

CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND ACT  
(CHAPTER 36, SECTIONS 25(1) AND 77(2)(k))

CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND (NOMINATIONS) RULES

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[1st January 1987]

**Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Central Provident Fund (Nominations) Rules.

**Definitions**

1AA. In these Rules —

“applicable person” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Act, read with regulation 2(b) of the Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Applicable Person) Regulations 2024 (G.N. No. S 275/2024);

“designated shares” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Act.

[S 278/2024 wef 01/04/2024]

## Forms

**1A.**—(1) Any reference in these Rules to a numbered form is a reference to the current version of the form bearing the corresponding number provided on the website of the Board at <http://www.cpf.gov.sg>.

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(2) Every form mentioned in these Rules must be completed —

(a) in accordance with the instructions specified in the form and by the Board; and

(b) in English or in any other language that the Board allows.

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(3) The Board may refuse to accept any form that is not completed in accordance with paragraph (2).

[S 46/2012 wef 06/02/2012]

## Nomination by member

**2.**—(1) Subject to these Rules, a member who is an applicable person may —

(a) by executing a memorandum in Form A, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A or 6A(1), nominate any person to receive —

(i) any portion of the amount payable on the member’s death out of the Fund in accordance with section 25(1)(a)(i) of the Act; or

(ii) any portion of any designated shares;

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(b) by executing a memorandum in Form 6A(2), nominate any person to receive —

(i) any portion of the amount payable on the member’s death out of the Fund —

- (A) in accordance with section 25(1)(a)(i) of the Act; or
- (B) if, at the time the Board is satisfied that the memorandum is duly executed, that person is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, in accordance with section 25(1)(a)(ii) of the Act; or
- (ii) any portion of any designated shares;
- [S 1/2020 wef 06/01/2020]*  
*[S 286/2022 wef 01/04/2022]*
- (c) by executing a memorandum in Form 6A(3), nominate any person to receive —
- (i) any portion of the amount payable on the member's death out of the Fund —
- (A) in accordance with section 25(1)(a)(i) of the Act;
- (B) if, at the time the Board is satisfied that the memorandum is duly executed, that person is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, in accordance with section 25(1)(a)(ii) of the Act; or
- (C) if, at the time the Board is satisfied that the memorandum is duly executed, each of the member and that person is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, and a certification under section 25(1C) of the Act has been issued in respect of that person and remains in force, in accordance with section 25(1)(a)(iii) of the Act; or
- (ii) any portion of any designated shares; or
- [S 46/2012 wef 06/02/2012]*  
*[S 1/2020 wef 06/01/2020]*  
*[S 286/2022 wef 01/04/2022]*

(d) by executing a memorandum in electronic form by using the electronic system designated by the Board for that purpose, nominate any person to receive —

(i) any portion of the amount payable on the member's death out of the Fund in accordance with section 25(1)(a)(i) of the Act; or

(ii) any portion of any designated shares.

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*[S 1/2020 wef 06/01/2020]*

*[S 278/2024 wef 01/04/2024]*

(2) Every nomination under paragraph (1) must be witnessed or attested to in the manner set out in the relevant form by 2 persons who satisfy the qualifications set out in rule 9.

*[S 1/2020 wef 06/01/2020]*

### **Nomination on behalf of member**

**3.—(1)** This rule applies where a member who is an applicable person lacks capacity within the meaning of section 4 of the Mental Capacity Act (Cap. 177A), and the court makes an order under section 20(2)(a) of the Mental Capacity Act in relation to the executing under section 25(1) of the Act, on the member's behalf, of a memorandum nominating any person specified in the order to receive the whole or any portion of —

(a) the amount payable on the death of the member out of the Fund under section 20(1)(b) or (1A) of the Act; or

*[S 814/2010 wef 01/01/2011]*

(b) any designated shares.

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*[S 278/2024 wef 01/04/2024]*

(2) The order must authorise a person (referred to in this rule as the authorised person) to execute the memorandum on the member's behalf.

- (3) Any nomination made in pursuance of the order must —
- (a) in the case of a nomination made before 1st January 2011 —
    - (i) be in Form 5A;  
*[S 46/2012 wef 06/02/2012]*
    - (ii) state that it is signed by the member acting by the authorised person;
    - (iii) be signed by the authorised person with the names of the member and the authorised person, in the presence of 2 witnesses;
    - (iv) contain an attestation by those witnesses to the signature of the authorised person; and
    - (v) be sealed with the official seal of the court; or
  - (b) in any other case —
    - (i) be in Form 6A(1) or 6A(2), and be supplemented with Form C; or  
*[S 46/2012 wef 06/02/2012]*
    - (ii) be in Form 6A(3).  
*[S 46/2012 wef 06/02/2012]*
- (4) A nomination made in accordance with this rule is subject to these Rules, and has the same effect for all purposes as if —
- (a) the member had the capacity to make a nomination under section 25(1) of the Act; and
  - (b) the nomination had been made by the member in accordance with rule 2.  
*[S 122/2010 wef 01/03/2010]*

### **Nominations to receive retirement sum to take precedence**

4. A nomination made by or on behalf of a member in accordance with rule 2 or 3 (as the case may be), whether made before, on or after 1st July 1995, shall be subject to any nomination made before 1st January 2013 by or on behalf of the member in accordance with

the Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Scheme Nominations) Rules (R 8).

[S 689/2012 wef 01/01/2013]

[S 122/2010 wef 01/03/2010]

[S 660/2016 wef 01/01/2017]

### **Nominees and shares**

5.—(1) A nomination may be in favour of one person or of several persons (who shall be clearly designated in the nomination), and, where there is more than one nominee, may direct that the nominees shall take the money or any designated shares in specified shares.

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[S 286/2022 wef 01/04/2022]

(2) Where a nomination directs that 2 or more nominees shall take any designated shares in such portions as are specified in the nomination, and the distribution of those shares to those nominees in those portions will give rise to fractions of shares, the Board shall —

- (a) distribute to those nominees in those portions only such of those shares the distribution in those portions of which will not give rise to fractions of shares; and
- (b) transfer the remaining shares to the surviving nominee who is first-named in the nomination.

[S 814/2010 wef 01/01/2011]

[S 286/2022 wef 01/04/2022]

6. [*Deleted by S 1/2020 wef 06/01/2020*]

### **Revocation of nomination**

7. Any nomination made by or on behalf of a member in accordance with rule 2 or 3 (as the case may be) shall be revoked —

- (a) in accordance with section 25(5)(a) of the Act, by his marriage, whether the marriage was contracted before, on or after 15th May 1980;
- (b) by the death, in his lifetime, of the nominee or, where there is more than one nominee, of all the nominees;

- (c) in the case of an applicable person, by written notice of revocation made and given by him in accordance with rule 8;

*[S 122/2010 wef 01/03/2010]*

*[S 278/2024 wef 01/04/2024]*

- (d) by a subsequent nomination made by him or on his behalf in accordance with rule 2 or 3 (as the case may be); or

*[S 122/2010 wef 01/03/2010]*

- (e) where he lacks capacity within the meaning of section 4 of the Mental Capacity Act (Cap. 177A), if —

- (i) the court makes an order under section 20(2)(a) of the Mental Capacity Act providing for the revoking, on his behalf, of the nomination; and

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- (ii) a copy of the order (sealed with the official seal of the court) is received by the Board during his lifetime.

*[S 122/2010 wef 01/03/2010]*

*[S 814/2010 wef 01/01/2011]*

*[S 714/2007 wef 01/01/2008]*

### Notice of revocation of nomination

**8.—**(1) For the purposes of rule 7(c), a notice of revocation given by a member who is an applicable person shall —

- (a) be made in Form B, 1B, 2B or 3B;

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- (b) be signed by the member in the presence of 2 witnesses; and

- (c) contain an attestation by those witnesses to the signature of the member.

*[S 122/2010 wef 01/03/2010]*

*[S 278/2024 wef 01/04/2024]*

(2) The notice shall be of no effect unless it is received by the Board during the lifetime of the member.

**Qualifications for person to witness or attest**

9. For the purposes of rules 2(2), 3(3) and 8(1), a person may be a witness or make an attestation in respect of a nomination or notice of revocation if —

- (a) the person is an employee of the Board and (in the case of a nomination) does not take any benefit under the nomination; or
- (b) the person —
  - (i) in the case of a nomination, does not take any benefit under the nomination;
  - (ii) does not lack capacity within the meaning of section 4 of the Mental Capacity Act (Cap. 177A); and
  - (iii) has attained 21 years of age.

*[S 1/2020 wef 06/01/2020]*

**Multiple nominees**

10. Where there is more than one nominee and a nominee dies before the member, his share of the moneys or any designated shares shall pass to the surviving nominees and shall be shared among them in the same proportion as the respective shares of the surviving nominees bear to each other.

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11. *[Deleted by S 286/2022 wef 01/04/2022]*

**Saving**

12. Any nomination made by a member under the Central Provident Fund Rules (R 3) and received by the Board prior to 1st January 1987 shall, if valid immediately before that date, be deemed to be a nomination made under these Rules.

**THE SCHEDULE**

*[Deleted by S 46/2012 wef 06/02/2012]*

*[G.N. Nos. S 318/86; S 341/86; S 235/91; S 428/92;  
S 273/95; S 577/95]*

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND (NOMINATIONS) RULES  
(CHAPTER 36, R 1)

This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Central Provident Fund (Nominations) Rules. It is not part of these Rules.

**1. G. N. No. S 318/1986 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) Rules 1986**

Date of commencement : 1 January 1987

**2. G. N. No. S 341/1986 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 1986 Corrigendum**

Date of commencement : 1 January 1987

**3. G. N. No. S 235/1991 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 1991**

Date of commencement : 1 June 1991

**4. 1990 Revised Edition — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) Rules**

Date of operation : 25 March 1992

**5. G. N. No. S 428/1992 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 1992**

Date of commencement : 16 October 1992

**6. G. N. No. S 273/1995 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 1995**

Date of commencement : 1 July 1995

**7. G. N. No. S 577/1995 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1995**

Date of commencement : 1 January 1996

**8. 1998 Revised Edition — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) Rules**

Date of operation : 1 January 1998

**9. G. N. No. S 591/2000 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2000**

Date of commencement : 1 January 2001

**10. G. N. No. S 495/2006 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2006**

Date of commencement : 28 August 2006

**11. G. N. No. S 714/2007 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2007**

Date of commencement : 1 January 2008

**12. G. N. No. S 177/2009 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2009**

Date of commencement : 30 April 2009

**13. G. N. No. S 122/2010 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2010**

Date of commencement : 1 March 2010

**14. G. N. No. S 814/2010 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment No. 2) Rules 2010**

Date of commencement : 1 January 2011

**15. G.N. No. S 46/2012 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2012**

Date of commencement : 6 February 2012

**16. G.N. No. S 689/2012 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment No. 2) Rules 2012**

Date of commencement : 1 January 2013

**17. G.N. No. S 660/2016 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2016**

Date of commencement : 1 January 2017

**18. G.N. No. S 1/2020 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2020**

Date of commencement : 6 January 2020

**19. G.N. No. S 286/2022 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2022**

Date of commencement : 1 April 2022

**20. G.N. No. S 278/2024 — Central Provident Fund (Nominations)  
(Amendment) Rules 2024**

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