

Partner Nomination Factsheet

From 1 April 2008 Scheme members may nominate a partner to receive a Surviving Partner 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 fulfill the conditions stated in the declaration section of the non-married partner nomination form PN1. These include:

- The member must have contributed to the HSC Pension Scheme on or after 1 April 2008.
- The member must have lived with their partner in a permanent exclusive relationship for at least 2 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 PN1 from the website. Employers are encouraged to support members, if approached, for the provision and completion of form [PN1](#).

The completed form PN1 must be signed by the member and their partner and sent to HSC Pension Service. 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 CANCEL1 for 'cancelling a death benefit nomination'. Form [CANCEL1](#) can also be downloaded from the website.

A Surviving Partner Pension is paid for life and does not stop if the surviving nominated partner marries, enters into a civil partnership or cohabits.