

Important Notice to contributors of the following NB legislated pension plans:

This notice is for information purposes only, and does not convey or create any entitlement(s) or right(s) to a pension, benefit or allowance. If there is a discrepancy between the information contained herein and the appropriate Acts and Regulations, the legislation will prevail.

***Public Service Superannuation Act
Provincial Court Act
Members' Pension Act***

***Teachers' Pension Act
Provincial Court Judges' Pension Act
Members Superannuation Act***

Effective December 19, 2008, amendments were made to the preceding legislated pension plans recognizing common law partners for the purpose of pension benefits. These amendments will replace the definition that was used to recognize common law partners between January 1, 2001 and December 18, 2008.

Under the amended pension Acts, common law partners will continue to be eligible for survivor benefits and a division of pension credits upon the breakdown of a common law partnership. To be eligible as a common law partner, a continuous period of two (2) years living in a conjugal relationship will be required.

For the period between January 1, 2001, and December 18, 2008, common law partner was interpreted to mean:

A person, who was not married to the contributor, had lived with the contributor,

- a) continuously for a period of not less than three years in a conjugal relationship, or
- b) in a conjugal relationship of some permanence where there was a child born of whom they were the natural parents,

and had lived with the contributor in that relationship at the time of the contributor's death.

Applications for Survivor Benefits and the **Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Partners** are available at the following web page link: www.qnb.ca/pensions

You can contact the toll free line of the Compensation and Employee Benefits Division at 1-800-561-4012 (anywhere in Canada) or 453-2296 (Fredericton area) to obtain a copy of these applications.