

SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT SCHEME

DETAILS OF THE 'SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT SCHEME' FOR THE NOMINEES OF THE DECEASED INDIAN SEAFARER, WHO DIED DURING OFF ARTICLE PERIOD.

1. Pursuant to the objects of the Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society (herein after referred to as the Society) as defined in Article 3(XV) of the Memorandum of Association of the Society, the nominee(s) of the Indian seafarer, as being eligible in terms of provisions of rule 3 herein below, may be granted the financial assistance under the 'Survivor's Benefit Scheme', on death of the **Indian** seafarer under the circumstances and to the extent detailed herein below.
2. Such financial assistance on death of an **Indian** seafarer shall be granted at the absolute discretion of the society and such financial assistance may be dispensed with and / or curtailed /enhanced, suspended or completely withdrawn at any time without any prior notice. The availability of such **financial assistance under the 'Survivor's Benefit Scheme'** to eligible **beneficiary(ies)** of deceased Indian seafarer, during off articulated period does not in any manner confer or create any prescriptive right whatsoever and shall not be called in question.
- 3. Eligibility.**
The scheme is applicable to the **Indian** seafarers, **holding CDC book**, who are **last** recruited / engaged by the Indian ship-owners or through registered RPS, for either Indian or foreign flag vessels, before their death.

The financial assistance under the 'Survivor's Benefit Scheme' on death of an **Indian** seafarer shall be paid to the eligible beneficiary (ies), of the **Indian** seafarer who has expired on or after 21.08.2014, **within off article period of 12 months (amended to 24 months w.e.f. 31/05/2022) & (amended to 36 months w.e.f. 27/01/2026)** from the date of sign off from the last vessel/ship **as recruited/engaged above**. The eligible beneficiary (ies), will be as per the nomination(s) declared by the Indian seafarer with the last recruited Indian ship-owner or registered RPS company, as the case maybe during his/her employment, prior to his/her death., **failing which as per legal heir certificate issued by the competent authority.**
- 4. Quantum.**
The quantum of financial assistance under this scheme shall be ₹.1, 00,000/- (₹One lakh only) to the eligible beneficiary (ies) of the **Indian** seafarer. **(Refer note given below)**
5. The Society may approach the Indian ship-owners /registered RPS, company concerned and obtain such particulars as may be necessary for the purpose of payment of financial assistance envisaged under this scheme.
6. To receive the benefit under this scheme only such applications will be entertained **which** are submitted to Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society within a period of two years upto 30/05/2022 and three years for death of seafarer which occurred on or after 31/05/2022 from the date of death of the **Indian** seafarer.
7. Application for financial assistance under this scheme is to be made in the prescribed form, along with attested copy of death certificate and original CDC book.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above in all doubtful/disputed and/or exceptional cases, the Committee of Management *of the SWFS* may examine and decide the cases, on case to case basis, and its decision shall be final.

Note 1: The amount of financial assistance has been enhanced to ₹. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lacs only) w.e.f. 16/03/2016 for those death cases of seafarer who has expired on or after 16.03.2016 within off article period of 12 months from the date of sign off from the last vessel/ship as recruited/engaged by Indian Shipping company or through RPSL company.

Note 2: The amount of financial assistance has been enhanced to ₹. 4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lacs only) w.e.f. 29/04/2024 for those death cases of seafarer who has expired on or after 29/04/2024, within off article period of 24 months from the date of sign off from the last vessel/ship as recruited/engaged by Indian Shipping company or through RPSL company.

Note 3: The amount of financial assistance has been enhanced to ₹. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lacs only) w.e.f. 27/01/2026 for those death cases of seafarer who has expired on or after 27/01/2026, within off article period of 36 months from the date of sign off from the last vessel/ship as recruited/engaged by Indian Shipping company or through RPSL company.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER 'SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT SCHEME'

(Please refer notes given below before submitting this application form.)

1. Seafarer's name in full : Mr./Mrs./Ms.: _____
(As per CDC Book)
2. CDC Number : _____
3. The name of the vessel last : _____ Date of sign-off: _____
sign-off
4. Indian shipowners Co. name : _____
OR Recruitment & Placement : _____
Service (RPS) provider name : _____
& its Registration No. : _____
5. Applicant's name in full : _____
6. Relationship with seafarer : _____
7. Correspondence address : _____
Of the applicant
8. Telephone No./Mobile No. : Tel. No. _____ Mobile No.: _____
(with STD code No.)

I, the undersigned, wish to inform you that my husband/wife/son/daughter /father/mother
Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ expired on _____.
(Delete whichever is not applicable.)

I, now request you to grant me, the financial assistance under the 'Survivor's Benefit Scheme' as per SWF Society's rules as applicable for the scheme. I am submitting herewith following documents, to receive the claim under the scheme. I give below my Bank account details. (**Bank details are mandatory, without which the application will not be processed.**)

- (a) Attested copy of death certificate of the seafarer.
- (b) Copy of latest CDC book
- (c) Attested copy of any Identity proof of the applicant (i.e. PAN card/Voter's ID card/Aadhar Card/Indian passport etc.)

Details of the bank, where the financial assistance amount to be credited:

(Attach a legible copy of front page of Bank pass book of SB account, to verify the details.)

Name of the Bank	Branch Name	Branch Address	S.B. A/c.No.	Branch IFSC Code

(Note: Attach a legible copy of the front page of Bank pass book of SB account showing applicant's name, duly attested by the Branch Manager of the bank.)

I declare that, I am claiming this financial assistance on the strength of the documents submitted above, and at later date, if it is found, that I am not the actual beneficiary, or my claim was found dishonest, I undertake to refund the financial assistance in full to the SWF Society.

Place: _____
(Applicant's Signature/ Thumb Impression)

Date: _____ Name of Applicant: _____

Note:

- 1: The scheme is applicable only for Indian seafarers for cases of death on or after 21.08.2014.**
- 2: The scheme is applicable to cases of death of seafarer within off article period of 12 months (amended to 24 months w.e.f. 31/05/2022) & (amended to 36 months w.e.f. 27/01/2026) from the date of sign- off from the last vessel, as recorded in the Indian CDC Book.**
- 3: The application for financial assistance should be received by the Society within three years period from the date of death of the seafarer.**

FOR S.W.F.S. OFFICE USE ONLY

Application No. _____

Documents attached verified & the applicant found eligible/not eligible under 'Survivor's Benefit Scheme' for financial assistance of ₹. _____. (Rupees _____ Only)

Checked by D.A.

Verified by (A.A.O.)

Recommended by (CAAO)

Approved by MT/MS.