

# Mortality Benefit Policy



New South Wales Local Government,  
Clerical, Administrative, Energy,  
Airlines & Utilities Union

Amended: September 2006

**Notes:**

The Mortality Benefit Policy has now been in operation since 1996 and numerous applications for payment have been received and processed.

At the Union's 1998 Annual Conference and at the 2001 Annual Conference delegates resolved to adopt an amended policy incorporating various alterations made to the Union's procedures since the introduction of the benefit in 1996.

Benefits paid under the present policy are in the sum of \$2000.00. The Mortality Benefit payable is proportionate to the level of subscriptions paid by a member over their last two years of membership (amended 15 December 2003). Benefits are payable upon presentation of proof, that the applicant has made arrangements for the deceased members funeral accompanied by a receipt or account from the Funeral Director. When provided by way of an account the cheque shall be made out to and paid directly to the Funeral Director.

The intention of the policy is to provide a means of relieving-financial distress at a time of need. We have continued to minimise the administration processes associated with the policy to enable benefits to be made available when they are most needed to assist with funeral expenses.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the policy. Application forms can be obtained from the Union's head office. Please direct all enquiries to the Membership Supervisor.

The USU Mortality Policy is a service that enables Union members to support each other through the combined strength of their Union membership.

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**Please post application to:**

**United Services Union  
Level 7 321 Pitt Street Sydney 2000**

**or fax to:                   9261 3378**

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## **Mortality Benefit Policy**

1. Should a member die who is a financial member as at the date of death and has been a financial member in accordance with the provisions of Rule 18, for a period of at least two years prior to the death, then an application may be made to the Union for a Mortality Benefit.
2. A claim for a Mortality Benefit must be made within six months of the date of the members death.
3. The benefit shall be paid to an applicant upon the presentation of proof that such applicant has made arrangements for the deceased members funeral\_accompanied by a receipt or account from the Funeral Director. When provided by way of an account the cheque shall be made out to and paid directly to the Funeral Director.
4. The Executive of the Union shall have the discretion to determine if any Mortality Benefit shall be paid and to whom it shall be paid and any claimant shall provide such documentary material as may be requested by the Union to support a claim for a Mortality Benefit. Nothing in this policy prohibits the Executive of the Union granting a special application for payment of the benefit.
5. The policy does not extend to life members of the Union as per Executive direction December 2000.
6. The Executive of the Union reserves the right to vary, amend or rescind this policy at its discretion.

I..... (Applicants Full Name)  
 make application for the payment of a Union Mortality Benefit. I submit the  
 following information in support of the application:

<b>Applicant</b>			
Address			
		Post Code	
Phone			
<b><u>Relationship to Deceased</u></b>			

<b>Deceased</b>	
Full Name	
Union Membership Number	
Employer	
Date of Death	

I attach herewith a copy of a

<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/> Receipt for Funeral Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Death Certificate	

Signed: ..... Applicants Signature

Date: .....

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	Date Joined: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate	Date: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/> Receipt for Funeral Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Death Certificate	
Payment Authorised: .....	Date: .....
Deleted from Membership System: Officer: .....	Date: .....

**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

**USU Mortality Benefit**

I, ..... (applicants name)

of ..... (applicants address)

In the State of New South Wales do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

- 1. I refer to my application to the United Services Union for payment of a Mortality Benefit arising out of the death of ..... (deceased's name) on ..... (date of death).
- 2. a. I make application for the payment of the benefit on the basis that I paid for the deceased's funeral as per the attached receipt or account from the Funeral Director.  
b. When provided by way of an account the cheque shall be made out to and paid directly to the Funeral Director.
- 3. I acknowledge that payment of the mortality benefit is made at the discretion of the Union in accordance with the criteria identified in the Union's Mortality Benefit Policy.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the "Oaths Act of 1900-1953".

Subscribed and declared at )  
 This                    day of                    )  
 On Two Thousand and                    )                    Applicant  
 before me                    )

.....  
 Justice of the Peace / Solicitor                    )                    JP Number