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CANADA CHILD TAX BENEFIT ELECTION TO CHANGE MARITAL STATUS

If you are receiving the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB), complete this election as soon as possible after your status has changed:

- **from** married or living common law **to** separated, widowed, or divorced; or
- **from** single, separated, widowed, or divorced **to** married or living common law.

In some situations, you may be eligible for more benefits. However, we have to receive your completed election before the end of the 11th month after the month your marital status changes.

If we receive your election late, we can only recalculate your benefit for the last 11 months. You cannot revoke the election.

Part 1 – Information about you

Complete this section if **you** receive the CCTB.

First name and initial _____ Last name _____ Social insurance number _____

Mailing address: Street (including apt. or unit no.) _____ City _____

Province or territory (and country, if outside Canada) _____ Postal code _____

Home address (if different from above): Street (including apt. or unit no.) _____ City _____

Province or territory (or country, if outside Canada) _____ Postal code _____

If you moved to this address within the last 12 months, enter the date you moved Year _____ Month _____ Day _____
 If you moved from a different province or territory, name the previous province or territory

Part 2 – Information about your new marital status

See the back of this form for details. If your new status is married or living common law, also complete Part 3.

Tick the box that describes your new status:

- 1 Married 2 Living common law 3 Widowed 4 Divorced 5 Separated

Enter the date your new status began Year _____ Month _____ Day _____

Part 3 – Information about your spouse or common-law partner

Is your spouse or common-law partner receiving CCTB? Yes No Social insurance number _____

First name and initial _____ Last name _____ Last name at birth (if different) _____

Address: Street (including apt. or unit no.) _____

City _____ Province or territory (or country, if outside Canada) _____ Postal code _____

Complete the Certification on the back of this form.

Information about marital status

Married or living common law

If you are now married or living common law, and you or your new spouse or common-law partner have children who are residing with you, we will move all the children to the female parent's account. If you are living common law with a person of the same sex, one of you will receive the CCTB for all the children.

To continue receiving the CCTB, you and your spouse or common-law partner have to file a tax return every year, even if you have no income to report. We base the amount of the benefits you receive on the number and ages of the children you have, and on information from your and your spouse's or common-law partner's tax returns.

Married

You have a **spouse** when you are legally married, even if you are living apart for reasons other than a breakdown in your relationship. If you now have a spouse, enter in Part 2 the date of your marriage, and complete Part 3.

Living common law

You have a **common-law partner**, and are living common-law, if you live and have a relationship with a person of the same or opposite sex who is not your spouse, and any of the following applies. He or she:

- is the natural or adoptive parent of your child;
- has been living and having a relationship with you for at least 12 continuous months; or
- lived with you previously as your spouse or common-law partner for at least 12 continuous months.

The above includes any period that you were separated for less than 90 consecutive days because of a breakdown in the relationship.

If you now have a common-law partner, for the date your new status began, enter in Part 2 the earlier of the two following dates:

- the date he or she became the natural or adoptive parent of your child; or
- the date that is 12 months after the date you first started living together.

Also complete Part 3.

Widowed, divorced, or separated

To continue receiving the CCTB, you have to file a tax return every year, even if you have no income to report. We base the amount of the benefits you receive on the number and ages of your children. We will recalculate your benefit based only on your income.

Widowed

If you are now widowed, enter in Part 2 the date of death of your spouse or common-law partner.

Divorced

If you are now divorced, enter in Part 2 the date of your divorce.

Separated

You are separated if you have been living apart from your spouse or common-law partner for 90 consecutive days or more because of a breakdown in your relationship, and you have not reconciled.

If you are now separated (as defined above) enter in Part 2 the date you and your spouse or common-law partner started living apart. Do not complete this form if you have been separated for less than 90 consecutive days.

If you have had more than one such period of separation, provide the dates of the periods of separation on a sheet of paper. Please sign the sheet, write your social insurance number on it, and attach it to this election.

Note

If you are now widowed, separated, or divorced, your CCTB payments will stop **unless** you have continuing legal status in Canada as:

- a Canadian citizen;
- a permanent resident (landed immigrant);
- a Convention refugee; or
- a visitor to Canada or a holder of a minister's permit who has lived in Canada throughout the previous 18 months and has a valid permit in the 19th month, and continues to have a permit for each subsequent month.

Part 4 – Certification

I certify that the information given in this election is correct and complete.

Sign here _____ Date _____

Telephone number: Home () _____ Work () _____

If you are married or living common law, your spouse or common-law partner must sign and date this application form.

Your spouse's or common-law partner's signature _____ Date _____

If your spouse or common-law partner cannot sign this application form, please explain: