



COMPLETING THE DECLARATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP FORM

DO NOT write or mark in the space provided for the Local and State File Number.
Use **ONLY** white LEGAL SIZE (8.5" x 14") paper to **PRINTOUT** the declaration form.

PARTNER A & B INFORMATION

ITEMS 1 & 11: PARTNER A & B – CURRENT LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last)

- Type or print Partner A or B's current legal first, middle and last names.
- Prefix names (*e.g.*, Sir, etc.) should be placed before the first name. (Mr., Ms., Mrs., and Miss are not prefixes.)
- Suffix names (*e.g.*, Jr., etc.) should be placed after the last name.

ITEMS 2 & 12: PARTNER A & B - SURNAME AT BIRTH (if different than current legal surname)

(NOTE: Surname is the last name.)

- Complete only if current legal surname differs from birth legal surname.
- List only surname at birth. Other surnames should be listed in Item 3.
- Applicants may retain current surname or resume any former surname upon domestic partnership. This information is needed if either individual in a domestic partnership resumes any former surname during the domestic partnership.
- If surname at birth is not different than current legal name, leave blank.

ITEMS 3 & 13: PARTNER A & B - OTHER LEGAL SURNAMES USED (NOTE:

Surname is the last name.)

- Complete only if there was a previous legal surname other than the birth surname (*e.g.*, names from previous marriages or legal name changes).
- List all previous legal surnames.

Applicants may retain current surname or resume any former surname upon domestic partnership. This information is needed if either individual in a domestic partnership resumes any former surname during the domestic partnership.

- If there are no other legal surnames, leave blank.

ITEMS 4 & 14: PARTNER A & B - BIRTHPLACE

- Complete with U.S. state name or foreign country name.
- DO NOT list provinces or regions of domestic or foreign countries.
- Birthplace is used in combination with name and date of birth to distinguish a partner from another person with the same name.

ITEMS 5 & 15: PARTNER A & B - DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)

- List the month, day, and year of birth, in that order.
- Use the full name of the month (*e.g.*, January, February, March, etc.). Do not use abbreviations or numerical formats for the month.
- Date of birth, along with age in Item 6, is used for verification of age to meet the minimum age

requirement for a domestic partnership and to distinguish a partner from another person with the same name.

ITEMS 6 & 16: PARTNER A & B - AGE (18 or older)

- Enter numeric age. Age must be greater than or equal to 18.
- Age should be accurate and correspond to birth date in Item 5.

ITEMS 7 & 17: PARTNER A & B - SEX

- Enter Male or Female only, without abbreviations or symbols.
- This is necessary to establish eligibility for a domestic partnership.
- Partners A and B MUST be of the same sex.

ITEMS 8 & 18: PARTNER A & B - CURRENT PARTNERSHIP / MARITAL STATUS

- Enter "Single," "Widowed," "Divorced," or "Annulled."
- Neither partner can presently be in a marriage or a legally recognized domestic partnership.

ITEMS 9a & 19a: PARTNER A & B - RESIDENT COUNTY

- Enter the current county of residence.
- This item may be left BLANK if residing outside the U.S.

ITEMS 9b & 19b: PARTNER A & B - RESIDENT STATE

- Enter the current U.S. state of residence.
- If not a U.S. resident, enter the name of the country.
- This is needed to establish eligibility for domestic partnership.

ITEMS 9c & 19c: PARTNER A & B - MAILING ADDRESS

- Enter full mailing address (Number and Street, City, State, Country, and Zip Code).

ITEMS 10 & 20: PARTNER A & B LEGAL NAMES TAKEN AFTER DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

With the passage of House Bill 2839 during the 2009 legislative session, Oregon Registered Domestic Partners can document the legal name each will use after the Declaration of Oregon Registered Domestic Partnership form is filed. The legal name to be taken after domestic partnership for Partner A is recorded on item 10 and for Partner B is recorded on item 20 on the Declaration of Oregon Registered Domestic Partnership (form 45-6 (01/10)). The law limits the options for the surname to:

- retaining the surname prior to the partnership;
- changing the surname to the other party's surname; or,
- changing the surname to a hyphenated combination of the partner A's and partner B's surnames, in either order.

The middle name may only be changed if a new surname (last name) is selected. In that situation, the middle name may only be changed to the person's current surname (last name) at the time of partnership. Refer to information sheet "Last name taken following a Declaration of Oregon Registered Domestic Partnership after January 1, 2010" for more information.

SIGNATURES and NOTARY CERTIFICATION

Oregon law requires that each individual who wants to enter into a domestic partnership complete an

acknowledgment stating that he or she is at least 18 years of age, capable of entering into a domestic partnership, that one partner entering into this domestic partnership resides in Oregon, and that he or she consents to the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of Oregon for the purpose of obtaining a dissolution or annulment of this domestic partnership.

The form must be signed and dated by each individual entering into this domestic partnership in front of a Notary Public. The Notary Public must acknowledge each individual's signature.

LOCAL OFFICIAL INFORMATION

This section must be completed by the county official registering the form in order for the form to be valid.

ITEMS 20a & 20b: NUMBER OF THIS PARTNERSHIP

- Include previous marriages, as well as previous legally recognized domestic partnerships in total count.
- Enter "First," "Second," etc.

ITEMS 21a & 21b: IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED OR ENTERED INTO A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP, HOW DID IT END?

- Only mark something if the partner was in a previous legally recognized domestic partnership or marriage. Otherwise, leave blank.
- Enter "First", "Second", "Third", etc.

ITEMS 22a & 22b: HISPANIC ORIGIN

- Specify "Yes" or "No."

If "Yes," specify Hispanic group. For the purposes of this item, "Hispanic" refers to people whose origins are from Spain, Mexico, or Central or South America.

Options:

Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano;
Yes, Puerto Rican;
Yes, Cuban;

Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino;
Yes, Unknown;

ITEMS 23a & 23b: RACE(S)

- Race is self-identified.
- Applicants may indicate multiple races.

Options:

American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian
Indian;
Black or African American; Chinese;
Filipino;
Guamanian or Chamorro; Japanese;
Korean;

Native Hawaiian;
Samoan;
White;
Vietnamese; and/or, Other
(Specify)

ITEMS 24a & 24b: EDUCATION: Highest grade completed.

- Enter the category that best describes the highest degree or level of school completed by the applicant. Report only those years of school that were completed.

Options:

8th grade or less;

9th – 12th grade; no diploma;

High school graduate or GED completed;

Some college credit, but no degree;

Associate's degree (*e.g.*, AA, AS);

Bachelor's degree (*e.g.*, BA, AB, BS);

Master's degree (*e.g.*, MA, MS, MEng, Med, MSW, MBA);

Doctorate (*e.g.*, PhD, EdD); or,

Professional degree (*e.g.*, MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)

ITEMS 25a & 25b: OCCUPATION

- Enter the occupation that each individual has at the time of entering into this domestic partnership.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

ITEMS 20a • 25b ARE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY. THEY DO NOT APPEAR ON THE CERTIFIED RECORD. These items are OPTIONAL. Enter "REFUSED" in each item that is not completed. This statistical information is used to study the demographic characteristics of persons entering domestic partnerships. The first row contains information for Partner A; the second row is for Partner B.

