

Local Government Pension Scheme

Nomination of Eligible Cohabiting Partner for Survivor's Pension

Notes

Why should I nominate a cohabiting partner?

Benefits payable on the death of a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) include pensions for children and your partner who could be:

- Your husband or wife
- Registered civil partner
- Eligible cohabiting partner, if you contributed to the LGPS on or after 1 April 2008.

You are not required to complete a form to nominate an eligible cohabiting partner for entitlement to a cohabiting partner's pension. However, it is helpful if you provide your pension fund administrator with your cohabiting partner's details to ensure that their benefits can be processed quickly in the event of your death.

If you are married or in a civil partnership then you do not need to complete this form.

Who qualifies as an eligible cohabiting partner?

An eligible cohabiting partner is a partner you are living with who, at the date of your death, has met all of the following conditions for a continuous period of at least 2 years:

- you and your cohabiting partner are, and have been, free to marry each other or enter into a civil partnership with each other, and
- you and your cohabiting partner have been living together as if you were a married couple, or civil partners, and
- neither you or your cohabiting partner have been living with someone else as if you/they were a married couple or civil partners, and
- either your cohabiting partner is, and has been, financially dependent on you or you are, and have been, financially interdependent on each other.

Note: Your partner is financially dependent on you if you have the highest income. Financially interdependent means that you rely on your joint finances to support your standard of living. It doesn't mean that you need to be contributing equally. For example, if your partner's income is a lot more than yours, he or she may pay the mortgage and most of the bills, and you may pay for the weekly shopping.

On your death, a survivor's pension would be paid to your cohabiting partner if:

- all of the above criteria apply at the date of your death, and
- your cohabiting partner satisfies your pension fund that the above conditions had been met for a continuous period of at least 2 years immediately prior to your death.

You and your nominated co-habiting partner should be aware that on your death we will have to verify that the conditions for paying a survivor's pension have been satisfied. We may do this by, for example, asking for confirmation that you lived in a household with shared household spending, or your partner may be asked to demonstrate that you had a bank account or mortgage in joint names. There would be a right of appeal if we decide not to pay a pension and your partner believes that he/she has entitlement.

How do I nominate a cohabiting partner?

You can nominate a cohabiting partner, of either opposite or same sex, by completing the nomination form on pages 3 and 4 and returning it to the address shown on the form.

You should enclose evidence that you have met the conditions for a continuous period of at least 2 years before the date you both sign the form.

You and your nominated partner should ensure you complete the declaration on page 4 of the form. Then detach the form from these explanatory notes and return to:

Pension Services
Hampshire County Council
The Castle, Winchester
SO23 8UB

We will register the information and send you a letter confirming that this has been done.
Please note: on your death, we will need to be satisfied that your relationship met the qualifying conditions for the payment of a eligible partner's pension.

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First read the notes on pages 1 and 2. If you wish to proceed, use BLOCK CAPITALS to give details about yourself and your partner as requested below.

About you

Surname:	
First name(s):	
Date of birth:	
National Insurance number:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Employer:	Payroll number

About your nominated eligible partner

I nominate my partner, named below, to receive an eligible partner's pension under the Local Government Pension Scheme.	
Surname:	
First name(s):	
Title (Mr,Mrs,Ms,Miss,other):	
Date of birth:	
National Insurance number:	
Address:	
Postcode:	

Your membership

If you have membership before 6 April 1988, please tick this box if you would like us to send you information about increasing your nominated partner's pension	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please complete the declaration on page 4. The form will be returned if not signed and dated.

Your evidence

Please give details of the evidence you are attaching below and write PENSIONS clearly on the top of the attached documents.


Declaration

We confirm that for a continuous period of at least 2 years prior to the date of this declaration all of the following have applied –
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• we have been free to marry each other or enter into a civil partnership with each other, and,• we have lived together as if we were husband and wife or registered civil partners, and• neither of us have been living with someone else as if we were husband and wife or civil partners, and• our financial affairs have been interdependent (or the nominated partner has been financially dependent upon the Scheme member).
We are enclosing evidence that interdependency or dependency has existed for at least 2 years (for example: old joint account statement, utility bills or joint mortgage statement)
Scheme member's signature:
Date:
Nominated partner's signature:
Date:

Please return your completed form and evidence to:

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If you have any difficulty completing this form or need more information, please phone Pension Services on 01962 845588, email pensions@hants.gov.uk or visit our website at www.hants.gov.uk/pensions.

 For information on how we hold and use your data, please visit https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-services/pensions/local-government/contact-and-resources/privacy-notice
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