



BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
**DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION**

**WHAT IS A DOMESTIC PARTNER?**

Domestic Partners are defined as two adults who have chosen to share one another's lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring.

As of January 2012, the provisions for common residency and mutual support are no longer required by the State of California to establish a domestic partnership under Family Code Section 297. In addition, minors are allowed to enter into domestic partnerships if authorized by a court order and evidenced by written consent of the minor's parents under Family Code Section 297.1.

**HOW DO I REGISTER A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP?**

Both the member and domestic partner must complete the Declaration of Domestic Partnership form. This Declaration is applicable to pension benefits only (survivor pension and health subsidy after member dies). To determine eligibility of having your Domestic Partner carried as a dependent on your current health insurance plan, please contact the Personnel Department or your service union.

**BENEFITS AND QUALIFICATION**

There are specific eligibility requirements for pension and health subsidy benefits which are stated in the Los Angeles City Charter and the Los Angeles Administrative Code. The requirements for qualified domestic partner pension benefits are essentially the same as for a qualified surviving spouse.

**TERMINATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP**

A domestic partnership terminates when any of the following occurs:

- One partner gives, or sends by certified mail, to the other partner a written notice that he or she is terminating the partnership.
- One of the domestic partners dies.
- One of the domestic partners marries someone other than the domestic partner.

Whenever one of these above events ends the partnership, one of the domestic partners must file a **Notice of Termination of Domestic Partnership** with the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions.

A new Declaration of another Domestic Partnership cannot be filed until at least six months after the filing of a Notice of Termination of Domestic Partnership. This six month waiting period does not apply where the domestic partnership was terminated because of death or marriage to someone other than the domestic partner.

**If you have any questions, please contact Active Member Services at:**

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