

NHS Pensions - Partner nomination

From 1 April 2008 Scheme members may nominate a partner to receive an adult dependant's pension on their death.

A member, who is not currently married or in a civil partnership with anyone else, may make a nomination if they fulfil the conditions stated in the declaration section of the non married form Partner Nomination (PN1). These include:

- The member must have contributed to the NHS Pension Scheme on or after 1 April 2008.
- The member must have lived with their partner in a permanent exclusive relationship for at least two years.
- The member and partner must be legally free to marry or enter into a civil partnership and have been so for a period of at least two years.
- The member and partner must be financially interdependent.

Members can download form Partner Nomination (PN1) from the website. Employers are encouraged to support members, if approached, for the provision and completion of form Partner Nomination (PN1).

The completed Partner Nomination (PN1) form must be signed by the member and their partner and sent to NHS Pensions. The member does not have to provide evidence to support the application, evidence of financial interdependency will only be required if the partner makes a claim when the member dies.

If the relationship comes to an end, the member should complete form Existing nomination cancellation (NOM1) for cancelling a death benefit nomination. This form can also be downloaded from the website.

The adult dependant's pension for a nominated partner is half the members pension, based on membership from 6 April 1988 **only**. Any member of 1995 Section of the NHS Pension Scheme with membership before 6 April 1988 had a time limited opportunity to buy Increased Survivor pension cover for their nominated partner. This option was available until 30 June 2009 and more information can be found on the website.

An adult dependant's pension is paid for life and does not stop if the surviving nominated partner marries, enters into a civil partnership or cohabits.