

# DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS



- Pension Plan for Custodians, Bus Drivers and Maintenance Workers of NB School Districts
- Pension Plan for Full-Time CUPE 2745 Employees of NB School Districts

Please complete the following by typing or printing in black or dark blue ink.

**Mandatory – even if proof of marriage is provided.**  
**All three pages must be completed and returned to Vestcor in order for your request to be processed.**

## Section 1 - Personal Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

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Social Insurance Number (optional)

Y	Y	Y	Y	M	M	D	D
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Date of birth

Vestcor Reference Number: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Employee ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2 - Definitions

For the pension plans listed above, the following definitions apply:

**“Spouse”** means either of two persons who:

1. Are married to each other.
2. Are married to each other by a marriage that is voidable and has not been voided by a declaration of nullity.
3. Have gone through a form of marriage with each other in good faith that is void and have cohabited within the preceding year.

**“Common-Law Partner”** is someone who, though not married to the member, has cohabited:

1. Continuously for at least three (3) years in a conjugal relationship with the member, or
2. Within the preceding year in a relationship and where they are the natural parents of a child.

### Please note:

- The definition of spouse includes a person who a member is separated from but remains legally married to (i.e., a divorce has not been finalized).
- Under the above definitions, a person may have **both** a spouse and common-law partner on the date in question (i.e., a person is separated but not divorced from a spouse, and is currently in a common-law partnership with another individual).
- The above definitions include a spouse or common-law partner (as applicable) of the same sex.

## Section 3 - Marital Status Declaration

This section is for determining the forms of pension available to a member (including optional forms), and assessing who may be entitled to the survivor benefits (if any) under the pension.

I hereby solemnly declare that, on today's date: (check one)

I do **not** have either a spouse or common-law partner, as those terms are defined on page 1.

I have a spouse and/or common-law partner, as those terms are defined on page 1. Complete one or both of the sections in the table below, as applicable, and provide a copy of the birth certificate for any spouse / common-law partner listed.

### Spouse's Information

Name of Spouse

Y	Y	Y	Y	M	M	D	D
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Date of Marriage

I am currently:

Living with my spouse - If you have selected this option, you must include a copy of your Marriage Certificate with this form.

Separated from my spouse since:

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Date of Separation

### Common-Law Partner's Information

Name of Common-Law Partner

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Date Common-Law Partnership Began

If you have listed a Common-Law Partner above, you must also complete and submit the Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Partner form.

## Section 4 – Relationship Breakdown and Pension Division Declaration

This section is for determining whether a court order or domestic contract (including a separation agreement or marriage contract) has previously divided the pension benefits, which can affect the pension entitlement of a Member and/or the entitlement of a current or former spouse or common-law partner to benefits under the pension plan. **This section must be completed whether you have or haven't had a relationship breakdown.**

I hereby solemnly declare that, on today's date: (check one)

I have **not** previously had a breakdown of a marriage or common-law partnership.

I have previously had a breakdown of a marriage or common-law partnership, and:  
(check the applicable box below and complete the table below as applicable)

There is **no** court order or domestic contract that addresses my pension entitlement or the entitlement of a current or former spouse or common-law partner to benefits under the pension plan.

A court order or domestic contract addresses my pension entitlement and/or the entitlement of a current or former spouse or common-law partner to benefits under the pension plan. A copy of any such court order or domestic contract is required unless previously provided (including a divorce decree).

### Separated/Divorced Spouse's Information

Name of Separated/Divorced Spouse

Please check this box if your separated/divorced spouse is deceased

Date of Marriage

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Date of Separation

Y	Y	Y	Y	M	M	D	D
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Date of Divorce  
(if applicable)

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### Separated Common-Law Partner's Information

Name of Separated Common-Law Partner

Please check this box if your separated common-law partner is deceased

Date Common-Law Partnership Began

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Date Common-Law Partnership Ended

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## Section 5 – Member’s Signature

I understand that the status of spouse and/or common-law partner is established **on the date on which payment of my pension begins**. Accordingly, if my situation changes before payment of my pension begins, I must give a written notice of the change.

I understand that, for the purposes of the pension plan, this declaration should not be interpreted as automatically creating rights in favour of the person I have declared as my spouse and/or common-law partner, if applicable. Upon my death, the facts will be examined (including any relevant statutory and pension plan provisions, and the terms of any relevant court order or domestic contract that has been provided), to determine who is entitled to receive death benefits.

To the best of my knowledge, all information provided on this form is accurate and true.

**PRIVACY CONSENT:** *In addition to the purposes already specified, the personal information collected on this form will be used by Vestcor to: identify the member and any current or former spouse / common-law partner; assist in determining who may be eligible to receive the survivor benefit; contact the member and/or current or former spouse / common-law partner as necessary; and ultimately ensure that the pension plan is administered in accordance with the pension plan’s governing documents and applicable legislation. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact Vestcor’s Member Services Team, by mail at P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5H1; by phone at (506) 453-2296 or 1-800-561-4012; or by email at [info@vestcor.org](mailto:info@vestcor.org). In addition, please note that Vestcor’s Privacy Statement is available at [www.vestcor.org/privacy](http://www.vestcor.org/privacy).*

**AUTHORIZATION:** *I certify that the information above is accurate.*

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Member’s Signature

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Date

Please return completed form as soon as possible to:

Vestcor  
P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1  
Fax: (506) 457-7388

For more information, please contact Vestcor at:

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