

## MODIFIED BENEFIT FORMULA QUESTIONNAIRE--FOREIGN PENSION

NAME OF WAGE EARNER OR SELF-EMPLOYED PERSON	U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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NAME OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (if other than above wage earner or self-employed person)

**PRIVACY ACT:** Your response to this request is voluntary; however, failure to provide all or part of the requested information could prevent an accurate and timely decision on your claim and could affect your Social Security benefits. The Social Security Administration uses the information you furnish to determine the effect of your pension on your Social Security benefit, as provided in section 215 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415). The information on this form may be disclosed by the Social Security Administration to another person or agency for the following purposes: (1) to assist the Social Security Administration in establishing the right of a beneficiary to Social Security benefits, (2) to facilitate statistical research and audit activities, necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of the Social Security programs, and (3) to comply with laws requiring the exchange of information between Social Security and another agency.

We may also use the information you give us when we match records by computer. Matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Many agencies may use matching programs to find or prove that a person qualifies for benefits paid by the Federal government. The law allows us to do this even if you do not agree to it.

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT:** This information collection meets with clearance requirement of 44 U.S.C. §3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You are not required to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take you about 10 minutes to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts, and answer the questions.

A modified benefit formula is used to compute U.S. Social Security benefits for persons entitled to both a pension or annuity based on employment after 1956 not covered by U.S. Social Security (**including a government or private pension or annuity based on employment in another country**) and a U.S. Social Security retirement or disability insurance benefit. The difference in your U.S. Social Security benefit computed under the modified formula, rather than the regular benefit formula, cannot be greater than one-half the amount of the pension or annuity you received in the first month you are entitled to both the pension or annuity and the U S. Social Security benefit.

1.	Enter the name and address of the agency or organization from which you received or expect to receive the pension. If you receive more than one pension, complete a separate form for each pension.	NAME
		ADDRESS <i>(Include postal code)</i>
2.	Is the pension listed in item 1 based on a totalization agreement (combined credits) with the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES    If "yes", submit evidence such as an award certificate or letter from the agency paying the pension, ignore the rest of the form, and sign your name on the last page in the appropriate space.  <input type="checkbox"/> NO        If "no", complete the rest of the form and sign it.  <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN   If "unknown," contact the agency paying the pension for further information about the pension, complete the form and sign it.
3.	Enter the entire period(s) of employment upon which your pension is based. Provide specific dates. Enter a "?" if some information is unknown.	FROM: <i>(month, day, year)</i>
		TO: <i>(month, day, year)</i>
4.	Enter only the period(s) of employment from item 3 above used to determine your pension <b>which was after 1956 and which was not covered by U.S. Social Security</b> . Provide specific dates. Enter a "?" if some information is unknown.	FROM: <i>(month, day, year)</i>
		TO: <i>(month, day, year)</i>

