# Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime

## What these benefits offer

The death or disappearance of a child is devastating and can leave parents unable to work. If you are a parent or legal guardian who consider to/or have taken time away from work and suffered a loss of income to cope with the death or disappearance of your child or children, you may be eligible for federal income support.

The benefit provides eligible parents with payments of \$500 per week, paid every 2 weeks, for a maximum of 35 weeks over a period of 3 years.

You can decide to stop receiving the benefit at any time and restart receipt of the benefit at a later date within the 3 years following the incident.

You can share the weeks with other eligible recipients.

## Do you qualify

## **Applicant eligibility**

To be eligible, you must:

- be legally responsible for the child or children involved in the incident
- have earned at least \$5,000 in the previous calendar year, or in the 52 weeks prior to the incident
- be on leave from employment or only working up to 50 % of your regular work week, up to a maximum of 20 hours per week
- have a valid <u>social insurance number (SIN)</u>
- not be receiving any type of <u>Employment Insurance benefits</u> or <u>Quebec Parental Insurance Plan</u>
  <u>benefits</u>, and
- not have been charged with committing a probable Criminal Code offence that led to the death or disappearance of the child

### **Incident eligibility**

The incident must meet the following criteria:

- the child is deceased or missing as a result of a probable Criminal Code offence that occurred in Canada on or after September 30, 2018
- the child was under 25 years of age at the time of the incident

in the case of a missing child, the child has been missing for over a week

## **Apply**

#### **Step 1: Gather required information**

Make sure you have the following information to complete your application:

- your social insurance number (SIN)
- your full home address and your mailing address, if they are different
- the number of weeks you're applying for
- your banking information to sign up for direct deposit, including:
  - o your financial institution
  - o your branch (transit) number
  - your account number
- the name and phone number of recent employer(s)
- the police incident report number

## Step 2: Complete the online application

Once you gathered the required information, you can apply online.

#### OR

#### Apply by mail or in person

If you cannot apply for this benefit online, you may print and complete the <u>application form</u>, mail it to us or drop it off at a Service Canada Centre. Contact us to have a paper application form mailed to you, or to request the form in other formats.

## **Step 3: Provide required documents**

To complete your application, you must submit the following original completed and signed forms:

- <u>employment form</u> signed by the employer you're currently working for, or you worked for in the 52 weeks before the incident occurred
- <u>incident report form</u> completed and stamped by the law enforcement agency where the incident was reported
- application form (if you cannot apply online)

# **Start of payments**

If you've submitted all required documents and your application is approved, payments will begin immediately.

#### **Contact us**

#### Call us

When you call, you can:

- request information about the benefit
- have the paper forms mailed to you, or request the forms in other formats
- get help completing the forms
- check the status of your application
- report changes to your information

**Hours:** 8 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, your local time. **Toll Free:** 1-800-622-6232 **TTY:** 1-800-926-9105

#### Write to us

Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime Processing Centre PO Box 8232 STN T Ottawa ON K1G 3H7

#### Visit us

At a Service Canada Centre, you can:

- use a computer to apply online for the grant
- submit your supporting documents
- get information about the grant

Find a service Canada office near you