

Since April 2014 you are no longer required to nominate a cohabiting partner to be eligible for a survivor pension. However making a nomination helps us establish eligibility in the event of your death.

If you are married or are in a registered civil partnership, do not complete this form. Your husband, wife or registered civil partner is automatically covered for a survivor pension.

- Please read the form carefully and make sure all sections are fully completed.
- The LGPS member should fill in the form but both partners should sign it.
- This option doesn't apply to members who left or retired before 1 April 2008.

All four of the following conditions must have applied for **at least two years without a break**:

You must have been living together as if you were husband and wife or civil partners.

You must not have been living with anyone else as if you were married or civil partners.

You must have been free to marry your partner or to form a civil partnership with them.

This means you must not be legally married or in a civil partnership already, even if you've separated or if the marriage or civil partnership is in the process of being dissolved.

It also means you must not be related in any of the following ways:

father or mother, adoptive father or mother, former adoptive father or mother, son or daughter, adoptive son or daughter, former adoptive son or daughter, brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, uncle or aunt, nephew or niece, grandfather or grandmother, grandson or granddaughter.

The law does not permit these relatives to marry one another or enter into civil partnerships with one another; so you wouldn't be able to nominate any such relative as your cohabiting partner.

**Either : Your partner must have been financially dependent on you,
or : You and your partner must have been financially interdependent.**

This means you provide for most or all of your partner's financial needs;
or if not, that you financially support each other, for instance by sharing the household bills.
So long as you both contribute, the contributions don't have to be equal.

If the four conditions haven't all applied for a continuous period of two years or more, you can apply when they have. For instance, if you've been living together for three years but your divorce only came through eighteen months ago, you'll be able to apply in six months time.

You and your nominated cohabiting partner should be aware, on your death, we will have to verify the conditions for nomination have been satisfied. For example, we may do this by asking for confirmation you lived in a shared household with shared household spending, or 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 they are entitled.

If they could do so, they'd get a survivor's pension just as if you'd been married or civil partners. Membership before April 1988 doesn't count for this unless you pay extra contributions to cover it. Please contact us if you would like details.

**Please complete and return this form to: Norfolk Pension Fund,
5th Floor Lawrence House, 5 St Andrews Hill, NORWICH, NR2 1AD**

Member Details (to be completed and signed by the LGPS member)

Name

Date of Birth

Employer

NI Number

Telephone

Address

I nominate my partner as my cohabiting partner for pension purposes.

Signed (Member)

Date

Nominated Partner's Details (to be completed by the LGPS member)

Name

Date of Birth

NI Number

Declaration (to be signed by both partners)

We both confirm all four conditions below have applied to us without a break for the past two years or longer and will inform the Norfolk Pension Fund if any condition ceases to apply.

We have read and understood the notes overleaf and understand the Norfolk Pension Fund need to be satisfied all conditions are met before any survivor pension can be paid.

- We have lived together as if we were husband and wife or civil partners
- We have not lived with anyone else as if we were husband and wife or civil partners
- We have been legally free to get married or become civil partners
- We have been financially interdependent or the nominated partner has been financially dependent on the LGPS member.

Signed Member Date

Signed Partner Date

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