



LGSS Pensions Service – administering pensions on behalf  
of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service.

## **THE NEW FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME 2006**

### **Nomination of a Dependent Partner for a Survivor's Pension.**

Benefits payable upon the death of a member of the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme include pensions for children, and for a surviving spouse or civil partner. The Scheme also provides benefits, similar to those for a surviving spouse or civil partner, for a partner with whom the firefighter has not entered marriage or formed a civil partnership but where:

- an appropriate nomination and joint declaration has been made, and
- Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service are satisfied that, at the date of the firefighter's death, the nominated partner was living with the firefighter in an exclusive, committed, long-term relationship (normally for at least two years) and that the conditions for making the nomination and joint declaration are still met.

#### **Conditions for Making a Nomination.**

The conditions for nomination and joint declaration are that –

- both the firefighter and nominated partner must be free to marry or enter into a civil partnership in the United Kingdom, and;
- either the nominated partner must be financially dependent on the firefighter or the firefighter and nominated partner must be financially interdependent.

If you and/or your partner are currently married or have a civil partner then this type of nomination cannot be made. Upon your death, your spouse or civil partner would automatically receive a dependant's benefits under the provisions of the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme. This would be the case until such time as the marriage or civil partnership is annulled or dissolved. It would not be until that time that you would be able to make a nomination for your partner.

There is no requirement that you and your partner should have been in an "exclusive, committed, long-term relationship" at the date of making the nomination. This would not have to be demonstrated until date of death. At that time, the Fire and Rescue Service would have to be satisfied that the relationship had existed for at least two years up to that date. (The Service may waive the two-year requirement, at their discretion.)

#### **Determining an Entitlement to Benefits.**

It is never easy to ask for information when a person dies but the Fire and Rescue Service has to do this to determine entitlement for benefits. You and your partner should be aware that this will happen. For example, the Fire and Rescue Service may ask for confirmation that you lived in a shared household with shared household spending. Or your partner may be able to demonstrate that you had a bank account or mortgage in joint names.

It may be that you and your partner have made wills, or have taken out life assurance, naming each other as the main beneficiary. This is the sort of evidence that the Fire and Rescue Service would seek. There would be a right of appeal if the Fire and Rescue Service decide not to pay a pension and your partner believes that he/she has entitlement.

**How to Nominate Your Partner.**

If you wish to nominate your partner for dependant's benefits, complete the attached form. The declaration should be signed by both you and your partner and should be witnessed by a third party.

Please return this completed form either:

*By post to:* LGSS Pensions Service, PO Box 202, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7YD.

*By email to:* [pensions@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

**It is important that you keep the Fire and Rescue Service informed of any change in circumstances which could affect the nomination, or if you wish to revoke it.**



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**New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme 2006 – Nomination of Dependent Partner for Survivors’ Pension Form**

*Please read notes attached and print clearly. Please ensure you and your partner have signed the declaration over page and that it has been witnessed.*

**YOUR DETAILS:**

Surname ..... Title.....

Forename(s) .....

Date of birth ..... National Insurance No. ....

Payroll number .....

Home address .....

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**NOMINATED PARTNER DETAILS:**

I nominate my partner named below to receive a nominated partner's pension under the New Firefighter's Pension Scheme 2006:

Surname ..... Title.....

Forename(s) .....

Date of birth ..... National Insurance No. ....

Payroll number .....

Home address .....

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**You should not rely on this nomination alone to give your partner entitlement to a pension. Upon your death, the Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service will need to be satisfied that your relationship met the qualifying conditions for the payment of a pension.**

**Declaration:**

We confirm that –

- we have lived together for ..... years, during which time our financial affairs have been interdependent (or my nominated partner has been financially dependent upon me);
- we are in an exclusive, committed relationship with each other, and we intend to continue in this relationship indefinitely;
- we are mutually responsible for each other's welfare;
- we are not related in a way that would prevent marriage or civil partnership;
- neither of us is married to, or in a civil partnership with, anyone else;
- neither of us is currently nominated as the partner of anyone else.

**Scheme Member's Signature**.....

**Date**.....

**Nominated Partner's Signature**.....

**Date**.....

**Witnessed by:**

**Full Name**.....

**Address**.....

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**Signature**.....

**Date**.....

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**Please note:**

The information which is collected on this form will be held and processed in line with the Data Protection Act. The information will be shared between Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire County Councils and the Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service for the purposes of pensions administration.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats upon request, such as Braille, large print and audio cassette. Please phone (01604) 366537 for further information.