

Entitlement to a partner's pension

According to the regulations of the pension fund, the surviving partner may claim a partner's pension upon the death of the insured person in the case of a partnership provided that the following conditions are cumulatively satisfied as of the date of the insured person's death:

- both partners are unmarried;
- the partners are not related to each other or linked to each other in a stepchild relationship;
- the surviving partner has ;
 - achieved the age of 45 years and has lived with the insured person in the same household in a domestic relationship in the last five years prior to the insured person's death free of any interruptions;

or

- the surviving partner lived in the same household as the insured person as of the date of the latter's death and is responsible for supporting one or more mutual children

or

- the surviving partner has achieved the age of 45 years and has lived with the insured person in the same household in the last five years prior to the insured person's death and was supported to a substantial degree by him/her.

The surviving partner of a retirement pensioner is on a par with the surviving partner of an insured person, if the entitlement conditions are satisfied at the beginning of the withdrawal of the retirement pension, the pension fund is notified in writing and the entitlement conditions are still fulfilled on the date of the insured person's death.

A partnership is defined as a shared household arising from a relationship solely between two people.

The insured person must notify the foundation in writing of the existence of a partnership giving rise to entitlement to benefits no later than upon the conditions for entitlement (partnership in existence for five years or mutual children) being satisfied by using the form provided by the foundation for this purpose. This notification must be signed by both partners. The signatures must be certified by a notary. In all cases, entitlement to receipt of a partner's pension shall be determined in the light of the circumstances prevailing as of the insured person's death.

If the surviving partner marries or enters a new partnership, entitlement to the partner's pension shall be forfeited. The foundation conducts regular checks to confirm pension entitlement. The foundation board may terminate or reduce the partner's pension in the event of any abuse.