

Programs and Services for Seniors (2014-15 Edition)

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BENEFITS, PENSIONS AND OTHER SURVIVORS' COMPENSATION

TITLE	DESCRIPTION AND SOURCE WEB SITE
Surviving Spouse's Pension	<p>If you are the spouse of a deceased person who has contributed sufficiently to the Québec Pension Plan, you may be entitled to a surviving spouse's pension. However, the Régie des rentes du Québec must recognize you as the deceased's spouse. This pension ensures a basic income. It is taxable and payable as of the month following your spouse's death. There is no deadline for applying for the pension but, almost without exception, the pension is paid retroactively for up to 12 months.</p> <p><u>What To Do In The Event of Death (2014/2015 Edition)</u> http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/EN/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/deces/Documents/guide_deces_anglais_2014_2015_web.pdf</p>
Death Benefit	<p>The death benefit is a lump-sum payment of a maximum amount of \$2 500. If an application and a photocopy of proof of payment are submitted to the Régie des rentes du Québec within 60 days following the death, the benefit is paid on a priority basis to the person or charitable organization that paid the funeral expenses. If the funeral expenses are less than the amount of the death benefit payable, the difference may be paid to the deceased's heirs or other eligible persons, provided they file an application.</p> <p>After 60 days, the death benefit can be paid to the deceased's heirs. If there are no heirs or if they renounce the succession, the benefit can be paid to other eligible persons. The application must be submitted to the Régie no later than five years after the date of death. Note that the death benefit is taxable and an income tax slip will be issued in the succession's name.</p> <p>Where the deceased did not make sufficient contributions to the Québec Pension Plan, a special benefit for funeral expenses can be paid, subject to certain conditions, by the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale.</p> <p>http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/EN/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/deces/Pages/prestation-deces.aspx</p>
Special Benefit for Funeral	<p>If you paid the funeral expenses of a disadvantaged person, the ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale may reimburse such expenses, even if the deceased was not a recipient of last-resort assistance (social aid). However, the reimbursement will not exceed \$2500. You must verify the deadline for submitting</p>

Services	<p>your application.</p> <p>http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/EN/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/deces/Pages/prestation-speciale-frais-funeraires.aspx</p>
Compensation for Automobile Accidents	<p>You and the dependents of your spouse may be entitled to an indemnity if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your spouse dies as the result of an automobile accident; • if the deceased was under 18 years of age and did not have any dependents, the deceased's parents are entitled to the indemnity; • if the deceased was 18 or over and did not have any dependents, the indemnity is included in the succession. The first step is to call the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec to have a claim file opened. You can then mail in your claim for compensation, even if some of the required forms or documents are missing. You can submit them later. You have three years from the date of the victim's death to file your claim for compensation. Compensation for funeral expenses may also be paid. <p>http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/EN/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/deces/Pages/indemnite-deces-suite-accident.aspx</p> <p><u>Guide to the Claim for Death Benefits</u> http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/EN/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/deces/Pages/indemnite-deces-suite-accident.aspx</p>