

80. Submission of claim for dependants' benefit

(1) A claim for dependants' benefit shall be submitted to the appropriate [branch office] by post or otherwise in [Form 15] by the dependant or dependants concerned or by their legal representative or, in case of a minor, by his guardian, and such claim shall be supported by documents proving—

- (i) that the death is due to an employment injury;
- [(ii) that the person claiming is a dependant entitled to claim as provided in rule 58 of the Employees' State Insurance (Central) Rules, 1950.]
- (iii) the age of the claimant;
- (iv) the infirmity of the dependant claiming to be infirm within the purview of [rule 58 of the Employees' State Insurance (Central) Rules, 1950] by a certificate of such medical or other authority as the Director General may, by a general or special order specify in this behalf.

PROVIDED that where the appropriate regional office is satisfied about the *bona fides* of the applicant or about the truth of the facts relating to any of the matters mentioned above, one or more of the documents may be dispensed with.

- (2) The following may be accepted as proof of age—
- (a) certified extract from an official record of births showing the date and place of birth and father's name;
 - (b) original horoscope prepared soon after birth;
 - (c) certified extract from baptismal register;
 - (d) certified extract from school record showing the date of birth and father's name;
 - (e) such other evidence as may be acceptable to the appropriate Regional Office in the circumstances of a particular case.