

THE CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN or  
THE CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN  
**Declaration of Marital Status**

Please print clearly in pen:

**SECTION A – DECLARATION BY MEMBER ON ENROLMENT AND/OR CHANGE OF SPOUSAL INFORMATION**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employee No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(last/first/initial)

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  MALE  FEMALE  
(last/first/initial) (Year/Month/Day)

I hereby certify that, as of this date of this declaration:

I do not have a spouse\*, or

I do have a spouse\*  
as defined by the applicable Pension Benefits Legislation.

**SECTION B – CHANGE OF SPOUSAL INFORMATION**

I hereby certify that, as of this date of declaration:

No part of my pension entitlement under the plan has been assigned by an agreement or court order as a result of marriage breakdown, or

A portion of my pension entitlement under the plan has been assigned as a result of marriage breakdown and a copy of the applicable agreement is attached.

**SECTION C – CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Witness (PLEASE PRINT)

**SECTION D – DECLARATION BY SPOUSE ON MEMBER'S DEATH OR INCAPACITY**

As a result of the death or incapacity of my spouse, whose name appears above, I certify that, as of the date of this declaration, I am the spouse\* of the member named above.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_  
(last/first/initial) (Year/Month/Day)

Sex  MALE  FEMALE

**SECTION E - CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Witness (PLEASE PRINT)

\* The definition of spouse varies according to the jurisdiction in which you work. Your spouse is the person who meets the specified definition at the time when determination of marital status is required, as defined on the reverse of this form.

Spouse as defined on the reverse of this form

## SPOUSAL AND BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

Provincial pension legislation requires that for certain periods of service, if the member has a spouse, the spouse must be the designated beneficiary. However, in Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia, a member's spouse may waive that requirement by completing the **Spousal waiver – Pre-retirement death benefit** form, available from the HR Representative.

### British Columbia:

"Spouse" means, in relation to another person,

- (a) a person who at the relevant time was married to that other person, and who, if living separate and apart from that other person at the relevant time, did not live separate and apart from that other person for longer than the 2 year period immediately preceding the relevant time, or
- (b) a person who was living and cohabiting with that other person in a marriage-like relationship, including a marriage-like relationship between persons of the same gender, and who had been living and cohabiting in that relationship for a period of at least 2 years immediately preceding the relevant time.

Persons are living separate and apart

- (a) if they are living apart and either of those persons has the intention to live separate and apart from the other, or
- (b) if, before the relevant time,
  - (i) they had lived separate and apart for any period, and
  - (ii) that period was interrupted or terminated only because either person became incapable of continuing to live separate and apart or of forming or having the intention to continue to live separate and apart of that person's own volition, and the separation would probably have continued if that person had not become incapable.

### Saskatchewan:

"Spouse" means:

- (i) a person who is married to a member or former member; or
- (ii) if a member or former member is not married, a person with whom the member or former member is cohabiting as spouses at the relevant time and who has been cohabiting continuously with the member or former member as his or her spouse for at least one year prior to the relevant time.

### Manitoba:

"Spouse" of a member is the individual who is married to the member.

"Common-law partner" of a member or former member means

- (a) a person who, with the member or former member, registered a common-law relationship under section 13.1 of *The Vital Statistics Act*, or
- (b) a person who, not being married to the member or former member, cohabited with him or her in a conjugal relationship
  - (i) for a period of at least three years, if either of them is married, or
  - (ii) for a period of at least one year, if neither of them is married

A common-law partner shall be considered to have survived a member or former member with whom he or she had a common-law relationship only if they were cohabiting with each other immediately before the death of the member or former member.

### Nova Scotia:

"Spouse" means either of a man and woman who

- (i) are married to each other,
- (ii) are married to each other by a marriage that is voidable and has not been annulled by a declaration of nullity, or
- (iii) have gone through a form of marriage with each other, in good faith, that is void and are cohabiting or, if they have ceased to cohabit, have cohabited within the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of entitlement;

"Common-law partner" of an individual means another individual who has cohabited with the individual in a conjugal relationship for a period of at least two years, neither of them being a spouse.

### Prince Edward Island, Yukon Territories, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut:

"Spouse", in relation to an individual, includes a person who is party to a void marriage with the individual. "Common-law partner", in relation to an individual, means a person who is cohabiting with the individual in a conjugal relationship, having so cohabited for a period of at least one year. Where a member or former member has a spouse from whom they are separated and a common-law partner with whom they are cohabiting, a reference to a "spouse or common-law partner" in respect of that member or former member means the common-law partner.

### Alberta:

The legislation uses "pension partner" in lieu of "spouse."

"Pension partner" means, in relation to another person,

- (i) a person who, at the relevant time, was married to that other person and had not been living separate and apart from that other person for 3 or more consecutive years, or
- (ii) if there is no person to whom subclause (i) applies, a person who, immediately preceding the relevant time, had lived with that other person in a conjugal relationship
  - (A) for a continuous period of at least 3 years, or
  - (B) of some permanence, if there is a child of the relationship by birth or adoption;

Persons are living separate and apart

- (a) if they are living apart and either of them has the intention to live separate and apart from the other, or
- (b) if, before the relevant time,
  - (i) they had been living separate and apart for any period, and
  - (ii) that period was interrupted or terminated by reason only that either of them became incapable of continuing to live separate and apart or of forming or having the intention to continue to live separate and apart of that person's own volition, and the separation would probably have continued if that person had not become so incapable.

### Ontario:

"Spouse" means either of two persons who,

- (a) are married to each other, or
- (b) are not married to each other and are living together in a conjugal relationship,
  - (i) continuously for a period of not less than three years, or
  - (ii) in a relationship of some permanence, if they are the natural or adoptive parents of a child, both as defined in the *Family Law Act*.

### New Brunswick:

"Spouse" means either of a man and a woman who

- (a) are married to each other,
- (b) are married to each other by a marriage that is voidable and has not been avoided by a declaration of nullity,
- (c) have gone through a form of marriage with each other in good faith that is void and have cohabited within the preceding year, or
- (d) not being married to each other, have cohabited
  - (i) continuously for a period of not less than three years in a conjugal relationship in which one person has been substantially dependent upon the other for support, or
  - (ii) in a relationship of some permanence where there is a child born of whom they are the natural parents, and have cohabited within the preceding year.

### Newfoundland and Labrador:

"Spouse" means a person who

- (i) is married to the member or former member,
- (ii) is married to the member or the former member by a marriage that is voidable and has not been voided by a judgment of nullity, or
- (iii) has gone through a form of a marriage with the member or former member, in good faith, that is void and is cohabiting or has cohabited with the member or former member within the preceding year.

"Cohabiting partner",

- (i) in relation to a member or former member who has a spouse, means a person who is not the spouse of the member or former member who has cohabited continuously with the member or former member in a conjugal relationship for not less than 3 years, or
- (ii) in relation to a member or former member who does not have a spouse, means a person who has cohabited continuously with the member or former member in a conjugal relationship for not less than one year, and is cohabiting or has cohabited with the member or former member within the preceding year.