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DAMAGES

The Damages for Bereavement (Variation of Sum) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*6th November 2025*
Coming into operation -	*1st December 2025*

The Department of Justice makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 3A(5) of the Fatal Accidents (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**a**) and now vested in the Department of Justice(**b**).

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Damages for Bereavement (Variation of Sum) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2025.

(2) This Order applies only to causes of action which accrue on or after 1st December 2025.

Variation of sum

2. In Article 3A(3)(**c**) of the Fatal Accidents (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, for "£17,200" substitute "£19,700".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 6th November 2025

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Naomi R Long
Minister of Justice

(**a**) S.I. 1977/1251 (N.I. 18). Article 3A was inserted by section 68 of, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to, the Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c. 53). Article 3A(5) was amended by Articles 1(2) and 15(5) of, and paragraph 112 of Schedule 18 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976).
(**b**) S.I. 2010/976.
(**c**) Article 3A(3) was last amended by S.R. 2022 No. 243.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which applies to causes of action accruing on or after 1st December 2025, amends Article 3A(3) of the Fatal Accidents (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/1251 (N.I. 18)) increasing the sum which may be awarded for damages for bereavement in Northern Ireland from £17,200 to £19,700.

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