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Department of Human Resources Leaves Administration Team

Paid Parental Leave

Eligible employees may receive up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave for bonding following the birth, adoption or foster-to-adopt placement of a child. The qualifying event will run concurrently with federal, state, and county family and medical leave to the fullest extent possible. For more information, please refer to the *Paid Parental Leave* policy, or contact your agency human resources representative.

Paid Parental Leave Procedure

1) Agency Human Resource Professional meets with employee to discuss options

Agency HR Professional discusses the following:

- Aspects of Paid Parental Leave such as the payback clause, approval of intermittent schedules, PPL entitlements etc.
- How PPL runs concurrently with federal, State, King County protected leave laws
- How to code their timesheet if employee is approved for intermittent PPL

2) Employee requests leave (Leave Request Form)

Employee completes Protected Leave Request Form

https://www.kingcounty.gov/~/media/employees/benefits/documents/leaves/leave-request-form.ashx?la=en

Note: Must notify human resource professional and supervisor at least 30 days in advance of the event. Requests for intermittent leave must be consistent with agency operational needs and approved in writing prior to the leave. Employee must also later submit documentation of event when it occurs.

3) Agency Human Resource forwards completed Leave Response Form to employee

Agency HR Professional completes Protected Leave Response Form

https://www.kingcounty.gov/~/media/employees/benefits/documents/leaves/fmla-response-form-printable.ashx?la=en

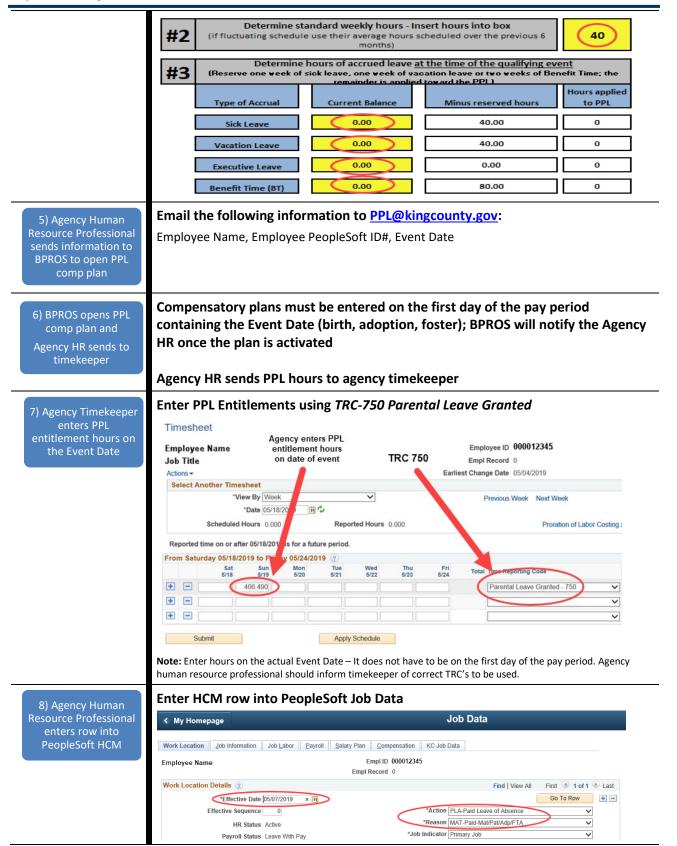
4) Agency Human Resource Professional determines PPL entitlements and sends to Agency timekeeper **Complete online PPL Calculator:** (Found under Procedures, Forms, and Legal) (https://www.kingcounty.gov/audience/employees/benefits/leaves.aspx)

- **4a.** Ensure Employee is eligible for PPL:
 - Has the employee worked for King County at least six continuous months? Is the
 employee in a comprehensive leaveⁱ eligible position at the time of the event? If
 yes to both of these questions, continue (KCC 3.12.219.A)
 - Is employee non-represented or in a bargaining unit that has agreed to the paid parental leave benefit? If yes, continue
- 4b. Enter weekly hours into calculator (example below shows 40 hours).
- **4c**. Determine the current accrual balances for use in calculator:
 - Find balances listed on employees last pay advice which reflect the accruals through the last processed pay period that precedes the qualifying event.
 - Contact Supervisor or Timekeeper to determine any accruals (sick, vacation, exec)
 used between the end of the last pay period and the Event Date and deduct those
 hours from accrued balances.
 - Enter adjusted balances (as needed) into yellow areas of the PPL Calculator.
 - Note: The calculator automatically adjusts for reserving hours. This adjustment is
 ONLY used for determining the PPL hours to be loaded and does not impact how an
 employee can use the time. PPL and accrued hours can be used in any order. Do
 not adjust the employee's balances before entering the hours.

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Notes: *Use appropriate HCM reason if leave is continuous, but normally would use PLA/MAT if using paid accruals. *Current guidance is that use of PLA codes is not very beneficial in tracking leave (using payroll time reporting codes is better). Use of LOA codes during use of PPL is not permitted since it would not allow agencies to pay the employee for PPL hours. PPL Hours are entered onto timesheet in order to receive pay 9) PPL hours entered on the timesheet Employee Name Employee ID 000012345 Job Title Empl Record 0 Earliest Change Date 05/04/2019 Select Another Timesheet "View By Week Previous Week Next Week *Date 05/18/2019 🛅 🗘 Scheduled Hours 0.000 Reported Hours 466,490 Proration of Labor Costing.xlsx Reported time on or after 05/18/2019 is for a future period. From Saturday 05/18/2019 to Friday 05/24/2019 ② 466.490 + -466,490 Parental Leave Granted - 750 FMLA-KCFML Paid Parental Leave - 754 8.000 Submit Notes: *If leave is continuous then agency supervisor or timekeeper is responsible for entering time on timesheet. *If employee is approved for intermittent schedule and self enters time then provide codes to employee. *Use appropriate time reporting code: TRC 751 – Paid Parental Leave (when FMLA/KCFML are not available/exhausted) TRC 754 - FMLA/KCFML Paid Parental Leave TRC 755 - KCFML Paid Parental Leave Return From Leave Action/Reason code is entered into PeopleSoft HCM system 10) Agency Human (RFL/RFL) **Resource Professional** enters return from leave HCM code Note: HCM row should be entered upon the first to occur: 12 months from Event Date or when PPL hours are Files protected leave paperwork into separate employee leave file (do not file in 11) Agency Human the regular employee file) **Resource Professional** files paperwork in separate file BPROS tracks active plans and inactivates PPL plans that are over 1 year from the qualifying event 12) BPROS inactivates PPL plan after 1 year *BPROS inactivates plans on the 1st and 15th of the month, so plans may remain active for up to 2 weeks after the *Hours remaining in the plan after inactivation will not be removed by BPROS but will not be accessible to the employee after the inactivation date.

¹ Employee eligible for comprehensive leave benefits are those in full-time regular, part-time regular, provisional, probationary and term-limited temporary positions.

ii Only one union has not agreed to PPL: TEA W2. All other bargaining units and qualifying non-represented employees are covered.