



About California Paid Family Leave

There may be times in the life of a working person when there is a need to care for a loved one. Whether you are a working parent bonding with a new child or you are caring for a seriously ill family member, California's Paid Family Leave was created for these times.

Fast Facts About California Paid Family Leave

- Provides up to six weeks of partially paid leave to bond with a new child (either by birth, adoption, or foster care placement) or to care for a seriously ill family member (child, spouse, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or registered domestic partner).
- Provides approximately 55 percent of your salary during your leave. (The wage replacement rate will increase in January 2018.)
- Funded through your State Disability Insurance tax withholding so you are most likely eligible for leave if you've paid into State Disability Insurance ("CASDI" on paystubs) or a qualifying voluntary plan.
- Must be used within 12 months of a child entering your family.
- Does not provide job protection. You may have your job protected under other laws, such as the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or the California Family Rights Act (CFRA).

CALIFORNIA PAID FAMILY LEAVE moments matter.

In California, it's the law.

Paid Family Leave benefits:
Giving Californians the time they need to be there for the moments that matter.

English	1-877-238-4373
Spanish	1-877-379-3819
Cantonese	1-866-692-5595
Vietnamese	1-866-692-5596
Armenian	1-866-627-1567
Punjabi	1-866-627-1568
Tagalog	1-866-627-1569

TTY: 1-800-445-1312
(This number does not accept voice calls.)

PFL Claim Forms should be mailed to:
PO Box 989315
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9315



For more information, visit
[CaliforniaPaidFamilyLeave.com](https://www.edd.ca.gov/FamilyLeave)

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Helping Californians be present for the moments that matter.



Do I Qualify For California Paid Family Leave?

To qualify for Paid Family Leave benefits, **you must meet** the following requirements:

- Be covered by State Disability Insurance (or a voluntary plan in lieu of State Disability Insurance) and have earned at least \$300 in your base period from which deductions were withheld. The length of time worked at your current job does not affect eligibility.
- Submit your claim *no sooner* than 9 days, but *no later* than 49 days after your family leave begins.
- If required by your employer, use up to two weeks of any earned but unused vacation leave or paid time off prior to receiving benefits.
- Serve a 7-day, unpaid waiting period before benefits begin for each claim within the 12-month period. (The waiting period is being eliminated in January 2018.)
- For caregiving claims only: Supply medical certification showing that the care recipient has a serious health condition and requires your care.
- For bonding claims only: Provide documents to support a claim for bonding with a new biological, adopted, or foster child.

You may not be eligible for benefits if:

- You are receiving Disability Insurance, Unemployment Insurance, or workers' compensation benefits.
- You are not working or looking for work at the time you begin your family care leave.
- You are not losing wages.
- You are in custody due to conviction of a crime.

You are entitled to:

- Know the reason and basis for decisions affecting your benefits.
- Appeal decisions about your eligibility for benefits. Visit edd.ca.gov/Disability/Appeals.htm for information about appeals.
- Confidentiality and privacy of your claim information, except for the purposes allowed by law.



Apply For Benefits

Apply for Paid Family Leave benefits online using SDI Online. Employers and physicians/practitioners can also submit claim information through SDI Online. Visit edd.ca.gov/Disability for more information. You may also file using a paper form. Visit edd.ca.gov/Forms to request a paper *Claim for Paid Family Leave (PFL) Benefits, DE 2501F* form.

For bonding claims, be sure to provide a proof of relationship document with your claim. For caregiving claims, be sure to provide a physician/practitioner's certification.

If you are currently receiving Disability Insurance pregnancy-related benefits, it is not necessary to request a Paid Family Leave claim form. Claim filing information will be sent through your SDI Online account or via mail when your pregnancy-related disability claim ends.

If you are covered by a voluntary plan, contact your employer to obtain information about your coverage and instructions on how to apply for benefits.

How Are Benefit Amounts Calculated?

California Paid Family Leave provides approximately 55 percent of your salary (from \$50 up to \$1,173 weekly). Your employer may allow you to use vacation, sick, paid time off, or other leave to supplement your PFL benefits to receive up to 100 percent pay. In January 2018, the wage replacement rate increases to approximately 60 to 70 percent of your salary.

The benefit amount is calculated from your highest quarterly earnings over the past 5 to 18 months. The Employment Development Department has an online calculator at edd.ca.gov/PFL_Calculator that can help you estimate your weekly benefit amount.

Job Protection

California Paid Family Leave does not provide job protection or return to work rights. However, job protection may be provided if your employer has to follow the federal FMLA or the CFRA. Also, notify your employer of the reason for taking leave according to your company's leave policy.

