

Cash Balance Benefit Program Justification for Non-Signature of Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner

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- Use a typewriter or print legibly in black or blue ink. Do not use pencil, felt pen or erasable ink. A delay may occur or your check may be misdirected if the information provided is incorrect or not legible.
- Do not erase or use white-out; erasures will not be accepted and will void the application. If you make a mistake, obtain a new form or line through the error, make the appropriate correction and initial the correction.
- Any errors or omissions on the *Justification for Non-Signature of Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner* form will delay the processing of your distribution. Photocopied signatures will not be accepted.
- Only one *Justification for Non-Signature of Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner* form is needed for a Cash Balance Benefit Program distribution.
- Please retain copies for your records and return the completed form and associated application to:
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As required by Education Code section 22453, any request related to the selection of benefits by a member in which spousal or registered domestic partner interest may be present requires the signature of the spouse or registered domestic partner unless one of the following conditions exist. If you are married or registered as a domestic partner and your spouse or partner does not sign this form, you must check the appropriate box indicating the reason your spouse or partner did not sign.

- I do not know and have taken all reasonable steps to determine the whereabouts of my spouse or registered domestic partner.
- My spouse or registered domestic partner is incapable of executing the acknowledgment because of an incapacitating mental or physical condition.
- My current spouse or registered domestic partner has no identifiable community property interest in the benefits.
- My spouse or registered domestic partner and I have executed a settlement agreement that makes the community property law inapplicable to the marriage or registered domestic partnership.
- My spouse or registered domestic partner has refused to sign the acknowledgment. Court action will be or has been initiated to enforce or waive the signature requirement for my spouse or partner. (CalSTRS must have a certified copy of the court order before any designation can be made. Submit a certified copy of the court order when you receive it.) Education Code section 22454

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that perjury is punishable by imprisonment for up to four years (Penal Code section 126).

I understand it is a crime to fail to disclose a material fact or to make any knowingly false material statements for the purpose of altering a benefit administered by CalSTRS and it may result in penalties, including restitution, up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000 (Education Code section 22010).

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

