## 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 HR 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**

   **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**

4. **Agency Human Resource Professional determines PPL entitlements and sends to Agency timekeeper**

   **Complete online PPL Calculator:** (Found under Procedures, Forms, and Legal)

   **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 leave eligible position? 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 up to 40 hours of time. 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.
5) Agency Human Resource Professional sends information to BPROS to open PPL comp plan

6) BPROS opens PPL comp plan and Agency HR sends to timekeeper

7) Agency Timekeeper enters PPL entitlement hours on the Event Date

Compensatory plans must be entered on the first day of the pay period containing the Event Date (birth, adoption, foster); BPROS will notify the Agency HR once the plan is activated.

Agency HR sends PPL hours to agency timekeeper

Enter PPL Entitlements using TRC-750 Parental Leave Granted

Note: Enter hours on the actual Event Date – It does not have to be on the first day of the pay period. Agency human resource professional should inform timekeeper of correct TRC’s to be used.

8) Agency Human Resource Professional enters row into PeopleSoft HCM

Enter HCM row into PeopleSoft Job Data

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Notes:
* Use appropriate HCM reason if leave is continuous, but normally would use PLA/MAT if using paid accruals.
* Remember that using LOA HCM reasons will cancel employee benefits and make you unable to pay them.
* Current guidance is that use of PLA codes is not very beneficial in tracking leave (using payroll TRC’s is better)

9) PPL hours entered on the timesheet

PPL Hours are entered onto timesheet in order to receive pay

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Timesheet

Employee Name: John Doe
Job Title: Employee ID: 000012345

Select Another Timesheet

Date: 05/18/2019

Reported time on or after 05/18/2019 is for a future period.

From Saturday 05/18/2019 to Friday 05/24/2019

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Note: 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
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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:

10) Agency Human Resource Professional enters return from leave HCM code

Return From Leave Action/Reason code is entered into PeopleSoft HCM system (RFL/RFL)

Note: HCM row should be entered upon the first to occur: 12 months from Event Date or when PPL hours are exhausted.

11) Agency Human Resource Professional files paperwork in separate file

Files protected leave paperwork into separate employee leave file (do not file in the regular employee file)

12) BPROS inactivates PPL plan after 1 year

BPROS tracks active plans and inactivates PPL plans that are over 1 year from the qualifying event

Notes:
* BPROS inactivates plans on the 1st and 15th of the month, so plans may remain active for up to 2 weeks after the one-year mark.
* 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.

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

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