



REQUEST FOR COMMON LAW MARRIAGE STATUS

This form is to be completed by persons claiming benefit or assistance on the basis of a spousal relationship with an individual with whom they claim a common law marriage. The National Insurance (Benefit and Assistance) Regulations, Section 2(2), together with supplemental policies prescribe the elements that must coexist in order for the determination to be made that a common law relationship exists or existed. The burden of proof lies with the claimant to prove that a common law marriage exists or existed in accordance with Regulations and Policies. All of the following questions must be answered, and the requested documentary evidence provided; failure to fully complete this form or to provide the requested documents will result in summary dismissal of the request.

To: The Director, The National Insurance Board	Date: _____ day month year								
From: _____ Surname Other Name(s)	N.I. # <table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>								
Date of Birth ____/____/____ day month year	Country of Citizenship _____								
Address _____ House/Apt. # Street District/Settlement Island Country									
E-mail _____									
Telephone #s _____	P. O. Box _____								
Name of Deceased: _____ Surname Other Name(s)	N.I. # <table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>								

A. Single, divorced or widowed woman and a single, divorced or widowed man with no lawful impediment to marriage:

1. Was the person with whom you claim a common law marriage ever legally married?

Yes No

If Yes, to whom? (Use blank sheet to list additional marriages if more than two)

a. _____
surname first name

How did that marriage end?

In divorce (please submit *decree absolute*) In death (please submit death certificate)

b. _____
surname first name

How did that marriage end?

In divorce (please submit *decree absolute*) In death (please submit death certificate)

C “As man and wife”

1. Indicate (with a tick) which of the following you are submitting as evidence that you lived with the person with whom you claim a common law marriage and that your finances are/were co-mingled:

- Bank statements bearing both your names
- Mortgage papers bearing both your names
- Insurance/policy listing one or the other as next-of-kin

2. Do/did you have children together:

Yes No

3. If Yes, list them ((Use blank sheet to list additional children if more than eight)):

	Name			D.O.B		
	Surname	First Name	Initial	dd	mm	yy
1.						
2.						
3.						
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6.						
7.						
8.						

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I DECLARE that the particulars supplied by me as recorded on this form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I UNDERSTAND that in order for a decision to be made on my request, it may be necessary to verify information supplied by me. I, therefore and hereby, authorize any person named in this application or on any supporting document, to release to the Board any information relative to this matter.

Signature (or mark) of applicant _____ Date _____
day/month/year

Witness to mark if applicant is unable to sign: _____

IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE

Any person who, for the purpose of obtaining assistance under the National Insurance Act makes any false statement or false representation, or produces any false documents, etc, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$2,500, or to imprisonment for up to twelve months, or both.

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1. Was/is there any impediment to legal marriage?
 Yes No Proof document(s): _____
2. Was/is the purported common law husband a born male and was/is the purported common law wife a born female as confirmed by either the Bahamian birth certificate or Bahamian passport?
 Yes No Proof Documents: _____
3. In the case of death, were applicant and deceased residing together at the time of the deceased's death?
 Yes No Proof Documents: _____
4. Did the applicant and the purported spouse reside together for at least the last five (5) years?
 Yes No Proof document(s): _____
5. Were the applicant and the purported spouse ordinarily resident in The Bahamas for at least the last five (5) years?
 Yes No Proof Documents: _____
6. Are the applicant and the purported spouse citizens or legal residents of The Bahamas?
 Yes No Proof Documents: _____
7. Were the applicant and purported spouse older than age 18 years for at least five years of the period that they lived together?
 Yes No
8. Were the applicant and the purported spouse free to marry for at least the last five years?
 Yes No

Note that any one "No" response to questions 1 - 8 will render the applicant ineligible for common law designation.

TO THE DIRECTOR:

This confirms that claimant _____ Satisfies Does not satisfy
the conditions of the National Insurance (Benefit & Assistance) Regulations and supplemental policy, and is,
hereby, Approved Not Approved as the common law spouse of _____ ;
please certify the decision and action relative to same.

Audit Manager/Supervisor _____

Date _____
day/month/year

DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

Signature: _____

Date: _____
day/month/year

stamp