

The Practical Guide to Drafting Your Written Agreements Between Common-Law Couples

In Quebec, common-law couples have the option to create a written agreement, which serves as a legal document to define their rights and responsibilities. This agreement can address various aspects of their relationship, including property management, financial arrangements, and family duties.

This agreement can include provisions related to the division of expenses, ownership of property acquired during the common-law relationship, arrangements in the event of separation, etc.

It is important to note that this agreement does not have the same legal weight as marriage, but it serves as a tool to regulate the relationship within a common-law partnership.

Your Family Life

First & Last Name | Partner 1:

First & Last Name | Partner 2:

Do you have children?

Do you have children together?	Yes	No
If yes, names and ages:		
Child 1:	First & Last name :	Age :
Child 2:	First & Last name :	Age :
Child 3:	First & Last name :	Age :
Child 4:	First & Last name :	Age :
Partner 1:		
Do you have children from a previous relationship?	Yes	No
If yes, names and ages:		
Child 1:	First & Last name :	Age :
Child 2:	First & Last name :	Age :
Child 3:	First & Last name :	Age :
Child 4:	First & Last name :	Age :

Partner 2:		
Do you have children from a previous relationship? If yes, names and ages:	Yes	No
Child 1:	First & Last name :	Âge :
Child 2:	First & Last name :	Âge :
Child 3:	First & Last name :	Âge :
Child 4:	First & Last name :	Âge :
What are your incomes?	Partner 1:	Partner 2:
Your gross annual salary:	\$	\$
Number of hours worked per week:	\$	\$
Other annual income:	\$	\$
How are household tasks divided between you? Respond by indicating the %	Partner 1:	Partner 2:
Childcare:	%	%
Child transportation:	%	%
Taking leave when children are sick:	%	%
Meals preparation :	%	%
Cleaning/Laundry:	%	%
Home Maintenance:	%	%
How are expenses currently shared between you?	Partner 1:	Partner 2:
Respond by indicating the %	%	%
Do you prefer an equal 50-50 split or a proportional division based on each person's income?	Client Response:	
Are you frugal or spendthrift?	Partner 1:	Partner 2:
	Yes No	Yes No
What are your wishes regarding the merging of your assets through marriage?	Client Response:	
Do you have a joint account? What types of expenses are paid from this account?	Client Response:	

Regarding debts, how would you like them to be shared during your time together?	Client Response:
Regarding debts, how would you like them to be divided in the event of a separation?	Client Response:

Your Assets

Do you own real estate? If yes;	Partner 1:		Partner 2:	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
How are the expenses for this property shared?	Client Response:			
How was this property financed? Was the down payment made equally?	Client Response:			
In the case of repairs and renovations, how will the expenses be shared?	Client Response:			
How do you envision the division of the property in the event of a separation?	Client Response:			
Would you like to sell the property?	Client Response:			
Or would one of you keep it?	Client Response:			
In the event of a separation, how will the following be shared:				
Your furniture?	Client Response:			
Your investments?	Client Response:			
Your pension funds/ RRSP/ QPP?	Client Response:			

Do you own a business?	Partner 1:		Partner 2:	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
How do you envision the division of your business in the event of a separation?	Client Response:			