



As a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), your loved ones or beneficiaries may be entitled to receive a lump sum death grant if you were to pass away. You can use this form to nominate or change who you want to receive this sum. You do not need to complete this form if you have a 'my pension online' account. You can make or change a nomination by logging in or registering now at: <https://ms.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

**You should make a nomination because:**

- It means your wishes will be considered if you were to pass away
- We will usually be able to pay the amount without waiting for probate, which means your loved ones will be able to access their payment quickly.
- If there is a nomination for a death grant, the tax office, HMRC, may consider the sum excluded from your estate, which means it may not be liable for inheritance tax.

**How much will be payable?**

If you are an active member, currently contributing to the scheme, the death grant will be 3 x your pensionable pay. If you also hold a deferred benefit in the LGPS fund in England and Wales, the highest of the two death grants are payable, not both.

If you are a deferred or pensioner member, how much your loved ones may be entitled to receive will vary depending on the date you left service. If you are a councillor member the amount will be different depending on whether you are deferred or receiving a pension. More information of death benefit entitlements can be found on our website. You can also obtain an estimate of death benefits using 'my pension online'.

**The death grant is paid in addition to any dependents pensions that may be payable. More information about survivor benefits is available on our website: [lgps.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://lgps.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)**

**Who can I nominate?**

You can nominate a person, multiple persons or a charitable trust. Please show the percentages up to the value of 100%. For example, person A 25%, person B 25%, person C 50%.

**Are there any circumstances when my wishes would not be followed?**

Yes. Although, we will always do our best to fulfill your wishes, it is important you understand that the LGPS holds absolute discretion over the payment of death grants. There are some circumstances where we may decide not to pay your nominee. These are as follows:

- The nominated beneficiary has died.
- The nominated beneficiary was, but is no longer, the member's spouse/partner/civil partner/cohabiting partner.
- The Pensions Administration Manager considers that the circumstances are such that it would not be reasonably practical to make payment to the nominated beneficiary.

If you do not make a nomination, any death grant payment will be paid to your estate and dealt with according to the terms of the law. If in any doubt, you should consult a solicitor.

If you have any questions, contact us at [pensions@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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You can use this form to

- Make a new death grant nomination
- Change any existing death grant nominations you have previously made

If you are not completing this form electronically, please ensure you write clearly. If this form is illegible or completed incorrectly, it will be considered invalid and we will ask you to complete a new one. If you provide an email address, we recommend that you provide a personal one.

Your Full Name	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)	
National Insurance Number:	
Full Address:	
(Personal) Email address:	

Please provide your nomination(s) in the box below, ensuring that the total percentage of all nominees add up to 100%. You may provide the relationship to the nominee if you wish, but you do not have to.

Name of Beneficiary	Address and other contact details (email/telephone number)	Relationship (optional)	Percentage of death grant award

**DECLARATION**

I hereby nominate the above person/people/charitable entity to receive my Death Grant in the proportions shown. I have read the accompanying notes and understand that this nomination replaces any previous nominations.

Signed:		Date:	
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