



## **CHECKLIST OF INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR LOSS OF SUPPORT CLAIMS**

- (1) Name, date of birth and date of death of the deceased.
- (2) Name and date of birth of the surviving spouse (if any).
- (3) Name and date of birth of each child claimant (if any).
- (4) Name and date of birth of any other dependant who is claiming and their relation to the deceased (for example, a parent of the deceased).
- (5) Deceased's employer, job title and date of commencement of employment at the employer relevant at the date of the accident.
- (6) Earnings history in respect of the deceased by means of IRP5 tax documentation and pay-slips. For self-employed individuals, it may be worth considering a report from a Forensic Accountant.
- (7) If the deceased was a member of a pension/provident fund, then the rules of that fund should be obtained. In addition, a benefit statement detailing the deceased's share of fund at the date of the accident must be obtained.
- (8) Consideration can be given to obtaining a report from an Industrial Psychologist if it is thought that the deceased may have received real increases or promotions during the balance of his/her working life.
- (9) Was the surviving spouse employed at the date of the accident?
- (10) If the surviving spouse was employed at the date of the accident, details of their earnings at the date of the accident and to date must be obtained. In this regard, IRP5 tax documentation and payslips are the best evidence.
- (11) If the surviving spouse is a member of a pension/provident fund, then the rules of that fund should be obtained. In addition, a recent benefit statement should be obtained.
- (12) Consideration can be given to obtaining a report from an Industrial Psychologist if it is thought that the surviving spouse may receive real increases or promotions during the balance of his/her working life.
- (13) Please provide an instruction as to the age of dependency to assume for each child dependant.
- (14) Please provide an instruction concerning general contingency deductions and whether consideration must be given to a deduction for remarriage (alternatively, whether these must be ignored).
- (15) Please provide a copy of the First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in respect of the deceased. Alternatively, please state whether the estate of the deceased is nil.
- (16) Please provide details of any awards made to the dependants in terms of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act, 1993. The final award from the Compensation Commissioner must be obtained.
- (17) Child Support Grants are not deductible in terms of Coughlan N.O. v Road Accident Fund 2015 ZACC 10.

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