



16. Criteria to qualify for burial support

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(1) A military veteran qualifies for burial support at the expense of the State if he or she, at the time of his or her death:

- (a) was not employed and received a pension from the State; or
- (b) was employed and had an annual income of less than R125 000, and was listed as a military veteran in the national military veterans database.

(2) Despite subregulation (1), the Department may, after considering evidence from either the demobilisation records, the certified personnel register or service certificates provided by a military veteran's relevant recognised association, provide burial support for the military veteran who was not listed in the national military veterans data base at the time of his or her death provided it is proven by documentary evidence that he or she would have qualified to be listed in that data base had he or she registered before his or her death.

17. Amount of burial support benefit

(1) The amount for burial support payable to a military veteran is R25 000, subject to subregulation (2).

(2) If any one or more amounts are payable for burial support to a military veteran in terms of any other legislation, the amount payable to that military veteran in terms of subregulation (1) may together with amount or amounts so payable under other legislation not exceed R25 000.

(3) The Minister may in consultation with the Minister of Finance, by notice in the Gazette annually increase the amount of the burial support benefit in subregulation (1) and (2).

18. Reimbursement of burial costs

(1) The Department may, on application in accordance with regulation 19 but subject to subregulation (2) and regulation 17, reimburse any person who incurred costs in respect of the burial of a military veteran who meets the criteria in regulation 16.

(2) A person who applies to the Department for the reimbursement of burial costs must submit written proof to the Department of the actual burial costs incurred by him or her.

Who qualifies for Burial Support?

1. Members who passed away while not serving in the SANDF.
2. Members who registered on the National DMV Database.

Steps to be followed by next of kin/relatives on passing away of a Military Veteran

1. Notify the Department of Military Veterans burial support office immediately.
2. Gather all necessary documentation that proves that deceased is a bona-a-fide military veteran.
3. Notify the Department of Military Veterans if there are offspring.
4. You are requested to forward the following documentation to the Department of Military Veterans as soon as possible by either fax, email or personally to the above listed, see address block :
 - o Clear certified copy of the deceased's
 - o ID.
 - o Force number.
 - o Death certificate.
 - o Marriage certificate or proof of customary marriage.
 - o Burial order, doctor's report and notice of death (BI1663).
 - o Written proof that the Military Veteran was unemployed or employed and getting paid less than R125 000.00 per annum.
 - o Clear certified ID copy of claiming beneficiary.
 - o Three affidavits and certified ID copies of three family members giving beneficiary permission to claim for funeral benefits if veteran is not married.
 - o Beneficiary to write an affidavit taking full responsibility for burial support claim
 - o Bank statement of beneficiary.
 - o Proof of residence.
 - o Contact number of beneficiary.
 - o Families to apply for the registration of deceased military veterans who are not registered on the DMV National Data Base.
 - o Completed documents provided by DMV burial support office:
 - application to access benefits form
 - bank entity form and
 - **database notification of death form**

Members Who Qualify For Burial Support:

- Members who passed away after the signed **Act of 2011** was approved (05 December 2011).
- Members who passed away while not serving in the SANDF.
- Members who registered on the National DMV Date Base.

Steps to be Followed by the Next of Kin/Relatives of a Military Veteran Upon the Military Veteran's Passing

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4. You are requested to forward the following documentation to the Department of Military Veterans as soon as possible by either fax, email or personally to the above listed, see address block:
 - Clear certified copy of the deceased's ID.
 - Force number.
 - Death certificate.
 - Burial order (1663).
 - Letter of authority from magistrate court if member is not married.
 - Written proof that military veterans was unemployed or employed and getting paid less than R125 000.00 per annum.
 - Clear certified ID copy of claiming beneficiary.
 - Marriage certificate or proof of customary marriage.
 - Three affidavits and certified ID copies of three family members giving beneficiary permission to claim for funeral benefits.
 - Bank statement of beneficiary.
 - Contact number of beneficiary.
 - Families to apply for the registration of deceased military veterans who are not registered on the DMV National Data Base.
 - Completed documents provided by DMV burial support office (application to access benefits form, bank entity form and data base notification of death form).
5. This instruction page must accompany this request document.