

Nomination of Cohabiting Partner Form Survivor's Pension

PLEASE READ THESE NOTES CAREFULLY THEN COMPLETE THE FORM OVERLEAF USING BLACK INK

NOTE: If you are married or in a registered civil partnership do not complete this form as your spouse or civil partner will automatically be covered for a survivor's pension in the event of your death. You should however ensure you have completed form LGS20 Expression of Wish so that we are aware of your wishes in respect of any death grant payable.

Provided you paid into the LGPS(NI) on or after 1 April 2009, you can nominate a cohabiting partner, of either the opposite or same sex, by completing the nomination form and returning it to the address shown overleaf.

However, to be able to make a nomination, all of the following conditions must have applied to both you and your nominated cohabiting partner for a continuous period of at least 2 years on the date you both sign the nomination form:

- both you and your nominated cohabiting partner are, and have been, free to marry each other or enter into a civil partnership with each other, **AND**
- you and your nominated cohabiting partner have been living together as if you were husband and wife, or civil partners, **AND**
- neither you nor your nominated cohabiting partner have been living with someone else as if you/they were husband and wife or civil partners, **AND**
- either your nominated cohabiting partner is financially dependent on you or you are financially interdependent on each other

A nomination is not valid if all of the above conditions have not been met for a continuous period of at least 2 years on the date you sign the form.

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 your income, he or she may pay the mortgage and most of the bills and you may pay for the weekly shopping.

On your death, partner's benefits would be paid to your nominated cohabiting partner if:

- the nomination has effect at the date of your death, and
- your nominated cohabiting partner satisfies us 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 cohabiting partner should be aware that on your death we will have to verify that the conditions for nomination have been satisfied, for example, a confirmation that you lived in a shared household with shared household spending, or 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 is entitled.

Please note that this form applies to a survivor's pension only. You should also ensure that you have completed form LGS20 Expression of Wish so that we are aware of your wishes in respect of any death grant payable.

Completing and returning a form is important as we cannot pay a pension to a cohabiting partner if we do not have a valid nomination form on file.

Remember to let us know of a change in your circumstances which could affect the nomination, or if you wish to cancel it.

A nomination ceases to have effect if:

- (a) either you or your nominated partner gives us written notice to cancel the nomination, or
 - (b) you make a subsequent valid nomination in favour of a new cohabiting partner, or
 - (c) either you or your nominated partner marries, forms a civil partnership or lives with a third person as if they were husband and wife or as if they were civil partners, or
 - (d) your nominated partner dies before you.
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Please complete in BLOCK capitals using BLACK ink

Personal Details	Member	Nominated Partner
Surname	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Forename(s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
National Insurance No.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home Address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Employing Authority	<input type="text"/>	
Pension Reference No.	<input type="text"/>	

Member's Declaration

I nominate my partner to receive a survivor's pension under the Local Government Pension Scheme (NI).

Signature

Date

Joint Declaration

We declare that the following statements are true now, and have been continuously true for the last two years or more:

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 understand that if any of these statements is found to be false, the nomination will be invalid. We also understand that the nominated partner will only be entitled to a pension if these conditions have been met continuously for a period of two years leading up to the member's death.

Member's Signature

Date

Nominated Partner's Signature

Date

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