



Former Spouse's Consent to FERS Election

Federal Employees Retirement System

Employee Instructions

Read "Information for Employees" on the back of this form. If a qualifying court order, on file with the Office of Personnel Management, awards a portion of your annuity or a survivor annuity based on your Federal service to a former spouse who had not remarried before reaching age 55, you cannot elect coverage under the Federal Employees Retirement System

(FERS) unless your former spouse consents to your election. Complete Part 1 of the form. Have your former spouse complete Part 2. Part 2 must be completed in the presence of a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths. The Notary Public must complete Part 3.

Part 1 -- To Be Completed by Employee (type or print)

Name (Last, First, middle)	Date of birth	Social Security Number

Part 2 -- To Be Completed by Former Spouse of Employee

(Before completing, read "Information for Former Spouse" on the back of this form.)

I freely consent to the election of coverage under the Federal Employees Retirement System made by the employee named in Part 1, who is my former spouse. I understand that my consent is final (not revocable).

Name (type or print)	Signature (Do not print)	Date

Part 3 -- To Be Completed by a Notary Public or Other Person Authorized to Administer Oaths

I certify that the person named in Part 2 presented identification (or was known to me), gave consent, signed or marked this form and acknowledge that the consent was freely given in my presence on _____ day of _____ at _____ (month) (year) _____ (city and state).

(seal)	Signature
	Expiration date of commission if Notary Public

Privacy Act Statement

Public Law 99-335, which establishes the Federal Employees Retirement System, authorizes solicitation of this information. The data furnished will be used to determine whether the employee's election of coverage may become effective. This information may be shared with national, state, local, or other charitable or social security administrative agencies to determine and issue benefits under their programs or

they are investigating a violation or potential violation of the civil or criminal law. Executive Order 9397 (November 22, 1943) authorizes use of the Social Security Number to distinguish between you and people with similar names. Furnishing your Social Security Number, as well as other information, is voluntary, but failure to do so may mean that your election of FERS coverage cannot become effective.

Employing Office Instructions

When properly completed, this form is considered a part of the employee's election and must be attached to the election

form, OPM Form 1556, and filed with it as a permanent document on the right side of the employee's OPF.

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