



Cabinet Office

Infected Blood Support Scheme - Bereaved Partner Payments - FAQs

What has the Inquiry recommended?

The Infected Blood Inquiry, in its additional report, recommended that the IBSS re-open applications for bereaved partners, who become bereaved after 31 March 2025. The UK Government has accepted that recommendation.

If my application is successful, will my payments be backdated?

Yes, your payments will be backdated in line with the IBSS usual policy.

What payments will I get?

Bereaved partners will receive 100% of the payment amount that their infected partner was receiving prior to their death for one year. After that year concludes, the bereaved partner will receive 75% of that amount going forward. As set out in the regulations, they can choose to continue to receive support scheme payments for life, as part of the compensation package.

Will I be able to continue to receive support scheme payments as part of my compensation package?

Yes, during your compensation assessment by IBCA you will be able to continue to receive support scheme payments, if you choose to do so.

Who is eligible to register as a bereaved partner?

Newly bereaved partners will be able to make an application to an IBSS, if their partner died after 31 March 2025 and had not received their compensation award from the IBCA. This is set out in the UK Government's response to the IBI's additional report: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infected-blood-inquiry-additional-report-government-response/infected-blood-inquiry-additional-report-government-response>.

What if I transfer to IBCA during my first year of receiving support scheme payments?

If you transfer to IBCA during your first year of bereavement and are therefore still receiving payments at the 100% rate, you will still do so for the remainder of that year. After this, you will continue to receive payments at the 75% rate for life (if you choose to do so as part of your compensation assessment).