## Affidavit of Domestic Partnership for Benefits Eligibility



## I. Declaration

We,		and	
, -	Employee (print)	Domestic Partner (print)	

certify that we are domestic partners in accordance with the following criteria and eligibility for benefits coverage under the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's (WHOI) benefit program.

## II. Status

The employee and intended domestic partner must provide evidence attesting to the following eligibility requirements:

- We are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely.
- Neither one of us is married to someone else.
- We are at least eighteen (18) years of age and mentally competent to consent to contract.
- We are not related by blood to a degree of closeness which would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which we legally reside.
- We reside together in the same residence, have done so continuously for the
  past year, and intend to do so indefinitely. Attached to this affidavit as evidence
  thereof are copies of one or more of the following: driver's licenses showing the
  same address, canceled rent checks, joint-tenancy lease, jointly held mortgage,
  passports, or any other document which WHOI may reasonably request which
  provides evidence of joint residence.
- We are jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and financial obligations, and attached to this affidavit as evidence thereof are copies of one or more of the following: federal income tax return(s) listing one of us as a dependent of the other, mortgages, leases, titles to real or personal property, joint bank accounts, co-borrowers of loans, beneficiaries on insurance policies, or any other document which WHOI may reasonably request which reflects our joint financial responsibilities.
- We understand that as domestic partners we are subject to the same 31-day notice requirement as set forth in WHOI's benefit program as are all other employees of WHOI who are covered by or applying for WHOI's benefits.

## III. Change in Domestic Partnership

• We agree to notify WHOI's benefits specialist if there is any change in our status as domestic partners as attested in the Affidavit which would make us no longer eligible for WHOI's benefits (for example, a change in joint-resident status or if we are no longer each other's sole domestic partner). We will affirm that the domestic partnership status is terminated as of its date of execution and that within 10 days of such notification a copy of the notification has been mailed to the other party by the party authorizing such action.

•	After such termination, I,	, understand			
	that a subsequent Affidavit of Domestic Partnership cannot be filed until twelve (12) months after notification in writing of the termination has been filed with WHOI's benefits department.				
•	We have provided the information in this affidavit for us specialist for the sole purpose of determining our eligible benefits and understand that the information will be heled we understand that premiums or parts of premiums for be included in the employee's reported gross income for we understand that some courts have recognized non-the equivalence of marriage for the purpose of establish	ility for domestic partner d strictly confidential. individual coverage may or tax purposes.			
•	<ul> <li>We understand that domestic partners and their eligible dependents are eligible for COBRA continuation rights for health insurance.</li> <li>We affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that the assertions in this affidavit are true to the best of our knowledge.</li> </ul>				
IV. WHOI's Rights 1. WHOI reserves the right to terminate, modify, or adjust this policy at any time and in its sole discretion.					
Emplo	yee Signature	_ Date			
Domestic Partner Signature Date		Date			
Domes	stic Partner Address				
	NAL USE ONLY: owledge receipt of this affidavit.				
Benefi	ts Specialist Signature	_ Date			