## **Periodical Declarations**

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# **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction on the requirements of a pensioner to submit periodic declarations.

# **Policy**

#### **General**

- 1. The Minister has the responsibility to ensure the integrity of client data and entitlement.
- 2. The Department has the authority to require pensioners to submit, on a periodic basis, a declaration, verifying that:

- a. the person who is receiving pension is the person to whom pension was awarded;
- b. an individual is that person's eligible survivor;
- c. that any person(s) for whom additional pension is being paid are still living; and/or
- d. that the pensioner is maintaining or being maintained by the person(s) for whom additional pension is being paid.
- 3. Should the pensioner (or his/her representative) be unable or unwilling to complete this periodical declaration, the relevant information may be verified by a Departmental representative. In these cases, a signed declaration by the pensioner is not required.
- 4. If the Department has exhausted all approved procedures regarding the retrieval of this information, the Department may suspend future payments until the information is confirmed, either by the pensioner, by his/her representative, or by a Departmental representative.

## References

<u>Pension Act</u>, subsection 21(8)