

Who Ben helps – eligibility

Ben is proud to support anyone who works, or has worked, in the **automotive, associated or allied trades or industries.**

Qualifying trades or industry

Motor, Agricultural, Engineering, Cycle:

- “motor, agricultural, engineering, cycle and allied trades and industries” shall include any individual or body engaged in the manufacture, sale, repair or service of agricultural and garden machinery and equipment, caravans, coachwork, commercial vehicles, cycles, garage and service equipment, motor cars, motor coaches, motor cycles, omnibuses, tractors, lubricants or propulsion fuel of any of them, and the component parts of any of them or, in the case of an individual or body only partially so engaged, only those engaged solely in such production, sale or service
- allied trades and industries, including any trade, business, occupation, profession or association which provides financial, insurance or other services,
- or which originates or publishes material relating to the said trades and industries,
- or whose activities or any of them are ancillary to or connected with those trades and industries.

In addition Ben supports anyone who is financially dependent on a person who works, or has worked, in the industry as outlined on the left.

In order to receive support from Ben, a person is required to provide details of their situation, or that of the person they are referring.

They will also need to give details of the help required.

To confirm eligibility for support, the following documentation must also be supplied:

- evidence of the connection with the motor industry (e.g. a copy of a payslip, P45, contract, letter from an employer etc.)
- proof of address (e.g. a copy of a household bill or statement dated in the last three months)
- signed explicit consent form to store and/or share information
- in the case of a financial dependant, proof of financial dependency on the automotive industry is required

Dependant of a deceased connected individual

If an individual comes to Ben for help and support and their connection is through a deceased person. In order for that individual to be considered an eligible dependant they must still be financially dependent on the deceased person's estate/finances. This could be via:

- an occupational pension
- insurance payments
- a trust fund
- widows pension

If you are having difficulty providing proof of your eligibility then you can contact **HMRC** on **0300 200 3500** or visit **www.gov.uk/guidance/hmrc-subject-access-request** to request a record of your employment history (within the automotive industry only) by asking for a Subject Access Request.