

APPLICATION FOR BENEFIT

- 9.01 **Application.** All claims for benefits shall be filed on forms provided by the Plan, which will be available from its principal office and such other places as may from time to time be designated by the Board. A claim shall be considered to have been filed as soon as it is received by the Trust Fund at its principal office or such other location as may be indicated on the claim form, provided it is substantially complete, with all necessary documentation required by the form. If the form is not substantially complete, or if required documentation has not been furnished, the claimant will be notified as soon as reasonably possible of what is necessary to complete the claim.
- 9.02 **Information Required.** The Board of Trustees shall, as a condition precedent to the payment of any benefit under this Plan, have the right to secure any information from the Unions, the Employers, the Employees and the Pensioners which they deem to be reasonably necessary to determine Employee's entitlement to benefits.

Each Employee, Pensioner or any other claimant for benefits shall furnish the Board of Trustees with any information or proof requested by it and reasonably required to administer the Pension Plan, including proof of employment, proof of marriage, dates of birth and death, and evidence of existence. Failure on the part of any Employee, Pensioner or claimant to comply with such request promptly, completely and in good faith shall be sufficient grounds for denying, suspending or discontinuing benefits to such person. If an Employee, Pensioner or other claimant to benefits hereunder makes a false statement material to his claim for benefits, the Board shall recoup, offset, or recover the amount of any payment made in reliance on such a false statement in excess of the amount to which such Employee, Pensioner or other claimant was rightfully entitled under the provisions of this Plan.