

# Funeral allowance for war victims or persons entitled under the Federal Pensions Act (BVG)

Funeral allowance is granted in the event of the death of a war victim (and beneficiaries under other laws that declare the BVG applicable).

## Competent Department

- [Amt für Versorgung und Integration Bremen](#)

## Basic information

Funeral allowance is an allowance for the costs of the funeral. Usually, the money is paid to the person who paid for the funeral or to a roommate of the deceased (for example, the spouse or children).

## Requirements

A claim under the BVG (Federal Pension Act) is only based on persons from the 1st and 2nd World War:

- injured soldiers
- Widows and orphans of the fallen
- Victims of war among the civilian population

Exclusion: Soldiers' Pensions Act: Soldiers' Pensions - Responsibility in Düsseldorf, at the Federal Office for Personnel Management of the Bundeswehr - Care for the Damaged - Wilhelm-Raabe-Straße 46, 40470 Düsseldorf

Exclusion: NVA (National People's Army)': Responsibility in Wilhelmshaven, at the Unfallkasse Bund und Bahn, Weserstraße 47, 26382 Wilhelmshaven

## Procedure

An application must be made. Once the application has been examined, the competent body shall issue a decision indicating the amount and the beneficiary.

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The application must be filed within 4 years after the death.

## **How long does it take to process**

Approx. 1 to 2 months.

This largely depends on how quickly the required documents are received in full.

## **What are the costs?**

There are no costs.