

While death benefits are normally paid to your estate, the MSBS Trustees will have a discretion to pay a benefit directly to a person who was dependent upon you, who had previously been nominated by you to the Trustees for this purpose and who was named as a beneficiary in your Will.

## Death while in receipt of an invalidity pension

If you die while you are in receipt of an invalidity pension and your pension payments were less than the amount of the lump sum on which they were originally calculated, your estate will receive a lump sum of any moneys left over.

## Transfer provisions

If you decide that you wish to transfer to the MSBS you should be aware that if you die during the transfer period, that is, between 1 October 1991 and 30 September 1992 and you have not made a formal election to join the MSBS, there is no provision to allow the executor of your estate to make an election for you to join the MSBS. In these circumstances, your estate would only receive the DFRDB benefit of one and one-half times your contributions plus your 3% benefit.

This leaflet has been prepared by the Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme (MSBS) Implementation Team to provide you with information of interest to single members. The leaflet is only intended to provide a simple explanation of the provisions applying to single members and is not a substitute for the legislation or matters requiring specific interpretation of the legislation.

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# SINGLE MEMBERS



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## Single Members

While the majority of benefits for single and married members are identical in the DFRDB Scheme and MSBS, death benefits do differ. This leaflet provides information on death benefits which may be of interest to you if you do not have a spouse or any children.

If you are a single parent and your children are under 16 years of age or are under 25 and are full time students, you are classified as a member with dependants under both the DFRDB Scheme and MSBS. In this case, your children will receive dependants' benefits in the event of your death.

## DFRDB benefits payable upon the death of single members

If you are a single member contributing to the DFRDB Scheme at the time of your death, your estate will receive a lump sum refund of one and one-half times your contributions plus the amount of your 3% productivity benefit.

### Example of benefit payable upon the death of a single DFRDB contributor

A single member enters the ADF at age 18 and dies in service at age 28 in December 1992. The member had not transferred to the MSBS.

#### Benefit payable:

Refund of one and one-half times contributions:	\$18 200
3% benefit	\$ 4 740
<b>Total benefit payable to estate:</b>	<b>\$22 940</b>

## MSBS benefits payable upon the death of single members

If you are a single member contributing to MSBS and you die in service, your estate will receive a

member benefit which is a lump sum of your contributions and interest. Your estate will also receive a lump sum employer benefit which includes the 3% benefit. This lump sum is the same as the amount of Class A invalidity benefit you would have received had you been retired on invalidity grounds at the date of death.

### Example of benefit payable upon the death of a single MSBS member

A single member enters the ADF at age 18 and dies in service at age 28 in December 1992. The member has transferred to MSBS. Salary at date of death is \$30 295 (including Service Allowance). Final average salary (FAS) is \$27 795.

#### Member benefit payable to estate:

Refund of contributions and interest = \$21 200

#### Employer benefit payable to estate

Actual service: 10 years

Prospective service from date of death to age 55: 27 years

Total service for calculation purposes: 37 years

0- 7 years @ 18% = 1.26 (126%) times FAS  
8-20 years @ 23% = 2.99 (299%) times FAS  
21-37 years @ 28% = 4.76 (476%) times FAS  
= 9.01 (901%) times FAS

Total employer benefit = \$250 432

Member's estate will be entitled to

- lump sum member benefit of \$21 200 plus
- lump sum employer benefit of \$250 432

**Total benefit payable to estate: \$271 632**