

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES



The Ministère may grant you a special benefit to reimburse funeral expenses that you paid or that you have undertaken to pay. The **maximum reimbursement** is **\$2,500**.

The special benefit is granted if the deceased person or the succession is deemed to have insufficient resources and if Retraite Québec cannot grant a death benefit under the Québec Pension Plan.

The application for a special benefit must be received by the Ministère within **90 days** following the date on which the services were provided or within 90 days following the date of receipt of a notice of refusal from Retraite Québec. In the latter case, the application must have been submitted to Retraite Québec within 60 days following the person's death.

You can file an application at the nearest Services Québec location or local employment centre (CLE).

The Ministère studies the application, taking into account, among other things:

- The deceased's total liquid assets at the time of death
- The value of the person's property (minus the person's debts) at the time of death
- Life insurance proceeds payable to the beneficiaries
- Prearranged funeral services contract amount/prepurchased sepulture (burial) contract amount. For the special benefit to be granted, the total of the original values of such contracts must not exceed \$12,000.

The special benefit may also be paid to a person who is the beneficiary of last-resort financial assistance in order to reimburse funeral expenses the person paid or will pay for his or her stillborn child or for the person's minor child who was not his or her dependant but was sheltered or taken in charge by an intermediate resource, a foster home or a tutor.

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