

# Survivor's Missed Pension Lump Sum Grant – FAQs

## 1. Who is the survivor's missed pension lump sum grant applicable to?

### Rule 4(1) of Part 5

A survivor's missed pension lump sum grant is applicable where a person –

(a) is eligible to apply for a **missed pension lump sum grant** under rule 3 and has made an application for that grant (under [rule 3\(7\)](#)) and

(b) is **not** eligible to apply for an **additional death grant** under [rule 1C](#) - as amended by [SI 2026/281](#).

The survivor's missed pension lump sum grant is payable to the person identified in this paragraph. [Rule 4(2) of Part 5]

## 2. Who is able to apply for a survivor's missed pension lump sum grant?

### Rules 4(3) and 4(4) of Part 5

Any application for a grant under this rule must be made by:

- the spouse or civil partner of the deceased where the deceased was married or a member of a civil partnership at the time of their death, or
- where the deceased was not married or a member of a civil partnership at the time of their death, or where the spouse or civil partner has died since the deceased's death, by a child of the deceased.

A person is not eligible for a child's missed pension lump sum grant under this rule if the person would not have been eligible for a child's pension by virtue of anything in [rule 7 of Part 4](#) (child's pension: limitations and duration) at the time of the death of the deceased.

## 3. How long do FRAs have to notify eligible survivors of their entitlement to a survivor's missed pension lump sum grant?

### Rule 4(13) of Part 5

The FRA must use **reasonable endeavours** to notify all eligible persons that

they may be entitled to a survivor's missed pension lump sum grant by no later than **1 June 2026**.

A [template letter](#) has been provided for FRAs to use for this purpose.

Where it is not practicable to comply with this requirement, the FRA should comply as soon as reasonably practicable after the 1 June 2026 and no later than 1 April 2027.

#### **4. How long does the eligible survivor have to apply for a survivor's missed pension lump sum grant?**

##### **Rules 4(14) and 4(15) of Part 5**

An application must be made to the FRA as soon as reasonably practicable and no later than 1 April 2027.

Where a person did not receive a notification from the FRA by 1 April 2027, despite the FRA using reasonable endeavours to notify eligible persons, an application may be made after 1 April 2027.

#### **5. What should an application contain?**

##### **Rule 4(3) of Part 5**

An application for a grant under this rule must be made in writing to the FRA who most recently employed the deceased as a retained firefighters and confirm that the applicant is not eligible to apply for an additional death grant under [rule 1C](#) - as amended by [SI 2026/281](#).

A [template application form](#) has been provided for FRAs to use.

#### **6. How is the survivor's missed pension lump sum grant calculated?**

##### **Para 4(5) of Part 5**

The amount of the payment under this rule must be calculated in accordance with the formula—

$$0.1 \times A \times B$$

Where: **A** is the amount of pensionable pay the FRA determine that the deceased received in their last year of service, and  
**B** is the number of completed years (which has the meaning in [rule 6\(2\) of Part 10](#)) during which the deceased was employed as a retained

firefighter in the period before the end date of the deceased's extended limited period (referred to as the “relevant period” for the purposes of this rule) as determined by the FRA<sup>1</sup>.

## 7. What if we do not hold any pay or service information for the member?

### Rules 4(6) to 4(11) of Part 5

In the first instance, an FRA must try to determine the period of the deceased's service during the “relevant period” from their records.

Where an FRA are unable to determine the period of the deceased's service from their records, the applicant may provide the FRA with documents to assist them, and the FRA must determine the period of the deceased's service from those documents.

Where neither the FRA nor the applicant hold records of the deceased's service or pay for the “relevant period”, the FRA may **estimate** the deceased's pensionable pay from the records which they hold and may, in particular, estimate this on the basis of the average of recent pay data for retained firefighters at the same station or stations as those at which the deceased was based for the “relevant period”.

Where the FRA has estimated the pay of the deceased, the FRA must determine their period of pensionable service during the “relevant period”.

Where the deceased's service was as a retained firefighter, the FRA must determine the deceased's retained pensionable service during the “relevant period” by calculating the same proportion of whole-time service as that which their actual pensionable pay or, as the case may be, their estimated pensionable pay, bears to their reference pay for each year of service during that period.<sup>2</sup>

Where no records are available, the FRA must determine the amount of the deceased's pensionable pay based on the assumption that the person's retained pensionable pay for the period was equal to 25% of the pensionable pay of a

---

<sup>1</sup> This is as per The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) (Amendment) Order 2026. The [consultation response](#) indicated that the Survivor's Missed Pension Lump Sum Grant would only apply to service from 1 July 2000 onwards. This is currently being queried with MHCLG.

<sup>2</sup> This is as per Part 5 Rules 4(9) and 4(10) of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) (Amendment) Order 2026. As the formula in B requires complete years employed as a retained firefighter to be used, clarification is being sought from MHCLG why pensionable service would need to be calculated in this circumstance.

whole-time regular firefighter employed in a similar role with equivalent qualifying service.

## 8. How long does the FRA have to pay the survivor's missed pension lump sum grant once an eligible survivor has applied?

### Para 4(16) of Part 5

Where the FRA determine that a missed pension lump sum grant is payable, they must pay the missed pension lump sum grant during the period of three months beginning with the date on which the application for the payment was received.

## 9. Are there any restrictions?

### Para 5 of Part 5

A missed pension lump sum grant is not payable to a person who is convicted of the murder of the deceased. Where a conviction is quashed on appeal, the missed pension lump sum grant is payable.

Where a person is convicted of the manslaughter of the deceased, the FRA may, as they think fit, withhold the missed pension lump sum grant

- a) in whole or in part and
- b) permanently or temporarily.

Where a conviction for manslaughter is quashed on appeal the missed pension lump sum grant is payable.

## Glossary

<b>Extended limited period</b>	means the period beginning on the date on which the person was first employed as a retained firefighter and ending on the earliest of— <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the date, if applicable, on which that person joined this Scheme as a special member or as a standard member in respect of service which that person could otherwise reckon as special pensionable service;</li><li>(b) the date, if applicable, on which that person ceased to be employed as a retained or a regular firefighter, and</li></ul>
--------------------------------	--

	(c) 31 March 2015
--	-------------------