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Department of Defence

Application for Recognition of an Interdependent Partnership

Applicant's details				
Employee ID	Rank	Given name(s)	Family name	
Date of birth	Service	Unit or ship		
Permanent residential address				
Partner's details <i>(Complete applicable fields)</i>				
Employee ID	Rank	Given name(s)	Family name	
Date of birth	Service	Unit or ship		
Permanent residential address				
<p>I hereby apply for recognition of an interdependent partnership between myself and my partner, whose details are listed above.</p> <p>I have attached the required four items of documentary evidence and the Statutory Declaration to this application.</p> <p>Should this application be approved, I understand I must advise my Approving Authority <i>(as nominated in subparagraph 4(a) of DIG PERS 53-1)</i> in writing of any changes or impending changes that will or could affect the continued recognition of this interdependent partnership.</p>				
Signature of member		Printed name	Date	
<p>I acknowledge that my partner has applied for recognition of our interdependent partnership, and that if approved, may affect any benefits for which I am currently in receipt of <i>(eg Centrelink payments)</i>.</p>				
Signature of interdependent partner		Printed name	Date	
Approving authority				
The interdependent partnership between		Printed name		
and	Printed name			
	Date			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is approved with effect from			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is not approved			
Signature	Printed name	Rank	Appointment	Date

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Statutory Declarations Act 1959

(1) Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

I, ⁽¹⁾ _____
make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

(2) Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs

1. I have read and understood DI(G) PERS 53-1, *Recognition of Interdependent Partnerships*.
2. I understand that if I wilfully make a false statement in a statutory declaration I may be subject to disciplinary or administrative action. In addition, the ADF may require me to repay any entitlements that I have received as a result of incorrect information I have provided in relation to my request for recognition of an interdependent partnership.
3. That my partner _____ (full name) is a person who lives with me as per the requirements of DI(G) PERS 53-1, and, although not legally married to me, has lived with me since _____ (insert date).
4. That, as indicated, I have provided four separate items of documentary evidence, from the alternatives listed below:
 - Evidence of a will or life assurance policy which nominates your partner as principal beneficiary, or co-beneficiary with children.
 - If your partner was, before beginning to live with you, in receipt of a Commonwealth pension or benefit from which they may be excluded by law, evidence that your partner has notified the relevant agency.
 - Evidence that you have enrolled your partner in a health insurance scheme, or arranged to pay the Medicare levy because of his or her changed domestic status.
 - You have named your partner as a person to be notified for Service purposes.
 - Statutory declarations from next of kin or close relatives stating that they have regarded you and your partner as interdependent partners for a minimum period of 90 days, and giving any other information that they may consider appropriate.
 - If your partner has no independent income, evidence of regular financial support by you for a minimum period of 90 days.
 - Evidence that you as a couple regularly operate, a joint account.
 - If you and your partner live in rented accommodation, either evidence that both names appear on the lease, or a statement from the landlord or agent declaring that he or she rented the premises at your address to a couple
 - (rather than two singles or one person). If the accommodation is leased through the Defence Housing Authority, evidence that you have applied for an additional person to reside with you, and the subsequent approval. These documents must show a commencement date of a minimum period of 90 days prior to the application.
 - Documents to show that you and your partner have purchased or are purchasing as joint owners, valuable property.
 - Evidence of a recognised partnership from other Government agencies.
 - One partner has changed his or her name by deed poll, or informally calls himself or herself by the name of the other partner (as shown by any documents which refer to him or her as Mr or Mrs "X").
 - A copy of a birth certificate of any children of the union.
 - Evidence of any financial arrangements for sums in excess of \$1000 which you and your partner may have agreed between you (eg personal loan, payment of one or other's debts, guarantor of loan).
 - Evidence that you or your partner has given the other partner access to their personal bank account(s) for bill paying purposes or power of attorney during any separation.
 - Evidence of either one household bill in joint names, or two separate household bills, one in each partner's name.
5. That I will advise my Approving Authority in writing of any changes or impending changes that will or could affect the continued recognition of my interdependent partnership.

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Statutory Declaration made by:

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

(3) Signature of person making the declaration

(3) _____

(4) Place
(5) Day
(6) Month and year

Declared at ⁽⁴⁾ _____ on ⁽⁵⁾ _____ of ⁽⁶⁾ _____

(7) Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)

Before me,
(7) _____

(8) Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

(8) _____

Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of four years - see Section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* - see Section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

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A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before -

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

Chiropractor	Dentist	Legal practitioner
Medical practitioner	Nurse	Optometrist
Patent attorney	Pharmacist	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Trade marks attorney	Veterinary surgeon

(2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)

Bailiff

Bank officer with five or more continuous years of service

Building society officer with five or more years of continuous service

Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court

Clerk of a court

Commissioner for Affidavits

Commissioner for Declarations

Credit union officer with five or more years of continuous service

Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising his or her function in that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising his or her function in that place

Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association

Finance company officer with five or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list

Judge of a court

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Master of a court

Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia

Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student

Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants

Employee of the Australian Defence Force who is:

- (a) an officer; or
- (b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with five or more years of continuous service; or
- (c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants

Member of:

- (a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) the Parliament of a State; or
- (c) a Territory legislature; or
- (d) a local government authority of a State or Territory

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with five or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public

Permanent employee of:

- (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
- (b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or
- (c) a local government authority;

with five or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

Police officer

Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

Senior Executive Service employee of:

- (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
- (b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution

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