

Leaflet for Cases of Death

1. Pensions

In case of death all indemnification pensions are terminated by the end of the month in which the persecuted dies. Pensions paid after that period must be returned to the Landesamt -Wiedergutmachungsstelle- (Indemnification Office).

Payment of arrears of pension (i.e. increase of pensions) may be paid only to the heirs of the deceased. Proof of succession by inheritance must be provided, - as a rule by certificate of inheritance or in case you have no such certificate in your possession, - by a sworn statement from which can be learned, what persons are entitled to inherit.

2. Funeral Costs

Funeral costs are reimbursed by the Landesamt -Wiedergutmachungsstelle- in a reasonable amount only in those cases, where it is established that the persecuted has died, because of the acknowledged consequences of the disease suffered in connection with the persecution. A suitable request including evidence has to be filed with the Landesamt -Wiedergutmachungsstelle-.

3. Widow's and surviving dependent's Pension

The survivors of a persecuted (widow, widower, orphan) who has received pension because of damage to body are entitled to provision for surviving dependents only in those cases where a causal connection between the personal injury depending on the persecution and the death is at least likely.

In accordance with the above indicated provisions the orphans are entitled to orphan's benefit up to the completion of the 18th year of life; however, up to the 27th year of life only as long as they participate in a school or vocational education.

In cases where the deceased has received a pension because of reduction in earning capacity resulting from persecution of at least 70 per cent the survivors in case of neediness may receive a continuous subsidy.

If it is your opinion that in your case the conditions for the survivor's benefit exists you would have to file a informal request with the Landesamt -Wiedergutmachungsstelle- immediately. Request which are submitted of the Landesamt -Wiedergutmachungsstelle- after 3 month after the death of a persecuted (non-European foreign countries 6 months) must be declined because of delay.

The survivors of a persecuted who has received a pension because of damage in advancement in his profession are entitled to pension until their remarriage. However, this entitlement does not exist, if the marriage has been entered into after the 29th of Juni 1956.

A separate request is not required.

In case of doubts we are prepared to give you further information.

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