



Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland
RCN-Unit Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid

Seniors in the Caribbean Netherlands

What can SZW do
for you?

(Almost) retired?

AOV

The General Law on Old Age Pension (AOV) is a basic pension for people who are 65 years or older. Do you live or work in the Caribbean Netherlands or have you lived or worked here? Then you are most likely insured for the AOV.

How to apply?

Six months before you reach the AOV-age, you can apply for it at the RCN unit SZW. This can be done during our office hours or via e-mail. Please note that a copy of a valid passport or ID and proof of banking information are required.

AOV supplement

If you have lived or worked outside of the Caribbean Netherlands, you may not have been insured and your AOV pension may be lower. In that case you may be eligible for an additional supplement from the social relief.

How to apply?

You can apply for this supplement at the RCN unit SZW during our office hours. An employee will ask you about your situation and will assess whether you meet the requirements. You can also call or send an e-mail.

Partner allowance

If you are married and entitled to AOV but your partner is not yet entitled to it, you may be eligible for a partner allowance.

How to apply?

You can apply for this allowance at SZW during our office hours or via e-mail. Please note that the following documents are needed: a copy of a valid passport or ID, a copy of the marriage book, proof of banking information, your partner's crib number and proof of your partner's income level and 3 recent bank statements.



Partner or family member deceased?

AWW

Did your partner pass away and was he or she a resident of the Caribbean Netherlands at the time of passing? In that case you may be entitled to benefits under the General Widows and Orphans Benefits Act (AWW) until you reach the AOV-age yourself. Also the children of the deceased who have become (semi-)orphans are entitled to AWW until the age of 25 if they are in full-time education.

How to apply?

You can apply for AWW at SZW during our office hours or via e-mail. Please note that a copy of a valid passport or ID, the death certificate, your marriage or family book and proof of banking information are required. If you live abroad, an Attestatie de Vita is also required. Children living abroad need a school declaration.



One-time AOV benefit

Are you a close relative of a person who received AOV in the Caribbean Netherlands at the time of their passing? And are you responsible for the funeral? Then you may be entitled to a one-time AOV benefit of 4 times the AOV amount. You should always inform SZW about the passing as soon as possible.

How to apply?

You can submit an application for the one-time benefit up to 6 months after the passing of your family member. This can be done during our office hours. Contact us to know which documents are required.

Funeral cost coverage

If your family member receives social relief and passes away, you may be entitled to an allowance to cover funeral expenses.

How to apply?

You can submit an application to SZW during our office hours or via e-mail. Contact us to know which documents are required.

Unexpected high costs?

Special social relief

Do you have unforeseen high costs you cannot pay due to special circumstances? If so, you may be eligible for special social assistance. Examples of necessary large expenses are a medical diet, a refrigerator, a washing machine or a bed.

How to apply?

You can submit an application to SZW during our office hours or via e-mail. Contact us to know which documents are required.

Care for (grand) children?

Child benefit

Do you care for children up to and including 17 years and do you live in the Caribbean Netherlands? Then you are entitled to child benefit.

How to apply?

You can submit an application to SZW during our office hours or via e-mail. Contact us to know which documents are required.

Contact

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AOV / AWW

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(Special) social relief

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Child benefit

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