

# CHILD BENEFIT



## PURPOSE

- To **assist parents or guardians** with the **maintenance and education costs** of a child.
- A payment of **\$50** will be paid out on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month per child until the child reaches the age of 16.



## FOR WHOM

- Children between **0-16**.
- Residing in the Cook Islands.
- Cook Islander or Child of a Permanent Resident.



## APPLY

1. Collect application from Main Office in Tupa-pa OR phone to have form emailed to you. To download application visit our website [www.intaff.gov.ck](http://www.intaff.gov.ck)
2. Child must be residing in the Cook Islands 3 months prior to application.
3. Fill and sign form; attach required documents
4. Submit complete application to Main Office or email it to: [welfare@intaff.gov.ck](mailto:welfare@intaff.gov.ck)

For any enquiries please call **+682 29370** or send through your query via email above.



## YOU NEED

- Valid Passport or Birth Certificate. IF born overseas provide birth certificates to indicate that child is a Cook Islander OR stamp for Cook Island residency on child's passport OR PR certificate for parents of non-Cook Island children.
- BCI Letter – Confirming Bank Account Details for child or mother or legal guardian of child.
- Applicant's Valid ID—Drivers License or Passport.



# NEW BORN ALLOWANCE

## PURPOSE

- This allowance is in respect of the new born child who is in need of accessories after birth.
- **One-off payment** paid out to the parent's or legal guardians who are responsible for the care of the child.
- A lump sum payment of **\$1,000** will be paid out upon receipt of application.

## FOR WHOM

- **New Born Babies.**
- Cook Island or Permanent Resident children born in the Cook Islands or overseas.
- Child born overseas must prove mother as usually resident of the Cook Islands 12 months prior to giving birth.

## APPLY

1. Collect application from Main Office in Tupa-pa OR phone to have form emailed to you. To download application visit our website [www.intaff.gov.ck](http://www.intaff.gov.ck)
2. Application must be made within 6 months from the date of birth of the child.
3. Fill and sign form; attach required documents.
4. Submit complete application to Main Office or email it to: [welfare@intaff.gov.ck](mailto:welfare@intaff.gov.ck)

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## YOU NEED

- Birth Notification or Birth Certificate.
- Permanent Resident certificate OR stamp on parent passport for non-Cook Islander children only.
- BCI Letter – Confirming Bank Account Details for child or mother or legal guardian of child.
- Applicant's Valid ID—Drivers License or Passport.

**Additional documents required for children born overseas:**

- Passport of child and mother.

**If referred by Ministry of Health and application is submitted 6 months after date of birth please provide:**

- Letter of Referral from Cook Islands Ministry of Health.
- Letter of discharge to return to the Cook Islands by Hospital in New Zealand or TMO.



# OLD AGE PENSION



## SUPPORT

- Purpose of this fund is to assist elderly who are in retirement.
- A payment of **\$250** will be paid out on the 1st and the 16th of each month for **ages 60–69**.
- A payment of **\$350** will be paid out on the 1st and the 16th of each month for **ages 70+**.
- Cook Islands **Old Age Pension** is a **taxable income**.



## FOR WHOM

- Ages 60 years and over.
- Residing in the Cook Islands.
- Cook Islander and Non-Cook Islander.



## YOU NEED

- Valid Passport or Birth Certificate
- Permanent Resident Certificate/Passport PR stamp, for non-Cook Islander only
- BCI Letter—Confirming Bank Account Details
- RMD Number for Tax Declaration Form

### For Cook Islanders: (Provide one of the following)

- At least 2 old passports.
- Letter from a high status Individual. e.g. Justice of the Peace, Church Minister, Minister of the Crown, Member of Parliament, current or former employers who can confirm you have been living in the Cook Islands for the amount of time set above.
- Travel History from Immigration covering 10 years residence in the Cook Islands.

### For Non—Cook Islanders: (Provide one of the following)

- Letter from a high status Individual. e.g. Justice of the Peace, Church Minister, Minister of the Crown, Member of Parliament, current or former employers who can confirm you have been living in the Cook Islands for the amount of time set above.
- Travel History from Immigration covering 20 year residence in the Cook Islands.

**NOTE:** Persons collecting any foreign pension of the same nature as the Cook Islands Pension may not qualify for this support.



## APPLY

1. Collect application from Main Office in Tupapa OR phone to have form emailed to you. To download application visit our website [www.intaff.gov.ck](http://www.intaff.gov.ck)
2. Applicant must have resided in the Cook Islands 12 months prior to the date of application.
3. Cook Island Applicant's must have resided in the Cook Islands for at least 10 years after turning the age of 18 years.
4. Non-Cook Island Applicant's must have resided in the Cook Islands for at least 20 years after turning the age of 18 years.
5. Applicant must fill out the Declaration Form for RMD and Annual Income if any—Failure to provide RMD Number will result in an automatic 30 % tax deduction on Pension.
6. Fill in and sign form; attach required documents.
7. Take form to the Registrar of the High Court to sign.
8. Submit complete application to Main Office or email it to: [welfare@intaff.gov.ck](mailto:welfare@intaff.gov.ck)

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# INFIRM BENEFIT



## PURPOSE

- Payment made to individuals who cannot work or support self by own means or labour due to illness or disability.
- A payment of **\$100** will be paid out on the **1<sup>st</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



## FOR WHOM

- Adult person age **16 years** and **over.**
- Cook Islander or Permanent Resident.
- Residing in the Cook Islands.



## APPLY

1. Collect application from Main Office in Tupa-pa OR phone to have form emailed to you. To download application visit our website [www.intaff.gov.ck](http://www.intaff.gov.ck)
2. Fill and sign form; attach required documents.
3. Submit complete application to Main Office or email it to: [welfare@intaff.gov.ck](mailto:welfare@intaff.gov.ck)
4. A Welfare Officer will contact you in regards to your application once received—to carry out an Assessment.

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## YOU NEED

- Valid Passport or Birth Certificate.
- Medical Certificate/Report from a Registered Doctor—(Medical certificate form will be provided with application form by Internal Affairs).
- BCI Letter – Confirming Bank Account Details.
- Applicant's Valid ID—Drivers License or Passport.





# DESTITUTE BENEFIT



## PURPOSE

- Payment for adult individuals who is **facing hardship** and **unable to support self financially** by own means or labor.
- A payment of **\$100** will be paid out on the **1<sup>st</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



## FOR WHOM

- Persons **18 years and over.**
- Cook Islander and Permanent Resident.
- Residing in the Cook Islands.
- Destitute benefit will cease once a beneficiary of this benefit qualifies for the Cook Islands Pension at the age of 60 years or over.



## APPLY

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3. Submit complete application to Main Office or email it to: [welfare@intaff.gov.ck](mailto:welfare@intaff.gov.ck)
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## YOU NEED

- Passport or Birth Certificate.
- BCI Letter – Confirming Bank Account Details.
- Applicant's Valid ID—Drivers License or Passport.





# CAREGIVER BENEFIT



## PURPOSE

- Support for **persons caring for an elderly or disabled person or child** who has high care needs. The Caregiver must not be in Full Time Employment.
- A payment of **\$100** will be paid out on the **1<sup>st</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



## FOR WHOM

- Adults **18 years and over.**
- Cook Islander or Non-Cook Islander.
- Residing in the Cook Islands.



## APPLY

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4. A Welfare Officer will contact you in regards to your application once received—to carry out an Assessment.

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## YOU NEED

- Passport or Birth Certificate
- Medical Certificate/Report from Registered Doctor—(Medical certificate form will be provided with application form by Internal Affairs)
- Letter from BCI—Confirming Bank Account Details
- Applicant's Valid ID—Drivers License or Passport





# FUNERAL ALLOWANCE



## PURPOSE

- A token of condolences made to the family of a deceased beneficiary.
- **Payment is to assist families with funeral expenses:**
  - **\$2,400** will be paid for Cook Island Pensioner.
  - **\$1,200** will be paid for NZ Pensioner.
  - **\$1,200** will be paid for Infirm or Destitute beneficiary.
  - **\$600** will be paid for children on child benefit.



## FOR WHOM

### Cook Islands Welfare Beneficiaries

- Child Benefit recipients.
- Infirm and Destitute recipients.
- Cook Islands Old Age Pension recipients.

Persons collecting the New Zealand Pension may be eligible if he/she has resided in the Cook Islands 12 months prior to his/her death.



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## YOU NEED

- Passport IF place of death was overseas or if deceased person is a recipient of the NZ Pension/ Super.
- Death Certificate.
- Invoices for funeral expenses—INTAFF pay's what is owed directly to the supplier but limited to entitlement amount set above.
- Receipts of funeral expenses—INTAFF reimburse family entitlement amount or remaining balance.
- Bank Account Details for reimbursement only
- Applicant's Valid ID—Drivers License or Passport





# POWER SUBSIDY



## PURPOSE

- This support is to help vulnerable Cook Islands Welfare beneficiaries with power bill costs.
- A payment of **\$66** will be paid **every quarterly—directly to Te Aponga Uira** for Rarotonga residents and to beneficiaries BCI account for Pa Enua residents.



## FOR WHOM

- Cook Island Pensioner, Destitute and Infirm beneficiaries living alone and have a monthly income of **\$700** or less.
- More than 2 Cook Islands pensioners living in the same household with a total income of **\$1,400** or less per month—(Only one pensioner will receive the subsidy).
- Cook Island Pensioner, Destitute or Infirm beneficiary living with family members where total income for the whole household is **less than \$15,000 per annum.**



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## YOU NEED

- Passport or Birth Certificate.
- Copy of electricity Bill (Connection number must be registered under beneficiaries name).
- Applicant's Valid ID—Drivers License or Passport.