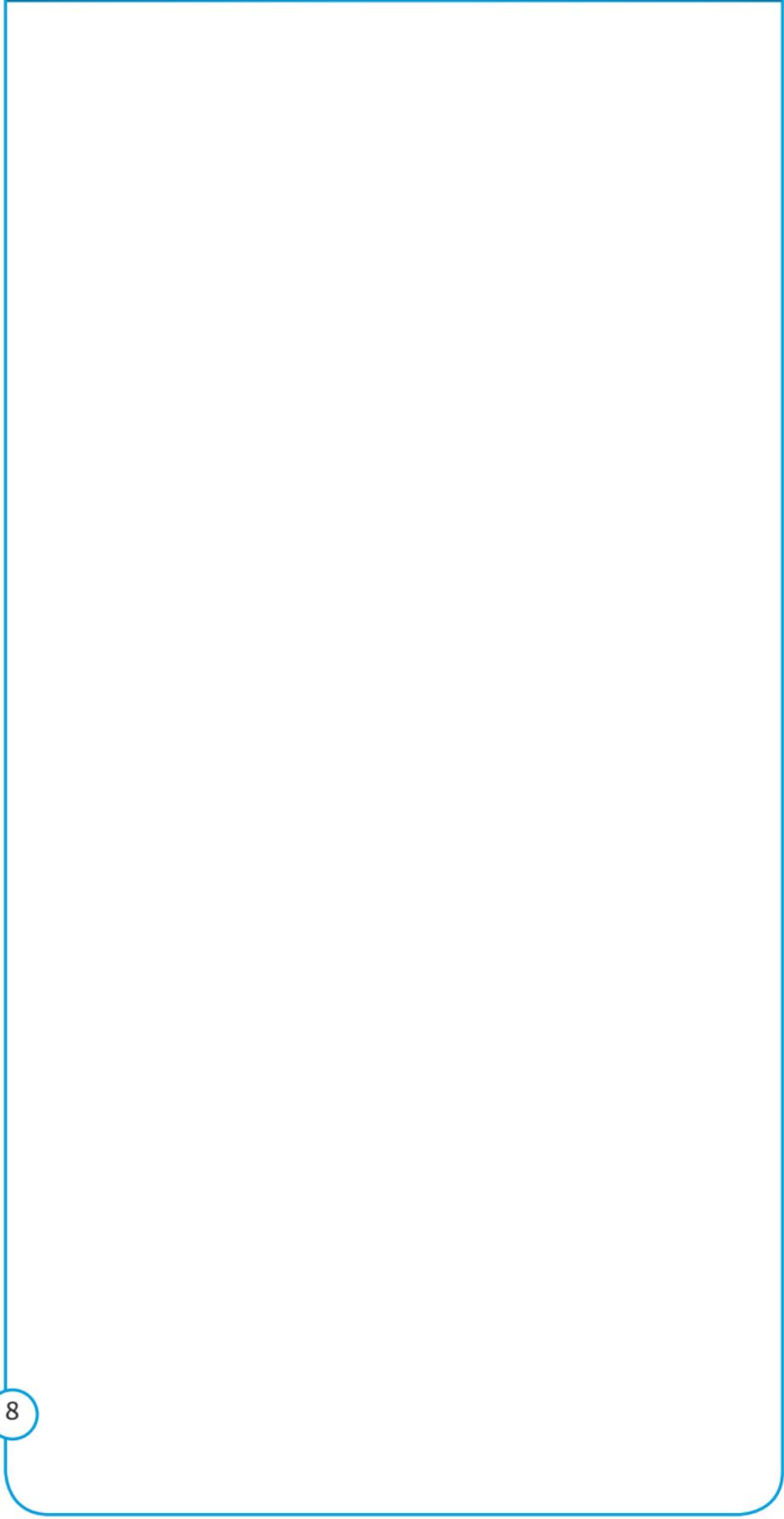
- Children can receive up to 20% of their late parent's calculated weekly compensation until they turn 18. If they're still full-time students they qualify until their study ends or they turn 21, whichever comes first.
- If a child is under 16 the compensation is paid to their caregiver. When the child turns 16 payments are made to the child.
- Other dependants can be paid until their income from other sources reaches \$510 a week.

Deductions for KiwiSaver can be made from weekly compensation. Please talk to us about how to do this.

New Zealand Superannuation

Qualifying for weekly compensation from ACC (which can be paid for up to five years) could affect your New Zealand Superannuation.

Please talk to us about your situation if you're currently receiving New Zealand Superannuation, or your weekly compensation is likely to overlap with your New Zealand Superannuation at some stage.







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