

## Qualifying conditions for a co-habiting partner's survivors pension

A survivor's pension will only be paid to a co-habiting partner if the co-habiting partner satisfies Hertfordshire County Council that the required conditions have been met for a continuous period of at least 2 years immediately prior to the member's death.

The required conditions are:

- both the member and their co-habiting partner were free to marry each other or to enter into a civil partnership with each other, and
- the member and their co-habiting partner have been living together as if they were husband and wife, or civil partners, and
- neither the member or their co-habiting partner have been living with someone else as if they were husband and wife or civil partners, and
- either the co-habiting partner is financially dependent on the member or they are financially interdependent on each other.