Funeral Assistance Scheme

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The Funeral Assistance Scheme pays for a simple burial or cremation if eligibility requirements are met.

Service provided:

If an application is approved, the Coroners Court Registry can arrange a funeral director to:

- provide a basic lined coffin
- arrange a burial or cremation.

Eligibility:

You **can** apply if the person:

- passed away in Queensland
- has no family, or no one able to pay for a funeral.

You **cannot** apply if:

- the person who passed away has:
  - enough money to cover funeral costs
  - significant assets like a car or a house
  - superannuation funds, life insurance, or funeral insurance
- a funeral contract has been signed
- you've already paid for a funeral and want reimbursement.

Important information:

- you cannot choose the funeral director.
- if you choose a burial, this is in an unmarked government-owned grave, and up to four people may share one burial plot.

Returning to traditional homelands or alternative location

- the person who has passed can be returned to their traditional homeland or another location for burial. However, you may be responsible for covering these costs.

Costs

- you don't need to pay for the funeral. The Coroners Court Registry will pay the funeral director.
- funeral costs may be recovered by the Coroners Court Registry from the bank accounts of the person who has passed.

For more information

www.qld.gov.au/funeralassist
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visit your nearest Magistrates Court

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