



Benefits Funded by BERT

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Funeral Benefit

What is the BERT Funeral benefit?

- Financial members of the building unions and their family are covered by a funeral benefit
- You will be reimbursed for the cost of the funeral service up to a maximum of \$10,000
- This benefit is intended to assist families and lessen the burden during this difficult time

Who is covered?

Only Financial members of the BLF, CFMEU and Plumbers Union, up to 70 years of age and his/her family. The family being:

- The members wife/husband;
- The members defacto partner (living with the member for more than 3 months);
- The members children who are financially dependant on the member (not necessarily living with the member) up to the age of 16 or full time students up to the age of 25
- The members wife/husband or defactos children from a previous marriage who are living with the member up to the age 16 or full time students up to the age of 25



How do I claim?

Forward the following documentation to your Union Office:-

1. A 'Certified' copy of the death certificate
2. A copy of the funeral parlour account (if already paid; details of who paid the account)
3. Proof of age of the deceased - via a 'Certified' copy of their drivers licence, birth certificate, passport or student ID
4. Where the funeral benefit is for anyone else other than the financial member, the following additional documentation will be required to assist in identifying the relationship to the Union member

Relationship to Member Documentation required

Members wife/husband

Documentation required:

Proof of marriage eg. Marriage Certificate; joint home accounts; or Medicare Card

Members defacto partner

Documentation required:

Proof you have been living together for more than 3 months Eg. joint home accounts; ie gas, home phone or electricity bills

Members dependent children

Documentation required:

Proof of dependency eg. Medicare Card; Student ID Card; or Child Support documentation (if not living with member)

Members wife/husband or children from previous marriage who are living with the member

Documentation required:

Proof child is living with member eg. Student ID card or any other documentation to assist in identifying the child lives under the same roof as the member

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