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| **Resource Toolkit** | Single Scheme Administration Project (Phase 1)**Death of a Deferred Member**  |
| **Resource Name** | Template Form - Spouse/Civil Partner Pension Application Form  |
| **Resource Reference** | SPS.DTH.DOD.TF.03 (Phase 1) |
| **Description** | Template Spouse/Civil Partner Pension Application form - this form may be sent to the Spouse/Civil Partner of the deceased where a deferred Single Scheme member dies before accessing their benefits. It can be used to gather important information to determine eligibility for an entitlement to a Spouse/Civil Partner Pension |
| **Version**  | V1.0 |

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| **PLEASE NOTE:** Administratorsmay accesslegislation, Circulars or Letters to Personnel Officers noted in this Procedure by accessing the Circulars & Legislation Section of the Single Scheme Website at [www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie/circulars](http://www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie/circulars) |

**Single Public Service Pension Scheme**

***Surviving Spouse/Civil Partner***

***Pension Benefit Application Form***

**What is the purpose of this form?**

This form is issued to the Surviving Spouse/Civil Partner of a deferred member of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme (or “Single Scheme”) who dies before accessing their benefits. The information requested will assist in making a decision on eligibility for entitlement to receive a Spouse/Civil Partner Pension benefit. It is important that this form is read along with the enclosed Death of a Deferred Member Information Note.

**What are the main eligibility criteria for a Spouse/Civil Partner Pension benefit?**

To be eligible to apply for a Spouse/Civil Partner Pension;

* You must have been the legal Spouse or Civil Partner of the deceased at the time of the death of the Single Scheme member; or
* The designated beneficiary of a Pension Adjustment Order granted by the Family Law Courts, who has not since remarried; and
* You must not, at the time of the death of the Single Scheme member, have been cohabiting with a partner other than the deceased.

**What documents should be provided as part of a Spouse/Civil Partner Pension application?**

The following documents must be submitted with all applications:

* Deceased’s original Death Certificate
* Deceased’s original long-form Birth Certificate
* Your original, long-form Birth Certificate
* Your original Marriage Certificate or Certificate of Civil Partnership

**If original documents are not available or cannot be obtained, please contact the Pension Administrator for guidance.**

**What happens once a complete application is submitted?**

Once a complete application is submitted, the information gathered will be used to decide whether you are eligible to receive a Spouse/Civil Partner pension.

If you are eligible, we will outline what the next steps are in order to set-up your pension.

**Single Public Service Pension Scheme**

**Surviving Spouse/Civil Partner Pension Application Form**

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| **Section A: Spouse/Civil Partner Personal Information** ***(Please fully complete all fields below)*** |
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**Your First name****Your Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_**  (DD/MM/YYYY)**Your Legal Civil Status** 🞏 Married 🞏 Civil Partnership 🞏 Co-habiting **(at date of death)**  🞏 Separated**1** 🞏 Divorced**1** 🞏 A former Civil Partner**1** **Date of your Marriage** **or Civil Partnership \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_**  (DD/MM/YYYY)

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**Your address for** **correspondence and****issue of pension remittance****slips**

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**Your email address****Key Eligibility Criteria** At the time of the Deceased’s death were you cohabiting with a partner who was not the deceased?  🞏NO🞏YES *(If ‘yes’, please provide details at* ***Section D****)* |
| **Section B: Family Law** ***(Please fully completed all fields below)***  |
| **To the best of your knowledge are the Deceased’s benefits subject to the terms of a Pensions Adjustment Order2 arising from prior Family Law proceedings?** Please tick as appropriate:🞏NO🞏YES *(If ‘yes’, please enclose full details)* |
| **Section C: Deceased Member’s Personal Information** ***(Please fully complete all fields below)*** |
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**Deceased’s PPS Number**

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**Deceased’s Full Name****Deceased’s Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_**  (DD/MM/YYYY)**Deceased’s Date of Death \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_**  (DD/MM/YYYY) |
| **Section D: Other Information** ***(Please provide any other information below that you feel may be relevant to this application)*** |
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| **Section E: Declaration by applicant Spouse/Civil Partner**   |
| I declare that I have reviewed the Death of a Deferred Member Information Note and I can confirm that I meet the eligibility criteria for payment of a Spouse/Civil Partner Pension. I declare that the information provided by me as part of this application is complete and correct. **Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Date:** \_\_ /\_\_ /\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| **Section F: Document Checklist** ***(Please note, all documents must be originals)***  |
| **Deceased’s original** Death Certificate **(if not already provided)** | 🞏 |
| **Your original** Long-Form Birth Certificate  | 🞏 |
| **Your original** Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate | 🞏 |
| **If applicable:****1**If you were legally separated, divorced or a former Civil Partner of the Deceased at their date of death and claim an entitlement to benefit because of a Court-approved Pensions Adjustment Order, please enclose your original Decree of Divorce or Decree of Judicial Separation or Decree of Dissolution of a Civil Partnership (as appropriate) | 🞏 |
| **If applicable:****2**If you hold a copy of a Pensions Adjustment Order related to the Deceased’s membership of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme, please enclose a copy | 🞏 |