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Clark Bishop Commissioner	<b>SUBJECT REFERENCE</b>	Death Benefits AS 23.30.215	

**Payment for fatalities on or after January 1, 2012, but on or before December 31, 2012**

**1. Death benefits payable per AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(B) - widow or widower and one child:**

- a) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$964.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:
  - for the widow or widower - \$603/wk
  - for the child - \$482/wk
- b) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$963.00 or below**, use the following formula:
  - for the widow or widower - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .5
  - for the child - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .4

**2. Death benefits payable per AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(C) - widow or widower and two or more children:**

- a) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$868.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:
  - for the widow or widower - \$326/wk
  - for the children - \$760/wk
- b) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$867.00 or below**, use the following formula:
  - for the widow or widower - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .3
  - for the children - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 x .7
- c) The total weekly amount of compensation may not be less than \$75 for a widow or widower, nor less than \$50 for children.

**3. Death benefits payable per AS 23.30.215(a)(2)(D) and 23.30.215(a)(2)(E) - only one child and no widow or widower, or two or more children and no widow or widower:**

- a) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$868.00 or above**, the payments are fixed at:
  - for the only child - \$1,085/wk
  - for two or more children- \$1,085/wk divided equally among the children
- b) If the employee's compensation rate in the tables is **\$867.00 or below**, use the following formula:
  - for the only child - employee's compensation rate divided by .8
  - for two or more children - employee's compensation rate divided by .8 equally divided among the children
- c) The total weekly amount of compensation may not be less than \$25 to a child, nor less than \$50 for children.

**4. There is a one-time death benefit of \$5,000 payable a surviving widow or widower, or equally divided among surviving children, per AS 23.30.215(a)(5).**

**5. There is a maximum funeral benefit of \$10,000 per AS 23.30.215(a)(1).**