



Questions and Answers No Division of Family Law Value/Pension Assets FSCO Family Law Form 7 (Optional Form)

Q1. What is this form used for?

A1. A pension plan member (Plan Member) and his or her spouse/former spouse (married or common-law) may use this form to tell a pension plan administrator (Plan Administrator) that despite having separated, they will not be dividing the Family Law Value or the pension assets (whichever applies).

If you received a **Statement of Family Law Value (FSCO Family Law Form 4)** from the Plan Administrator, you and your spouse may also want to complete this form if you want to tell the Plan Administrator that your spousal relationship is not ending. – 12/11

Q2. My spouse and I have separated and we have not gone through the process of requesting a Family Law Value from the Plan Administrator. Can we still use this form to inform the Plan Administrator that the pension assets will not be divided between us?

A2. Yes. – 12/11

Q3. Are we required to complete this form if my spouse/former spouse and I separate, and we decide not to divide the Family Law Value or the pension assets?

A3. No, you and your spouse/former spouse are not required to complete this form. This form is intended to provide the Plan Administrator with information about the status of your spousal relationship and your joint decision concerning the division of the Family Law Value or the pension assets, as applicable.

However, you (the Plan Member) need to inform the Plan Administrator of any change to your spousal relationship information, and find out what you need to do if you want to update your spousal and/or beneficiary information. – 12/11

Q4. We have a court order, family arbitration award or domestic contract that specifies that the Family Law Value/pension assets will not be divided between me and my spouse/former spouse. Should we still be completing this form?

A4. No, it is not necessary for you to complete this form. Instead, you can provide the Plan Administrator with a certified copy of the court order, family arbitration award or domestic contract that provides this information. – 12/11

Q5. Will completing this form affect any potential support orders that are enforceable in Ontario under section 66(4) of the Ontario *Pension Benefits Act*?

A5. No, completing this form will not affect potential support orders and will not release you or your spouse/former spouse from support payments obligations that are enforceable in Ontario. – 12/11

Q6. Who do we send this form to?

A6. You send this form to the Plan Administrator (or Office of the Plan Administrator). The Plan Administrator is the person(s) or company responsible for looking after an Ontario registered pension plan. **Do not send this form to the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO).**

If you received a **Statement of Family Law Value (FSCO Family Law Form 4)** from the Plan Administrator, see **Part B** of that Statement for the Plan Administrator's contact information.

If you know the name of the employer, union or professional association sponsoring the pension plan, the plan registration number or plan name, you can also search for information about the Plan Administrator on FSCO's website (www.fSCO.gov.on.ca). Go to the [FSCO Pension Plan Information Access](#) web page and click on Pension Plan Information Access. Please note that not all pension plans are listed on FSCO's website.

If you need further assistance in obtaining information about a pension plan that is registered with FSCO, contact FSCO at (416) 226-7776 or toll-free at 1-800-668-0128 (extension 7776). – 12/11

Q7. Can we send this form electronically to the Plan Administrator?

A7. Ask the Plan Administrator if it will accept this form in electronic format. Note that electronic delivery may not be secure. – 12/11