

# Notes on eligibility of cohabiting partner for surviving partner's pension

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**Please read these notes of guidance carefully before completing the form.**

If you are married or in a registered civil partnership, your partner will automatically receive a surviving partner's pension if you die before them.

If you are living with your partner but have never married or entered into a civil partnership with them, they are known as your cohabiting partner. They may qualify for a surviving partner's pension if you die before them, but you must have paid contributions into the LGPS **on or after 1st April 2008**.

To qualify for the surviving partner's pension, all of the conditions listed in the declaration on the form must have applied to you and your partner for a continuous period of at least two years on the date you sign the form.

When you die, a surviving partner's pension would be paid to your cohabiting partner so long as the Clwyd Pension Fund is satisfied that:

- You were both still living together at the date of your death, and
- Neither you nor your partner have been living with someone else as if you were husband, wife or civil partner with that other person
- Your cohabiting partner can prove that the conditions had also been met for a continuous period of at least two years immediately before your death. For example, 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 a decision is made not to pay a pension and your partner believes that they do qualify.

Once we receive your completed form, the information will be registered on your pension record and a letter of confirmation sent to you.

**Don't forget to let us know if your partnership status changes.**

## Local Government Pension Scheme

## Details of cohabiting partner for surviving partner's pension

## Member Details:

Full Name:					
NI Number:		Date of Birth:			
Address:					
		Postcode:			
Email Address:		Telephone No:			
<b>Language Preference:</b> I wish to receive <b>ALL</b> future correspondence in (Please ✓ the box relevant to you to show your choice)					
Welsh		English		Bilingual	
<b>Communications Preference:</b> I wish to receive <b>ALL</b> future correspondence in (Please ✓ the box relevant to you to show your choice) <b>(Please select only ONE option)</b>					
<b>Electronic</b> *Please make sure you have registered to use Member Self-Service to receive correspondence electronically: <a href="https://mss.clwydpensionfund.org.uk">https://mss.clwydpensionfund.org.uk</a>			<b>Paper</b>		

**Your Partner's Details:** (If a surviving partner's pension becomes payable under the Local Government Pension Scheme, my cohabiting partner's contact details are as follows)

Full Name:					
NI Number:		Date of Birth:			
Address:					
		Postcode:			
Email Address:		Telephone No:			


## Declaration:

We confirm that for a continuous period of at least two years before the date of this declaration, all of the following statements are true:

- 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, wife or registered civil partners, and
- Neither of us have been living with someone else as if we were husband, wife or civil partners, and
- As partners, one of us depends on the other financially, or on our joint income, to support our standard of living

Member's signature:		Date:	
Cohabiting partner's signature:		Date:	

**This completed form should be returned to the Clwyd Pension Fund by one of the following methods:**

 Upload the forms through MSS 'Document Upload'



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