

[05-05-15] Widow's/Widower's Contributory Pension and other Taxable Death Benefits

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1. Widower's Contributory pension

Widowers who satisfy the necessary conditions, qualify for the Widower's (Contributory) Pension. From 1 January 2011, civil partners who satisfy the necessary conditions, qualify for the Surviving Civil Partner (Contributory) Pension. The rates of payment are the same as for the Widow's (Contributory) pension.

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2 Rates of Widow's/Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension

The rates of benefit are available from the [Department of Social Protection](#)

3 Death Benefits Payable under the Social Insurance Occupational Injuries Benefits Provisions

The Widow's/Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension is payable where a spouse's/civil partner's death occurs as a result of natural causes.

Under the Social Insurance Occupational Injuries Benefits provisions, there are various **taxable** benefits which may be payable where a person dies as a result of an accident at work or an occupational disease.

The benefits are as follows:

- Pension payable to a widow/widower/civil partner of the deceased person.
- Orphan's Pension.
- Dependent Parents Pension.