

Domestic partnerships

Domestic Partner refers to a registered domestic partner and an unregistered domestic partner as follows:

- a. **Registered Domestic Partner** means a person joined with the subscriber in a partnership that has been registered under the laws of any federal, state or local government.
- b. **Unregistered Domestic Partner** means a person who has entered into a partnership with the subscriber that meets the following criteria:

The domestic partner and subscriber

- I. are at least 18 years of age;
- II. share a close personal relationship and are responsible for each other's welfare;
- III. are each other's sole domestic partner;
- IV. are not legally married or registered under the laws of any federal, state or local government and have not had a spouse or domestic partner within the prior 6 months. If previously married or registered, the 6 month period starts on the final date of divorce or dissolution of registration;
- V. are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the State of Oregon;
- VI. were mentally competent to contract when their domestic partnership began.
- VII. have jointly shared the same regular and permanent residence for at least 6 months; and
- VIII. are jointly financially responsible for basic living expenses defined as the cost of food, shelter and any other expenses of maintaining a household. Financial information must be provided if requested.

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