



DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY FOR THE GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SFN 2560 (Rev. 01-06)

In compliance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, the disclosure of the individual's social security number on this form is mandatory pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Sec. 3402. The individual's social security number will be used for tax reporting and as an identification number.

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PART A MEMBER INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Mi)	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	Social Security Number
Spouse Name (Last, First, Mi)	Spouse Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Social Security Number

PART B PRIMARY BENEFICIARY (IES) – Complete all sections

Name	Relationship	Social Security Number	Birth Date	% Share	Address
Total must equal				100%	

PART C CONTINGENT/SECONDARY BENEFICIARY(IES)

Name	Relationship	Social Security Number	Birth Date	% Share	Address
Total must equal				100%	

PART D MEMBER AUTHORIZATION

I understand that this election revokes any previous retirement account beneficiary designations. I understand that, if married, any initiation of dissolution or annulment of my marriage may void this designation. I have read and understand the terms and conditions listed on page 2 of this designation. I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Member Signature

Date of Signature

PART E SPOUSE AUTHORIZATION

IF YOU ARE MARRIED AND DESIGNATE A BENEFICIARY OTHER THAN OR IN ADDITION TO YOUR SPOUSE, YOUR SPOUSE MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

If a member dies while actively employed before completing three years of service, a lump sum payment of his/her retirement account will be paid to the listed beneficiary (ies).

If a member with three or more years of credited service is married, North Dakota law requires the spouse's consent before benefits can be paid other than to the member's spouse. (NDCC 30.1-05-02). If spouse's consent is given, please be advised, that if your primary beneficiary election is someone in addition to or in lieu of your spouse, there is no monthly pre-retirement death benefit provision.

I consent to the above retirement beneficiary (ies) designated by the above named NDPERS member.

Spouse Signature

Date of Signature

ORIGINAL TO NDPERS – PLEASE RETAIN A PHOTOCOPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

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PROVISIONS FOR ALL BENEFITS

1. This "Designation of Beneficiary" is for the group Retirement Plan only. To designate beneficiary (ies) for the group Life Insurance Plan, please complete a "Life Designation of Beneficiary Change SFN 53855".
2. **EFFECTIVE WHEN FILED:** This designation will be effective when properly executed and received in the NDPERS office.
3. **SUBJECT TO LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** This designation is subject to the governing statutes and to rules and regulations established by the Retirement Board of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System. The acceptance of the designation by NDPERS does not establish that a survivor benefit will be payable. Whether or not a benefit is payable and the amount thereof will be determined at the time of death under laws and regulations then applicable.
4. **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A BENEFICIARY:** Any person, whether or not a relative, or a church or charity may be designated as a primary or contingent beneficiary. A member may also designate his or her estate as beneficiary and the benefits will be distributed according to his or her testamentary will or according to the state laws for interstate distribution. A creditor of a member (such as a bank, credit union, loan company, etc.) may not be named a beneficiary as a means of providing security for a debt. (N.D.C.C. 28-22-19)
5. **TWO OR MORE BENEFICIARIES:** If more than one person in a class (primary or contingent beneficiary) is named, they will share equally in the benefit unless specific shares are designated. If specific shares are designated, they must equal 100 percent. The benefit will be distributed as directed by the designation. If a named beneficiary does not survive, the share will be distributed among any surviving beneficiaries in proportion to the shares designated.

If shares are not designated, NDPERS will distribute benefits equally to the named beneficiary (ies). As this distribution may not reflect the member's preference, we recommend the member be sure to designate the percent of share for each listed beneficiary.

NOTE: Benefits are not paid out to minor children listed as beneficiaries unless a trust or guardianship has been established.

7. If there are no surviving beneficiaries, all benefits will be paid to your estate.
8. A **certified** copy of the death certificate must be sent to NDPERS to process a claim.

PROVISIONS FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS ONLY

1. **DEATH OF ACTIVELY EMPLOYED MEMBER:**
 - A. If a member dies while actively employed before completing three years of service, a lump sum payment of his/her retirement account will be paid to whoever is the listed beneficiary(ies).
 - B. If a member dies after completing three years of service, his/her retirement account will be distributed pursuant to N.D.C.C. 54-52-17(6) and N.D.C.C. 39-03.1-11(6).
2. **DEATH OF RETIREE:** Benefits will be paid to the named beneficiary based upon the option selected by the member at retirement. If there are no surviving beneficiaries, any remaining cash value will be paid to your estate.
3. **DEATH OF SURVIVING SPOUSE:** A lump sum payment of any remaining cash value will be paid to the spouse's named beneficiary. If there are no surviving beneficiaries, any remaining cash will be paid to the spouse's estate.

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