

**§18003. Computation of benefit**

**1. Surviving spouse; no dependent children.** If the qualifying member is survived by a spouse and no dependent child, the surviving spouse shall be paid 2/3 of the average final compensation of the qualifying member.

[PL 1985, c. 801, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]

**2. Surviving spouse having care of dependent children.** If the qualifying member is survived by a spouse who has the care of the dependent child or dependent children of the qualifying member, the surviving spouse shall be paid an annual sum equal to the average final compensation of the qualifying member.

[PL 1985, c. 801, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]

**3. Surviving spouse not having care of dependent children.** If the qualifying member is survived by a spouse who does not have the care of the dependent child or dependent children of the qualifying member, the surviving spouse shall share with the dependent child or dependent children an annual sum equal to the average final compensation of the qualifying member, the benefit to be divided equally among the surviving spouse and the dependent child or dependent children.

[PL 1985, c. 801, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]

**4. No surviving spouse.** If no spouse survives the qualifying member, the dependent child or dependent children shall be paid an annual sum equal to the average final compensation of the qualifying member.

[PL 1985, c. 801, §§ 5, 7 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1985, c. 801, §§5,7 (NEW).

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