

Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Relationship

Use this form to provide information to support your common-law status.

Note: Section 4 is to be signed in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths.

Section 5 is for the Commissioner of Oaths to complete and sign.

SECTION 1 – MEMBER'S INFORMATION

LAST NAME	GIVEN NAME(S)	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

SECTION 2 – COMMON-LAW SPOUSE INFORMATION

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SECTION 3 – COMMON-LAW RELATIONSHIP INFORMATION

Definition of Common-Law Spouse

The Nova Scotia Public Service Superannuation Act defines a "common-law spouse" as two persons who are not married to each other, are cohabiting in a conjugal relationship with each other, which the relationship has continued for at least a) one year if neither of them is married, or b) three years, if either of them is married.

When did you begin living in the same residence with your partner as a common-law couple?

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

Were there any breaks or gaps in the relationship?

Yes (please indicate the dates)

No

FROM (MM/DD/YYYY)	TO (MM/DD/YYYY)
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Are you living together as a common-law couple at the time of your retirement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you, or have you ever been, married?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of former spouse (if applicable):	
Status of your relationship with this former spouse:	<input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Year of separation, divorce or widowed:	



SECTION 4 – MEMBER’S DECLARATION

Please read carefully before signing this declaration in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths*.

I, _____ of _____ in the Province of _____,
Name Name of City Name of Province

MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*. I understand that Nova Scotia Pension Services Corporation reserves the right to request that I provide additional information to prove my common-law spouse status.

Member’s Signature Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

SECTION 5 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF OATHS*

Declared before me at _____ country of _____ in the province or
Name of City, Town or Village Country
territory of _____ . Dated this _____ day of _____,
Province or Territory Day Month Year

Name of Commissioner of Oaths Signature of Commissioner of Oaths

Municipal Official: please provide the office you currently hold and the municipality:

Office Municipality

Lawyer or judge: please provide your Law Society number:

Law Society Number Please affix seal/stamp here if applicable

- *A Commissioner of Oaths can be:
• a lawyer entitled to practice law in Canada;
• a judge or justice of the peace;
• a Notary Public;
• certain municipal officials (such as a City Clerk); or
• a person appointed as a Commissioner by the Attorney General.

Notes

Supporting Document

Nova Scotia Pension Services Corporation requires that you submit a supporting document with the statutory declaration as evidence of the common-law relationship.

Provide at least one of the following documents (should be dated at least 1 year prior to date of retirement):

- Bank statement from an active joint account
- Joint lease, mortgage or home purchase or ownership Agreement for the shared residence
- Property tax statement in both names
- Your last will and testament where you name your partner as spouse or beneficiary
- Insurance policies (life, home, property, car)
- Household bills (power, water, gas, cable, etc.) in both names, or in each name for the same address
- Notice of Assessment indicating relationship