

## Surviving Dependant Registration Form

Please do not complete this form if you are legally married or have registered a civil partnership.

### About You

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ BA Staff/Pension Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### About your dependant

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Nature of Relationship\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*e.g. Live-in partner, dependant parent. If you have more than one dependant please give details.*

### Comments

If you think it would be helpful for the Scheme's Trustee to have further information about your circumstances or your dependant, please feel free to attach further comments. Any information you give will be kept confidential.

### Declaration

I have Adult Survivor's pension cover under the rules of the Airways Pension Scheme (APS) or the New Airways Pension Scheme (NAPS) and I confirm that I do not have a legal spouse or registered civil partner at present and that I have read the attached explanatory notes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** The Scheme cannot guarantee that the person you register will definitely receive a surviving dependant's pension. This is because the power to consider the matter only arises after your death so the Trustee must make its decision based on circumstances at that time.

**Please return the completed form to:**  
British Airways Pensions, PO Box 2074, Liverpool, L69 2YL

## Surviving Dependant Registration Form explanatory notes

**Please only complete this form if you do not have a legal spouse or civil partner and you are paying pension contributions (APS members only) or have paid in the past (APS/NAPS members) for Adult Survivor's pension cover.**

The rules of the Scheme specify that, where higher rate pension contributions have been paid for during membership to provide an Adult Survivor's pension in the event of the member's or pensioner's death, that Adult Survivor's pension is only payable to a legal widow(er) or registered civil partner. Where higher rate contributions have been paid but the member or pensioner does not have a legal spouse or civil partner at the date of death, the Scheme's Trustee may decide to pay the Adult Survivor's pension to a 'surviving dependant'.

Broadly speaking, a 'surviving dependant' is someone who is dependent on you at the time of your death. Financial interdependency can qualify where, for example, you are in a marriage-type relationship and the surviving partner would need a second income to maintain the standard of living, which had previously depended on your joint incomes. Financial dependency can qualify if you supported the other party in the everyday essential respects, making significant financial payments towards their day-to-day living expenses.



The Trustee will require supporting evidence of financial dependency or financial interdependency (including mortgage/tenancy documents, joint bills, bank statements and details of significant financial payments made by you towards the applicant's day-to-day living expenses) when considering payment of a surviving dependant's pension after your death. It will be difficult to consider payment of such a pension without seeing supporting evidence. It is not sufficient just to register the same person with your line Manager for emergency contact or staff travel purposes.

It does not matter if your surviving dependant is of the same or opposite gender.

Someone who is a 'dependent child' (i.e. a child under the age of 23 who is in full time education/vocational training or is unable to earn a living through disability) is eligible for a separate Dependent Child's Allowance and does not qualify as a 'surviving dependant'. Government legislation only allows payment of an Adult Survivor's pension to a dependent child over the age of 23 if payment of the member's pension commenced before 2 July 2008. If payment of the member's pension commenced on or after 2 July 2008, an Adult Survivor's pension cannot be paid to a dependent child over the age of 23 unless they are unable to earn a living through disability.

**If you pay (APS members only) or have ever paid for Adult Survivor's pension cover (APS/NAPS members) and already have a legal husband, wife or registered civil partner, completion of the Surviving Dependant's Registration Form is not necessary, as the Adult Survivor's pension would automatically be payable to your spouse or civil partner.**

Should your personal circumstances change in the future, please ensure that you notify us of the change.

Please do not confuse the 'Surviving Dependant's Registration' form with a 'Notice of Wish' form. A 'Notice of Wish' form is the form on which you notify the Trustee of your preferred beneficiaries for any lump sum death benefits and is a completely separate matter.

These notes are a brief synopsis only and you must refer to your Scheme Handbook or the Rules of the Scheme for full details. If you have any queries on this, or any benefit of the Scheme, please contact the BA Pensions team.