

SURVIVING DEPENDANTS' PENSION

? Who is entitled to receive a Surviving Dependants' Pension?

- Widows/widowers of recipients of Austrian Retirement Benefits or of deceased insured persons who have not yet received pension benefits (but would have been entitled to Austrian Retirement Benefits during their lifetime)
- Orphans of recipients of Austrian Retirement Benefits and/ or of deceased insured persons who have not yet received pension benefits: Up to the 18th birthday respectively the completion of the 27th year if and for as long as schooling or vocational training takes up most of the beneficiary's time and capacity to work; after completion of their 18th year respectively after completion of the above-mentioned schooling or vocational training, only if they are unable to earn their living because of a disease or handicap.

? When should you make an application for a Surviving Dependants' Pension?

- Within 6 months after the date of death. If the application is filed later, the pension entitlement will only accrue on the day the application is made.
- Not later than six months after reaching majority. If the application is filed at a later date, the pension will be paid not before the date of application.

Please note: The date of receipt of the application by the pension insurance institution is decisive!

? How can you make an application for Surviving Dependants' Pension?

- Informal letter to the pension insurance institution (PVA)
- The application form is available at the pension insurance institution (PVA).
Or for download on the Internet at: www.pensionsversicherung.at (click: „ANTRÄGE UND FORMULARE“ (applications and forms); click: „Formularübersicht“ (overview of forms); click: „Witwen/Witwerpension“ (Widows'/Widowers' Pension) or „Waisenpension“ (Orphans' Pension))

? What does the pension insurance institution (PVA) need?

- Personal data of the deceased insured person: death certificate or confirmation of death; in addition, if the deceased has not yet received a pension, certificate of birth and confirmations evidencing that the deceased had his/her domicile in Austria on March 12, 1938 and fled from Austria (e.g. confirmation of residential registration and/or old passport).
- Personal data of the widow / the widower: Certificate of birth, certificate(s) of marriage, in the case of divorce, divorce decree and evidence of support entitlement (divorce decree, copy of settlement) and/or subsistence payments at the date of death.
- Personal data of the orphan(s): Certificate(s) of birth; in the case of illegitimate children in addition confirmation of paternity or adoption; in the case of stepchildren certificate of marriage of the deceased and the biological parent and confirmation of common household.

- Confirmations: Evidence of the complete income of the widow / the widower, confirmation of income situation during the last two calendar years prior to the date of death; in case the deceased insured person has not yet received Retirement Benefits, information about the insurance development of the deceased (e.g. confirmation of schooling or study, apprenticeship contract, child raising times, etc.).
- Information: Please indicate the insurance number of the deceased.
If the deceased has not yet received any pension, evidence of the disadvantage under social security law. This evidence can be furnished by submitting an official certificate issued by the Victim's Welfare Department ("Amtsbescheinigung") or a victim's identity card ("Opferausweis").

? When will payment of the widows'/widowers' pension end?

The pension entitlement expires upon remarriage. In case of unlimited claim indemnity is due.

Please file applications for Surviving Dependents' Pension at:

Pensionsversicherungsanstalt (PVA)
Friedrich Hillegeist-Straße 1
A-1021 Wien, Austria

Phone: +43-(0)-503 03
Fax: +43-(0)-503 03-28850
E-mail: pva@pensionsversicherung.at
www.pensionsversicherung.at

You also may file your application at the relevant Austrian representation (embassy, consulate) in your country!

Only in case that you or the deceased person receive/received pension payments of another Austrian pension insurance institution, please file your applications for Surviving Dependents' Pension directly at the relevant pension insurance institution.

For information in English for Surviving Dependents' Pension

Phone: +43-(0)-503 03-81144 (Mr. Jörg Gollenbeck)

Furthermore do not hesitate to contact in case of questions the relevant case specialist of the pension insurance institution (PVA) mentioned in each letter with phone number, fax number and e-mail address.



If you are not sure whether you are eligible to file an application, please contact the pension insurance institution (PVA)!

Please note that the surviving dependants of deceased claimants have to file an application for continuation of the proceedings with the pension insurance institution in order to be able to receive the outstanding pension payments or Attendance Allowance accrued between the date of application and the date of death of the insured.