



## Government Update on Further Interim Payments for Estates - Factsheet

On Thursday 23 October, the UK Government will open applications for interim payments of £210,000 for eligible estates of someone registered with an Infected Blood Support Scheme (IBSS) or predecessor scheme (on or before 17 April 2024) who sadly passed away. This is in addition to the £100,000 interim payments to the estates of deceased infected beneficiaries which opened in October 2024.

This means that if you are the personal representative of an estate, you may now be eligible for interim payments of up to £310,000 in total.

### Eligibility

For an estate to be eligible, the person who died must have been registered with an existing UK IBSS, or former Alliance House Organisation (AHO) scheme (The Macfarlane Trust, Eileen Trust, Skipton Fund or Caxton Foundation), on or before 17 April 2024.

- If the estate, a living infected person who has since sadly passed away or a bereaved partner has already received £100,000, the estate may be eligible for a further £210,000.
- If no interim payment has yet been made to the estate, a living infected person or a bereaved partner, the estate may now be eligible for an interim payment of £310,000.

### How to apply for a further estates interim payment

Applications will open on Thursday 23 October.

**If you previously received an estate interim payment of £100,000**, probate details have not changed, and payment is to be made to the same recipient as the previous interim payment, there is an expedited application form that is shorter and requires less information than you provided previously. More detail on this will be provided shortly.

**If this is your first time applying for an estate interim payment**, or probate has changed since your previous application, or if you wish payment to be made to a different recipient from your previous interim payment, you will need to complete a full application form. This will be published on gov.uk once applications open.

### Applying if you have not previously received an estate interim payment

If you have not previously received an estate interim payment, you will need to apply to an IBSS using a new application form which will be published on gov.uk once applications open.

- If you have not previously received an estate interim payment, you may be eligible for interim payments of up to £310,000.
- If you previously received an interim payment of £100,000, for example as a bereaved partner, the estate of your deceased partner may be able to claim a further £210,000.



You will also need the following documents to apply:

- A certified copy of the grant of probate, letters of administration (or grant of confirmation in Scotland);
- To show proof of your identity, by providing a certified copy of your passport or driving licence. If you are unable to send a driving licence or passport, please contact the Infected Blood Support Scheme you are applying to; and
- 2 documents providing your address, for example a bank statement or utility bill issued in the last 6 months.

### Applying for probate

You must have probate or confirmation to claim. Only certain people can apply for probate and the process can take some time. You may wish to start this now to ensure you are ready once applications open.

Information on probate contact details, how to apply for probate or confirmation, including if all of the executors of the estate have died, can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/infected-blood-compensation-estates/applying-for-probate-or-confirmation>.

### Claiming back legal costs associated with probate

If your claim for compensation is successful, you will be able to claim back the costs associated with your probate application (or confirmation in Scotland):

<https://www.gov.uk/infected-blood-compensation-estates/claim-back-legal-costs>.

This includes:

- The actual cost of your legal fees towards the cost of applying for a grant of probate, confirmation, letters of administration or grant de bonis non, up to a maximum of £1500 for each estate
- The court fee for obtaining a grant of probate, confirmation, letters of administration or grant de bonis non (exact amount).

If a successful legal costs claim has been previously made by an estate, the reimbursement in relation to that is capped at a total of £1,500 across all claims.

### IBSS contact details

#### **England Infected Blood Interim Estates Payment Scheme**

- [IBIEPS@nhsbsa.nhs.uk](mailto:IBIEPS@nhsbsa.nhs.uk) or Telephone: 0300 330 1014

#### **Infected Blood Payment Scheme for Northern Ireland**

- [bsi.ibss@hscni.net](mailto:bsi.ibss@hscni.net) or Telephone: 028 9536 3817

#### **Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme**

- [nss.sibss@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.sibss@nhs.scot) or Telephone: 0131 2756754

#### **Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme**

- [wibss@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:wibss@wales.nhs.uk) or Telephone: 02921 500 900



## FAQs

### ***What date will applications open?***

- Applications will open on Thursday 23 October 2025.
- Further detail on interim payments to estates is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-update-on-further-interim-compensation-payments-for-estates>

### ***Will this payment impact my final compensation amount?***

- Any interim compensation payments will be deducted from the compensation award paid to the estate through the Scheme.
- For an interim estate payment, this will be deducted from the deceased infected compensation from IBCA, and will not impact any affected individuals' claim.

### ***Am I eligible if a bereaved partner previously received an interim payment of £100,000?***

- If a bereaved partner previously received an interim payment of £100,000, the estate of the deceased infected person may be eligible to apply for an interim payment of £210,000.
- You must have probate (or confirmation in Scotland) to claim. The process can take some time, so, if you are eligible, starting now will help you be ready when applications open for this payment. Further information on how to apply for probate or confirmation can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/infected-blood-compensation-estates/applying-for-probate-or-confirmation>

### ***Is a bereaved partner who previously received £100,000 eligible for this further £210,000 interim payment?***

- Only an estate representative can claim for a further interim payment. This means if a bereaved partner previously received an interim payment of £100,000 and they are the personal representative of the deceased infected person's estates, they may be eligible for this further £210,000.
- If a bereaved partner is not the estate representative, they will not be eligible for this further interim payment, however they may be eligible for compensation under the main Infected Blood Compensation Scheme.

### ***Can I get legal support for my application?***

- If your claim for compensation is successful, you can claim back the costs for applying for probate (or confirmation in Scotland), up to £1,500. You cannot get legal support for submitting your interim payments application.
- Where a successful legal costs claim has previously been paid to an estate, the reimbursement is capped at £1,500. For example, if your legal fees for getting probate cost £1,000 for your first interim payments application, you are able to claim back a further £500 for any legal fees related to probate.



***What is a personal representative, and do I qualify?***

- A personal representative is the person(s) who is legally entitled to administer the estate of the person who has died.
- A personal representative can be appointed in the deceased person's Will. If there is no Will then the laws of intestacy set out who qualifies as a personal representative.

***What is probate?***

- Probate is the legal right in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to deal with someone's property, money and possessions (their 'estate') when they die. Probate must be applied for in the nation the deceased person was domiciled in at time of death.

***What is confirmation?***

- Confirmation is the legal right in Scotland to deal with someone's property, money and possessions (their 'estate') when they die. Confirmation must be applied for in the nation the deceased person was domiciled in at time of death.

***What are letters of administration?***

- If someone died without leaving a will, you can apply for letters of administration to manage the estate of the deceased person.