



Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 30

PART V

WELFARE

CHAPTER I

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Benefits for widows and widowers

54 Bereavement payments.

(1) For section 36 of the Contributions and Benefits Act there shall be substituted—

“36 Bereavement payment.

- (1) A person whose spouse dies on or after the appointed day shall be entitled to a bereavement payment if—
 - (a) either that person was under pensionable age at the time when the spouse died or the spouse was then not entitled to a Category A retirement pension under section 44 below; and
 - (b) the spouse satisfied the contribution condition for a bereavement payment specified in Schedule 3, Part I, paragraph 4.
- (2) A bereavement payment shall not be payable to a person if that person and a person of the opposite sex to whom that person was not married were living together as husband and wife at the time of the spouse's death.
- (3) In this section “the appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into force of sections 54 to 56 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999.”

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, Section 54. (See end of Document for details)

(2) In Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (rates of benefits etc.), for Part II there shall be substituted—

“PART II

BEREAVEMENT PAYMENT

Bereavement payment. £2,000.00.”

Commencement Information

- II** S. 54 wholly in force at 9.4.2001; s. 54 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 89(1); s. 54 in force for certain purposes at 24.4.2000 and for all other purposes at 9.4.2001 by [S.I. 2000/1047](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

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