



Nominate your cohabiting partner to get a nominated partner's pension

Please read this first: you can only nominate a cohabiting partner if **you're paying into the pension scheme now or you left the pension scheme on or after 1 April 2008.**

Please **don't** fill this form in if this doesn't apply to you.

Important

On your death we would need to be satisfied that your relationship met the qualifying conditions for us to pay a pension. Knowingly falsifying a nomination may result in a potential fraud investigation when we consider paying any benefits.

Please fill the form in using BLOCK CAPITALS. Use black ink if you can.

Your details	
Full name	
Date of birth	WYPF reference
Your home address	

I nominate my partner below to receive a **nominated partner's pension** under the LGPS

Your partner's details	
Their full name	
Date of birth	National Insurance no.
Their home address	

Both you **and** your partner must fill in the declaration below.

Declaration	
<p>We confirm that for a continuous period of at least two years before the date of this declaration, all of the following were true.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been free to marry each other or enter into a civil partnership with each other • We have lived together as if we were husband and wife or registered civil partners • Neither of us have been living with somebody else as if we were husband and wife or civil partners • Our financial affairs have been interdependent (or the nominated partner has been financially dependent on the pension scheme member). 	
Your signature	Date
Your partner's signature	Date

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Explanatory notes

You don't need to complete this form if you are married or in a registered civil partnership (same sex partnership).

Benefits payable on the death of a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) include pensions for children, for a surviving spouse or registered civil partner and, providing the Scheme member paid into the LGPS on or after 1 April 2008, for a nominated cohabiting partner.

(A civil partnership is formed when two people of the same sex legally register as civil partners of each other).

You can nominate a cohabiting partner, of either the opposite or the same sex, by filling in the nomination form over the page and sending it to:

West Yorkshire Pension Fund
PO Box 67
Bradford
BD1 1UP

To be able to make a nomination, all of the following must, on the date you both sign the nomination form, have applied to both you and your nominated partner for a continuous period of at least two years.

- 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 (but see note below); **and**
- you and your nominated cohabiting partner have been living together as if you were husband and wife, or civil partners; **and**
- neither you or your nominated cohabiting partner have been living with someone else as if you or 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.

Your nomination is only valid if you and your partner met all of the above conditions for a continuous period of at least two years on the date you sign the nomination form overleaf.

Note

If you are in any doubt whether you would be free to marry, or enter into a civil partnership with your partner, please check with your local registry office).

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, your partner's income is a lot more than yours, but they pay the mortgage and most of the bills, and you pay for the weekly shopping.

On your death, we would pay a nominated partner's pension to your nominated cohabiting partner if:

- the nomination 'has effect' at the date of your death; **and**
- your nominated cohabiting partner satisfies us that you had also met the above conditions for a continuous period of at least two years immediately before your death.

A nomination no longer 'has 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.

You and your nominated cohabiting partner should be aware that on your death we would verify that the conditions for paying a survivor's pension have been satisfied.

We may, for example, ask for confirmation that you lived in a shared household with shared household spending. Or we may ask your partner to prove that you had a bank account or mortgage in joint names.

Your partner would have the right to appeal if we decided not to pay a pension they believe they are entitled to.

It's important to fill in and send us this form because we can't pay your cohabiting partner a pension without a valid nomination form.

- **Don't forget to tell us about any change of circumstances that could affect your nomination, or if you want to cancel it.**
- **This form is separate to any nomination made in favour of any lump-sum death grant that may become payable.**
- **Although partner's pensions are normally based just on your membership after 6 April 1988, if you're an active member with membership before this date you can pay extra to cover all your membership – as long as you do it within 12 months of first nominating your partner. Please contact us to find out how much it costs.**