

DEATH/ SURVIVOR: STAY INFORMED



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In the event of death, what are beneficiaries entitled to?
What steps must be taken?

This guide is designed to provide you with clear information on benefits in the event of the death of a current or former flight crew member, whether working or retired.

**Keep it. You will have all the answers
you need to understand your rights
close by.**

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THE FRAME WORK

INFORMING THE CRPN OF A DEATH

Upon the death of a flight crew member or CRPN pension receiver, **it is important that CRPN be informed as soon as possible, by sending a death certificate.**

Depending on the situation, this will ensure that entitlements to a survivor's pension are triggered as quickly as possible and/or that an undue pension is stopped, thereby preventing the need to reclaim any amounts paid after the death.

ENTITLEMENTS

The main texts governing survivor's and orphan's pensions are set out in the French Transport Code.

If the deceased member was working or received a CRPN pension, the right to a survivor's pension is immediate.

In the other cases, the right to a survivor's pension is postponed until the date on which the member would have reached the age of 60. This entitlement is immediate if the deceased member had at least one dependent child at the time of his/her death.

In the case of an aviation accident: [see page 12](#).

WHO ARE THE BENEFICIARIES?

Important:

The conditions for the settlement of survivor's pension or child's pension are assessed according to the laws and regulations in force at the time of the member's death. The information below is drawn from the laws and regulations applicable to deaths occurring after 1st January 2012.

The beneficiaries of a working member or a deceased retiree are:

- **The widowed living spouse**
- **Divorced living spouses having not married again**
Common law spouses and civil union partners are not eligible for survivor's pension.
- **Dependent children**
Within the meaning of the French Transport Code, a dependent child:
 - **is a child born to the flight crew member or adopted through full adoption**
 - **is under the age of 21**
 - **does not have a paid professional activity** (or receives at most a wage lower than the wage used to calculate family benefits)

After their twenty-first birthday, children with a permanent disability rendering them unable to earn a living are considered dependent children provided that they suffered from said disability prior to their twenty-first birthday, or before their twenty-fifth birthday if they were pursuing secondary or higher education.

PENSION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY

For a disabled child pension, the child or their guardian must produce the following for their entitlement to be assessed:

A medical certificate¹ stating that the child suffers from a permanent disability rendering him/her unable to earn a living

AND

EITHER a disability card or an Inclusion Mobility Card (CMI) or a notification of the CDAPH (Commission for Rights and Independence of Disabled People, formerly COTOREP),

OR a certificate or statement, relating to the allocation of a disability pension or workplace accident or occupational disease allowances issued by the French Social Security system, with said document indicating the date on which the disability started.

Failing such, an additional document indicating said date must be sent to the CRPN.

DISTRIBUTION

The survivor's pension is divided between the various spouses entitled to receive said pension within the meaning of the French Transport Code, in strict proportion to the number of years of marriage.

1. The medical certificate indicated in the above cases is not required for children who demonstrate that they benefit from entitlements without time limit and who have a disability rate of at least 80% (AAH (Disabled Adult Allowances), ACTP (Third Party Compensation Allowance), CMI (with the mention "disability")).

APPLYING FOR A SURVIVOR'S OR ORPHAN'S PENSION

To receive a pension, the beneficiary or their guardian must provide the CRPN with an **application for the settlement of entitlements**:

VIA

The dedicated form available at www.crpn.fr on the “I am a pensioner / Informational Guides and Forms” page.

For more information,
[download the form](#)



OR

Failing such, **on a blank piece of paper.**

If the death certificate has not been sent to the CRPN prior to this, it must be appended to the application.

DEADLINES

The application must be received by CRPN within 6 months of the death. Failing such, the survivor's or orphan's pension will enter into force on the first day of the month following receipt of the application by the CRPN.

The application must then be submitted in full to the CRPN within a maximum of 2 years as from the date on which the pension could be received.

To avoid delaying the beneficiary pension entitlement settlement process:

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The deceased member's birth certificate, including marginal indications

AND

Each beneficiary's birth certificate, including marginal indications

You may do this at the same time you apply to CRPN for a pension.

For more information,
read the following notice



IN OTHER SCHEMES

You may also submit **your application to your other schemes via the Info Retraite website.**

BENEFITS

THE SURVIVOR'S PENSION RATE

$$\text{SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION} = 60 \% \text{ OF DIRECT ENTITLEMENTS}$$

The survivor's pension rate is 60% of the member's pension (prior to any distribution), increased by a temporary top-up and child related supplement where applicable.

THE PENSION MAY BE:

IMMEDIATE

- Death of a working individual
- Death of a retiree
- Death of a non-working individual (with a dependent child)

DEFERRED

To the date on which the member would have reached 60 years of age if he/she was not working at the time of his/her death.

If there are multiple beneficiaries eligible for a survivor's pension at the time of his/her death, said pension is allocated on a pro rata basis, according to the length of each marriage.

USEFUL INFORMATION

There is no minimum length of marriage.

The beneficiary's means are not considered when assessing their entitlement to a CRPN survivor's pension.

THE ORPHAN'S PENSION RATE

ONE-PARENT ORPHAN RATE	=	12% OF DIRECT ENTITLEMENTS
TWO-PARENT ORPHAN RATE	=	50% OF DIRECT ENTITLEMENTS 72% FOR A DISABLED CHILD

The child's pension rate is:

- **12%** of the member's pension when the child is orphaned by one parent
- **50%** when the child is orphaned by two parents
- **72%** when the child is orphaned by two parents and suffers a permanent disability within the meaning of Article R6527-64 of the French Transport Code (for deaths after 1st January 2013)

However, the total of survivor's and orphan's pensions cannot exceed **100% of the member's pension**. If an excess exists, the pension allocated to each of the beneficiaries is proportionally reduced.

THE PENSION IS PAID

- **Until the age of 21***
- **Lifelong for disabled children***

*subject to conditions, [see page 15](#)

DEATH ATTRIBUTABLE TO AIR SERVICE OR AN AVIATION ACCIDENT

In these cases, entitlement to a survivor's pension is immediate and beneficiaries are the same as those listed **on pages 6 & 7.**

LUMP-SUM COMPENSATION

BENEFICIARIES

Beneficiaries are defined by Articles R6526-4 to 8 of the French Transport Code without any choice offered to the member:

- Unseparated, non-divorced spouse,
 - or common law partner
 - or partner bound to the deceased by a civil union partnership (PACS)
- Dependent children, under certain conditions **(page 6)**
- The member's ascendants, under certain conditions

AMOUNT

The lump-sum compensation in the event of death amounts to:

- Three years of normal working salary, but:
no less than three times the annual Social Security cap,
and no more than twelve times said cap

AND

- Increased by one annual social security cap per dependent child.

Where a lump sum is paid to ascendants, it is calculated based on the annual Social Security cap.

DISTRIBUTION

**In the presence of a spouse and children,
lump-sum compensation is paid in proportion to 1/3 to the spouse and
2/3 to dependent children, to be shared equally between them.**

Where there is no spouse:

- whether unseparated or non-divorced,
- or a common law spouse or partner bound to the deceased by a civil union partnership (PACS)

lump-sum compensation is divided equally between dependant children.

**Where there are no dependent children,
the lump-sum compensation is paid in full to:**

- the unseparated or divorced spouse
- or the common law spouse
- or the partner bound to the deceased by a civil union partnership (PACS)

**For payments to ascendants:
the lump sum is not subject to distribution.**

For more information,

[see the laws and regulations on insurance funds](#)



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

Upon receipt of your pension claim, a full application is sent to the beneficiary or his/her guardian. **This full application must be duly completed and returned to us within 2 years, along with the following supporting documents or information:**

- **Death certificate** (if not yet provided)
- A full copy of any **family record books**
- A copy of the **beneficiary's ID or passport**
- **Birth certificates** including marginal indications (for the former flight crew member, and a copy of the birth certificate of each potential beneficiary), **issued less than 3 months prior.**
- A copy of the **bank details** in each beneficiary's name
- In the event of death of a member not yet in receipt of a pension, **a dated and signed career history statement appended to the full application**
- In the event of death of a working member, **a certificate of cessation of employment and earnings**, to be completed by the employer, appended to the full application

And, according to circumstances or the applicants:

- **A birth certificate issued less than 3 months prior, with indication of filiation, for each of the flight crew member's children under the age of 21**
- **A certificate of school enrolment** for each dependent child **aged between 16 and 21**
- **A statement of truth regarding any paid activity**, for each child over the age of 16
- **The contact details of the notary public** in charge of settling the estate
- **The contact details of the guardianship judge**

- **The decree of divorce**
- **A description of the events and circumstances relating to the accident**, to be generally obtained from the B.E.A. (Investigation and Analysis Bureau):
Bâtiment 153 – 10 rue de Paris – Zone Sud – Aéroport du Bourget
– 93352 Le Bourget Cedex
- **The 48 payslips preceding the death**
- **A statement of truth attesting to the absence of a divorce or separation at the time of death**

MAINTAINING PAYMENT OF THE PENSION

EVERY YEAR THE FOLLOWING WILL BE REQUESTED

For children aged 16 to 21:

- A certificate of school enrolment
- A statement of truth regarding the absence of paid activity

For disabled children:

- For 5 years following enjoyment of the entitlement, a medical certificate¹ specifying that the child suffers from a permanent disability rendering him/her unable to earn a living
- After 5 years, a statement of truth issued by the person in question or their guardian or legal representative, attesting to their inability to earn a living

1. The medical certificate indicated in the above cases is not required for children who demonstrate that they benefit from entitlements without time limit and who have a disability rate of at least 80% (AAH (Disabled Adult Allowances), ACTP (Third Party Compensation Allowance), CMI (with the mention "disability")).

PARTICIPATION TOWARDS FUNERAL EXPENSES

A contribution towards funeral expenses may be made by **the Social Fund to the widowed spouse or to the deceased member's children** under certain conditions:

For more information,
[see our table](#)



THE MEANS CONDITION

The maximum monthly income threshold is **3,014.27 euros** for a single person.

THE AGE CONDITION

The member was at least **60 years old** at the time of death.

THE CAREER CONDITION

The CRPN career creating an entitlement must have lasted **at least 15 years**.

IN WHICH CASES IS THE PENSION NO LONGER PAID?

SITUATIONS LEADING TO CESSATION

- For the survivor's spouse: **in the event of remarriage**
- For children, **when they reach the age of 21**
- For children between **16 and 21 years old, if they are no longer dependent within the meaning of Article R6527-64 of the French Transport Code**
- For **disabled children**, if they are no longer able to provide **the required medical certificate** (for the first 5 years) or the **statement of truth** (after 5 years)
- **Upon the beneficiary's death**: their family members should inform the CRPN **to avoid any undue amounts being paid.**

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PAYMENT OF YOUR PENSION

Your pension is **paid at the beginning of the following month**, except for December which is paid at the end of December.

Thus: — **TWO PENSIONS ARE PAID IN DECEMBER**
— **NO PAYMENT IS MADE IN JANUARY**

REVALUATION

It is automatically done on the **1st January** of every year, based on the cost of living.

(Indexed based on the INSEE index of consumer prices excluding tobacco, for the whole of France).

It relates to: — **THE PENSION**
— **THE TEMPORARY TOP UP**
— **THE CHILD RELATED SUPPLEMENT**

WITHHOLDINGS

SOCIAL LEVIES

If you live in France, pensions are subject to social levies **based on your tax situation**, which is disclosed to the CRPN every year by the French tax authority.

Gross amount	-	Social levies	=	Net amount	For more information, read our booklet 
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ACCORDING TO YOUR REFERENCE TAX INCOME AND NUMBER OF SHARES:

CSG	8.30%	10.10%
CRDS	0.50%	
CASA	0.30%	
Health ins.	1%*	

CSG	6.60%	8.40%
CRDS	0.50%	
CASA	0.30%	
Health ins.	1%*	

CSG	3.80%	4.30%
CRDS	0.50%	

EXONERATED	0%
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**Increased if you fall under the local Alsace Moselle scheme*

INCOME TAX

Income tax (PAS):

If you are a tax resident in hexagonal France or in DROM.

For more information,
[visit the website](#)



DEDUCTION AT THE SOURCE

Deduction at the source (RAS):

If you are a tax resident outside of hexagonal France or in certain French Overseas Departments, Regions or communities, and according to bilateral tax agreements.

For more information,
[read our booklet](#)



OTHER LEVIES

Garnishment, third party notices:

CRPN pensions can be seized under **the same conditions** as salaries.

Maintenance payment:

These may be levied from CRPN pensions (as for back payments).

Service (of maintenance payment, back payments and adjustments) must be carried out by a court enforcement officer.

If you live in New Caledonia: your pension is subject to the CCS contribution and may be subject to a CAFAT contribution.

LIVING ABROAD

BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE

Remember to **provide us with your new contact details** (address, telephone number and bank details where applicable).

You can also contact **the tax centre for non-residents** for information on your tax situation.

As regards your social levies, these will be made based on your situation:

- **Exemption from CSG, CRDS and CASA and application of a 4.2% health insurance contribution:** if your tax residence is outside of France
- **Full exemption:** if your tax residence is outside of France and you are not subject to the French Compulsory Health Insurance scheme

See also on the previous page:

- **Income tax**
- **Deduction at the source**

THE SHARED VERIFICATION OF EXISTENCE PROGRAM (MCE)

The MCE concerns pension recipients who reside abroad, in New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna.

- If this is your case, you will be asked to prove your existence **only once a year**
This ensures that your **pension is maintained** for all of your French pension schemes
- **If you receive a survivor's pension**, this measure also enables you to inform your pension schemes of your marital status
- When you receive a notification (by email or post), you must ask **a competent authority to sign and stamp a form certifying your existence and return it** by email or post
- To avoid having to travel, you can choose to use **biometric recognition technology**
- If the expected documents are not received within the deadlines, and after a reminder, **your pension will be suspended**
The amounts owed are settled upon receipt of the compliant documents.

For more information,
[read our booklet](#)



CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, TELEPHONE NUMBER

THE FASTEST OPTION

Log in to your personal account and make the change instantly

Log in to
your personal account



OR

Scan a letter signed by your hand and send it to the CRPN via the contact form available under the “**FAQ, Help and Contact**” section.

For more information,
visit the following section



OR

Send a signed letter by post.
Find our address at the end of this guide.

CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS

To enable us to change your bank details, you must provide us with a **signed copy of your new bank details**:

USING

- The contact form available on your **personal secure CRPN account**

OR

- The contact form available under the “**FAQ, Help and Contact**” section
- **By post**
Find our address at the end of this guide.

WHAT PROOF IS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT OF A PENSION IN EUROPE?

You must provide a copy of your bank details **signed by your hand**, in SEPA format, including your IBAN and BIC.

WHAT PROOF IS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT OF A PENSION OUTSIDE OF EUROPE?

You must provide a copy of your bank details **signed by your hand**, ensuring that it includes the following information:

- **Bank name**
- **Bank's full address**, including country
- **Type of identifier** (IBAN or BBAN)
- **BIC** (11 characters maximum)
- **Account no** (34 characters maximum)

YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNT

CREATION AND ACCESS

Creating and accessing
your personal account



For quick creation, the information that must first be recorded in our database is your Social Security number and email address.

If this is not the case, you may send us this information during the account creation process, by sending us a scanned document.

We will then inform you by email once the information has been entered into our database. You can then resume your personal account creation process.

AT YOUR DISPOSAL

- **PENSION STATEMENT:**
Gross amount, net and net social amount, levies
- **PENSION CERTIFICATE** (without amount)
- **TAX CERTIFICATE:**
amount disclosed to the tax authority
- **INCOME TAX SECTION:**
Income tax and rate notified to the French General Directorate of Public Finance and amounts withdrawn
- **PENSION SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS:**
pension certificate (for settlements after July 1995) and settlement letter
- **PENSION PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

CONTACT US

VIA YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNT



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UNDERSTAND YOUR ENTITLEMENTS

