

**TITLE:** Family and Medical Leave Act/California Family

Rights Act/Pregnancy Disability Leave Policy

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Bulletin is to outline administrative procedures for responding to

employee leave requests afforded under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA) and Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL) and to inform employees of their rights and responsibilities for taking FMLA, CFRA and PDL.

ROUTING

All Locations

MAJOR This Bulletin replaces BUL-1205.4 of the same title, dated February 28, 2019.

The content has been revised to reflect changes to the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Government code Section 12945.2; which became effective January 1, 2021. Major changes include:

- 1. Clarifying the definitions of months of service, worktime, and workdays in the Eligibility section updates.
- 2. Expanding qualifying family members under CFRA in the Reason for Leave section updates to include grandchild, grandparent, and sibling.
- 3. Concisely defining entitlement by leave type in the Duration of FMLA, CFRA and PDL Leave section updates.
- 4. Expanding the Related Definitions section to include the qualifying family relationships of grandchild, grandparent, and sibling under CFRA.
- 5. Separating the FMLA and CFRA leaves in the Certification: Medical, Qualifying Exigency, and Evidence of Relationship, Site Administrator Responsibilities, Employee Rights, Employee Responsibilities, Compensation, and Non-Retaliation sections.

The District is committed to continued compliance with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) and the California Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL).

Where there is a conflict between the provisions of FMLA, CFRA, and/or PDL, the provision which provides the greater family or medical leave rights to the employee will prevail.



# **GUIDELINES:**

# I. Eligibility

To be eligible for FMLA and/or CFRA leave a full-time or part-time employee must meet both the months of service and worktime requirements:

- A. Months of Service: Have been employed with the District for at least 12 months (52 weeks); which need not be consecutive. However, employment at any time prior to a break in service of seven (7) or more years is not counted, except for a break in service caused by a military service obligation; and
- B. Worktime: Have worked at least 130 equivalent workdays (or 1,250 hours for Unit A, E, G, and Classified Substitute employees) in the 12-month period immediately prior to the first day of absence.
  - i. Workdays is defined as the sum of deadhead (DH), miscellaneous (MS), miscellaneous natural disaster (MSND), professional development (PD), regular (RG), and z-time wage types divided by the employee's daily assigned hours.
  - ii. For units A, E, G, and Classified Substitutes only, hours worked is defined as the sum of the aforementioned wage types with the addition of overtime (OT) and auxiliary assignment (AA).
- C. If an employee is not eligible for FMLA and/or CFRA leave at the start of a leave because the employee has not met the months of service requirement, the employee may nonetheless still meet this requirement while on leave, however, time spent while on leave will not count towards the worktime requirement of 130 equivalent workdays (or 1,250 hours) for purposes of eligibility.

To be eligible for PDL you must be employed by the District.

- A. There is no minimum service or worktime requirement for PDL.
- B. Employees who meet the eligibility requirements under FMLA/CFRA and continue to be disabled by disabilities relating to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions after exhausting the 18 workweeks of PDL, will continue to be protected for up to 12 workweeks under FMLA and/or CFRA.

# II. Reasons for Leave

An eligible employee's FMLA leave entitlement is limited to a total of 12 workweeks during any 12-month period measured forward for one or more of the following reasons:

- A. Birth of an employee's child ("bonding" or "parental leave"). Leave must be completed prior to the child's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.
- B. Placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care, including time to prepare for the placement, as well as, bonding time after the placement of the child. Bonding must be completed within one year of the child being placed with the employee.
- C. To care for the employee's own serious health condition, including incapacity due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, that makes the employee unable to perform one or more essential functions of the employee's job.



- D. To care for the employee's own serious health condition, including incapacity due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, that makes the employee unable to perform one or more essential functions of the employee's job.
- E. To care for an employee's child (son or daughter), parent, or spouse, who has a serious health condition, including incapacity due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.
- F. Any qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of the employee's spouse, child (son or daughter), or parent in the United States Armed Forces.

An eligible employee's FMLA Servicemember leave entitlement is limited to a total of 26 workweeks during any 12-month period measured forward for the following reason:

A. To care for the employee's son, daughter, parent, spouse, or next of kin who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy, or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list for a serious injury or illness while on active military duty in the Armed Forces.

An eligible employee's CFRA leave entitlement is limited to a total of 12 workweeks during any 12-month period measured forward for one or more the following reasons:

- A. Birth of an employee's child ("bonding" or "parental leave"). Leave must be completed prior to the child's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.
- B. Placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care, including time to prepare for the placement, as well as, bonding time after the placement of the child. Bonding must be completed within one year of the child being placed with the employee.
- C. To care for the employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform one or more essential functions of the employee's job.
- D. To care for an employee's spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling who has a serious health condition, including incapacity due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.
- E. Any qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of the employee's spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent in the Armed Forces of the United States.

An eligible employee's PDL leave entitlement is limited to a total of 18 workweeks per pregnancy for the following reason:

A. A physical or mental condition related to pregnancy or childbirth that prevents an employee from performing essential duties of the employee's job, or if the employee's job would cause undue risk to the employee or the employee's pregnancy's successful completion.



# III. Certification: Medical, Qualifying Exigency, and Evidence of Relationship

Employees who request FMLA and CFRA leave for their own or a covered family member's serious health condition must submit a "Health Care Provider Certification" (See form FMLA-1) within 15 calendar days of the request. The form must be complete and sufficient in order for FMLA and CFRA to be approved.

Employees who request FMLA and CFRA for a qualifying military exigency leave must submit a "Certification of Qualifying Exigency" (See form FMLA-9) within 15 calendar days of the request. The form must be complete and sufficient in order for FMLA and CFRA to be approved.

Employees who request FMLA and CFRA leave for bonding with a newborn or placement of a child through foster care or adoption must submit "Evidence of Relationship" (See form FMLA-8) within 15 calendar days of the request. The information must be complete and sufficient in order for FMLA and CFRA to be approved.

Employees who request PDL leave for their own pregnancy-related disability must submit a "Health Care Provider Certification" (See form FMLA-1) within 15 calendar days of the request. The form must be complete and sufficient in order for PDL to be approved.

If the Health Care Provider Certification, Certification of Qualifying Exigency, and/or the Evidence of Relationship is not complete and sufficient, the employee will be notified of the deficiencies in writing and given seven (7) calendar days to correct the deficiencies.

At the time the Site Administrator or Designee requests Health Care Provider Certification, Certification of Qualifying Exigency, and/or the Evidence of Relationship the employee shall be advised of the anticipated consequences of his or her failure to provide adequate certification.

# IV. Recertification

If additional time for the current certification form is needed, either in duration of condition or amount of leave needed, the employee must provide a new completed certification form.

# V. <u>Duration of FMLA, CFRA and PDL Leave</u>

- A. FMLA and CFRA leave entitlements are limited to a total of 12 workweeks in a 12-month period measured forward from the date of the first FMLA and/or CFRA-qualifying reason for leave.
  - i. Based on a default work schedule of 5 days per week, 12 workweeks are the equivalent of 60 workdays.
  - ii. An employee scheduled less than 5 workdays per week is entitled to the number of workdays equal to 12 workweeks multiplied by the number of workdays scheduled per week.
  - iii. The 12-month period during which 12 workweeks of CFRA leave may be taken shall run concurrently with the 12-month period under the FMLA and



- shall commence the date leave taken under the FMLA commences when the FMLA-qualifying reason(s) for leave and the CFRA-qualifying reason(s) are the same. (See Reasons for Leave)
- B. FMLA Servicemember leave entitlement is limited to a total of 26 workweeks in a 12-month period measured forward from the date of the first FMLA-qualifying reason for leave.
  - i. Based on a default work schedule of 5 days per week, 26 workweeks is the equivalent of 130 workdays.
  - ii. An employee scheduled less than 5 workdays per week is entitled to the number of workdays equal to 26 workweeks multiplied by the number of workdays scheduled per week.
  - iii. The 12-month period during which FMLA Servicemember leave may be taken may not exceed 26 workweeks of entitlement, including any other FMLA-qualifying reason(s) for leave.
  - iv. For example, if an employee takes 12 workweeks of FMLA leave for his/her own serious health condition and subsequently requires a Servicemember leave, the employee's entitlement is limited to an additional 14 workweeks of FMLA leave.
- C. PDL leave entitlement is limited to a total of four (4) months; which the District defines as 18 workweeks, per pregnancy measured forward from the date of the first PDL-qualifying reason for leave.
  - i. Based on a default work schedule of 5 days per week, 18 workweeks is the equivalent of 90 workdays.
  - ii. An employee scheduled less than 5 workdays per week is entitled to the number of workdays equal to 18 workweeks multiplied by the number of workdays scheduled per week.
- D. FMLA, CFRA, and PDL may be taken intermittently or as a reduced schedule
  - i. Intermittent FMLA, CFRA, and/or PDL is leave taken in separate blocks of time due to a single qualifying reason.
  - ii. A reduced schedule FMLA, CFRA, and/or PDL leave involves a temporary change to an employee's daily assigned number of working days per week and/or hours per day (work schedule).
    - 1. There must a medical need for FMLA, CFRA, and/or PDL which can best be accommodated through an intermittent or reduced schedule leave.
    - 2. A minimum leave duration of two (2) workweeks is required for parental (bonding) leave under the FMLA and CFRA
      - a. The District allows employees to take parental (bonding) leave under the FMLA and CFRA of less than 2 workweeks on up to two (2) occasions.
      - b. The District does not allow employees to take parental (bonding) leave under the FMLA and CFRA as half days or a reduced schedule.



# VI. Related Definitions

- A. **Child (CFRA):** Biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, child of a domestic partner, or a person to whom the employee stands *in loco parentis*.
- B. **Domestic Partner** (**CFRA Only**): A registered domestic partner within the meaning of California Family Code sections 297 through 297.5.
- C. **Essential Functions:** The fundamental job duties of the class description or employment position as defined in California Government Code 12926.
- D. **Family Care Leave:** Leave for the birth or the placement of a child through adoption or foster care with an employee or to care for a child, parent, spouse, domestic partner (CFRA only), grandparent (CFRA only), grandchild (CFRA only), or sibling (CFRA only) of the employee who has a serious health condition.
- E. **Grandchild (CFRA Only)**: Child of the employee's child.
- F. Grandparent (CFRA Only): Parent of the employee's parent.
- G. **Health Care Provider**: A licensed physician, surgeon, osteopathic physician or surgeon, podiatrist, dentist, clinical psychologist, optometrist, chiropractor (limited to treatment consisting of manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation as demonstrated by X-ray), nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, clinical social worker, physician assistant, or a Christian Science Practitioner listed with the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts.
- H. **Incapacity:** An inability to work, attend school, or perform other regular activities due to a serious health condition, treatment thereof, or recovery therefrom.
- I. *In loco parentis*: A type of relationship in which a person has put themselves in the situation of a parent by assuming and discharging the obligations of a parent to a minor child, including persons with day-to-day responsibilities to care for or financially support a minor child.
- J. **Intermittent Leave:** Leave taken in separate periods of time due to a serious health condition, rather than one continuous period of time.
- K. **Medical Leave:** Leave for an employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to work at all or unable to perform any one or more of the essential job functions of the employee's position (job).
- L. **Next of Kin (FMLA Servicemember Leave Only):** Nearest blood relative other than the covered servicemember's spouse, parent, son, or daughter.
- M. **Parent:** Biological, adoptive, step or foster father or mother, or any other individual who stood *in loco parentis* to the employee when the employee was a son or daughter as defined below. This term does not include parent-in-law.
- N. **Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL):** Leave up to four (4) months (18 workweeks) taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.



- O. **Reduced Work Schedule:** A leave schedule that reduces the employee's usual number of working hours per week, or hours per workday for a period of time.
- P. **Regimen of Continuing Treatment:** In-person treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion within seven days of the first day of incapacity; which results in continuing treatment under the supervision of the health care provider.
- Q. **Serious Health Condition**: An illness, injury (including, but not limited to, onthe-job injuries and pregnancy), impairment or physical or mental condition that involves inpatient care or a regimen of continuing treatment by a health care provider.
- R. **Sibling:** A person related to another person by blood, adoption, or affinity through a common legal or biological parent.
- S. **Site Administrator**: The employee's immediate supervisor or the immediate supervisor's designee.
- T. **Son or Daughter (FMLA):** Biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing *in loco parentis* who is either under age 18, or age 18 or older and "incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability."
- U. **Spouse:** Husband or wife. This definition includes an individual in a same-sex or common law marriage entered into in a State that recognizes such marriages.
- V. **Treatment:** Includes, but is not limited to, examinations to determine if a serious health condition exists and evaluations of the condition. Treatment does not include routine physical examinations, eye or dental examinations.

# VII. <u>Site Administrator Responsibilities</u>

# A. Identify a Potential FMLA/CFRA and/or PDL absence

FMLA, CFRA and PDL regulations require that the District recognize an employee's need for FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL protections.

The Site Administrator or Designee is responsible for initiating the required notifications and eligibility checks.

In all instances, the Site Administrator or Designee may ask additional questions to determine if the leave is FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL-qualifying.

## **B.** Check Eligibility

The Site Administrator or Designee shall determine if the employee is eligible for FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL protections. (See Eligibility)

The Site Administrator shall give the employee the Notice of Employee Eligibility & Entitlement and Rights & Responsibilities (Form FMLA-2).

Notice must be provided in writing within five (5) business days of recognizing the need for FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL. Verbal notice is not sufficient. If the employee does not meet the eligibility requirements, the Site Administrator or Designee shall give the employee the Designation Not Approved Notice (Form FMLA-4). Notice must be provided in writing within five (5) business days of determining the employee is not eligible for FMLA and CFR A



# C. Request Certification

If an employee has a qualifying FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL absence and is eligible for FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL protections, the Site Administrator or Designee shall request the appropriate certification from the employee, unless already provided.

The Site Administrator or Designee shall give the employee the Health Care Provider Certification (Form FMLA-1), Certification of Qualifying Exigency (Form FMLA-9) or Evidence of Relationship (Form FMLA-8) Information Sheet if it has not been submitted by the employee at the time notice of the need for absence is provided. (See Certification: Medical, Qualifying Exigency, and Evidence of Relationship)

# D. Designating an Absence

Once the Site Administrator or Designee has reviewed the Health Care Provider Certification, Certification of Qualifying Exigency, or Evidence of Relationship and determined the absence is being taken for a FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL-qualifying reason, an Approval Designation Notice (Form FMLA-3) shall be given to the employee.

If the Health Care Provider Certification, Certification of Qualifying Exigency, or Evidence of Relationship is not received, is incomplete, or is not for an FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL-qualifying reason, the Designation Not Approved Notice (Form FMLA-4) shall be given to the employee.

In all instances, the designation notice shall be given to the employee in writing within five (5) business days of the determination.

# E. Track Amount of FMLA, CFRA, and PDL Time Used

The Site Administrator or Designee is responsible for tracking usage based on available entitlement, monitoring frequency and duration of intermittent and reduced schedule absences and identifying the exhaustion and/or end of FMLA, CFRA, and/or PDL entitlement.

# F. Maintain Documentation

All certifications, re-certifications, Evidence of Relationship documents and medical histories of employees or the employee's spouse, domestic partner, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, and son or daughter are subject to the various privacy protections and must be confidentially maintained.

All FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL documentation relating to the employees or the employee's spouse, domestic partner, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, and son or daughter must be kept in a *confidential* file separate from the employee's regular personnel records. If the employee is taking a formal leave of absence (i.e. more than 20 working days), the original paperwork must be submitted to the appropriate Human Resources department and a copy should be kept at the work location.



# VIII. Employee Rights

Employees will have the following rights while on paid or unpaid FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave:

- A. Paid or unpaid FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave will not constitute a break in service for the purposes of establishing longevity or seniority, or for layoff, recall, promotion, job assignment, or seniority-related benefits.

  Unpaid FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave, however, is not treated as credited service time for permanency, retirement, or benefit accrual, vesting, and eligibility with CalSTRS or CalPERS.
- B. Maintenance of health benefits during any period of FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave under the same conditions as if the employee had continued to work. If an employee goes into an unpaid status while on FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave, the District will continue to pay its portion of the health benefits premiums. Employees who pay a portion of their health benefits premium are required to continue to pay their portion of the health benefits premium regardless of their status (i.e., paid or unpaid).
- C. Reinstatement to the same or equivalent position upon return from FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave, subject to seniority rules in the event of layoffs in the employee's position. If the leave extends beyond the end of the employee's FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL entitlement, the employee does not have return rights under FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL. However, the employee may have rights under their respective Collective Bargaining Agreement and/or Personnel Commission Rules.

# IX. Employee Responsibilities

Employees will have the following responsibilities while on FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave:

- A. Provide Site Administrator with at least 30 days advance notice of when and how much FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave is needed when the leave is foreseeable.
- B. When the need for leave is not foreseeable, the employee is expected to notify the Site Administrator as soon as practicable based upon the facts and circumstances.
- C. Comply with the usual and customary call-in and reporting procedures in accordance with their work location and Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- D. Once approved for a particular FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL-qualifying leave reason, employees are required to reference that leave reason or the FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL when reporting absences and/or requesting additional leave. In all instances, the employee is responsible for responding to questions from the Site Administrator or Designee to determine if the leave is FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL-qualifying.
- E. Make a reasonable effort to schedule treatment so as not to disrupt District operations.



- F. Employees who pay a portion of their health benefits premiums are required to continue to pay their portion of the health benefits premium regardless of their pay status (i.e. paid or unpaid).
- G. An employee may be required to reimburse the District for health insurance premiums paid on behalf of the employee during their FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave if the employee does not return to work following FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave for a reason other than:
  - 1. The continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition which would entitle him or her to FMLA and CFRA leave;
  - 2. The continuation, recurrence, or onset of a covered servicemember's serious injury or illness which would entitle the employee to FMLA and CFRA leave; or
  - 3. Other circumstances beyond the employee's control.

# X. Compensation

FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL can be paid, unpaid, or a combination of both.

If the FMLA and CFRA absence is for the employee's own serious health condition the employee is required to use any available full-pay and half-pay illness and/or vacation time before going unpaid.

Employees on PDL leave are allowed, but not required to use any available full-pay and half-pay illness and/or vacation time.

If the FMLA and CFRA absence is to care for the employee's spouse, domestic partner, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, and son or daughter, the employee has the option to use Kin Care and is required to use any available Personal Necessity and vacation time. All other time is unpaid.

If the employee is receiving benefits under California Paid Family Leave program, however, the employee is not required to use available Kin Care, Personal Necessity, or vacation benefits.

# XI. Non-Retaliation/Protection from Interference FMLA, CFRA & PDL Rights

Employers are prohibited from interfering with an employee's right to utilize FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL. Interfering includes discriminating or retaliating against an employee for having exercised or attempted to exercise FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL rights. Employees have the right to utilize FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave for any qualifying reason without criticism or discouragement. Also, an employee must not be subject to discipline for the exercise of FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL rights.

Retaliation and/or Interference does not include an employer's pertinent contact/communications with the employee regarding the employee's job. The employer, however, is not permitted to contact the employee to induce the employee to return from leave or to require the employee to perform actual work.

While an employee can freely exercise their right to take FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL leave under the law and not be disciplined for doing so, taking a protected leave of absence will not affect pending disciplinary proceedings or prevent discipline from being issued that is based upon legitimate reasons related to work performance and/or conduct.



# **AUTHORITY:**

This is a policy of the Los Angeles Unified School District. This policy is established in accordance with the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, the California Family Rights Act, and the California Pregnancy Disability Leave Law.

# RELATED RESOURCES:

Los Angeles Unified School District FMLA/CFRA website: <a href="http://fmla.lausd.net">http://fmla.lausd.net</a>

Collective Bargaining Agreements are located on the LAUSD "Labor Relations"

website:

From the LAUSD homepage go to "Office" then "Labor Relations"

Personnel Commission Rules:

From the LAUSD homepage go to "Office" then "Personnel Commission"

United States Department of Labor, FMLA Regulations: <a href="http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/benefits-leave/fmla.htm">http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/benefits-leave/fmla.htm</a>

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, CFRA Regulations: https://www.dfeh.ca.gov

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, California Pregnancy Disability Leave Act: https://www.dfeh.ca.gov

California Employment Development Department, California Family Paid Family Leave: https://www.edd.ca.gov

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Health Care Provider Certification Form Employee or Family Member Medical and/or Serious Health Condition (Form FMLA-1)
- 2. Employee Eligibility & Entitlement and Rights & Responsibilities Notice (Form FMLA-2)
- 3. Approval Designation Notice (Form FMLA-3)
- 4. Designation Not Approved Notice (Form FMLA-4)
- 5. Exhaustion of Protected Absence Notice (Form FMLA-5)
- 6. Complete and Sufficient Certification Notice (Form FMLA-7)
- 7. Evidence of Relationship (EOR) Information Sheet Newborn, Foster Care, or Adoption Parental Leave (Form FMLA-8)
- 8. Certification of Qualifying Exigency for Family Military Leave (Form FMLA-9)

# **ASSISTANCE:**

For assistance or further information, contact the Absence Management Section in the Division of Risk Management and Insurance Services at 213-241-3954 or visit the FMLA/CFRA website at <a href="http://fmla.lausd.net">http://fmla.lausd.net</a>



Personnel Commission Classified Employment Services Branch Human Resources Certificated Assignments & Support Services EE Name: EMP #:

# **Health Care Provider Certification Form**

Employee or Family Member Medical and/or Serious Health Condition
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA), Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)

SECTION I: For Completion by the SUPERVISOR				
an employee to disclose information other than what	iption before giving this form to the employee. You may not ask is permitted under the applicable regulations. Employers must ployee's medical certifications/recertification, separately from the			
School Site/Division				
Supervisor/Administrator	Date			
Employee Name	Employee #			
Employee Job Title	Regular Work Schedule			
Supervisor should attach class description.				
SECTION II: For Completion by the EMPLOYEE				
protected absences and/or formal Leave of Absence. Subsobtain and/or retain leave protections. <b>This form should</b> Failure to provide a complete and sufficient medical cerprotected absences and/or formal Leave of Absence.  RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION:	nplete and sufficient medical certification to support requests for mittal of the medical certification is required by LAUSD in order to be completed and returned within 15 calendar days of request. Tification may result in the delay or denial of your request for medical care regarding any condition related to the current Leave of Absence request			
to release any or all pertinent information and records to the Los Angeles I give my health care provider permission to respond to the District's requ	Unified School District. <b>DO NOT disclose a diagnosis.</b> By signing this authorization,			
Employee's Full Name				
Employee's Signature	Date			
Family Member's Name (If Applicable)	Family Member's Relationship to Employee (If Applicable)			
Family Member's Signature (If Applicable)	Date			
If absence is for <u>20</u> CONSECUTIVE WORKING DAYS <u>OR LESS</u> , this fo	orm will remain at the employee's site.			
f absence is for MORE THAN 20 CONSECUTIVE WORKING DAYS, a	a District formal Leave of Absence is required and this form will be			
forwarded by the employee to the appropriate personnel office, v	with a copy retained at the site.			
☐ Personnel Commission Classified Employment Services Branch, PH: 213.241.6300, PO Box 513307, Los Angeles, CA 90051-1307				
☐ Human Resources Certificated Assignments & Support Services, PH: 213.241.5100, PO Box 3307 (Dept. S), Los Angeles, CA 90051				
☐ Human Resources Administrative Assignments Unit, PH: 213.241.6365, PO Box 3307, Los Angeles, CA 90051				
□ DACE Personnel Unit, 333 S. Beaudry Ave, PH: 213.241.3150, 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017				
☐ Early Childhood Education Unit, 333 S. Beaudry Ave, PH: 213.241.2404, 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017				

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## **Health Care Provider Certification Form**

Employee or Family Member Medical and/or Serious Health Condition
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA), Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)

SECTION III:	For Completion by the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please provide complete answers to all applicable questions below and be sure to sign and date page 3. Several questions seek a response regarding the frequency or duration of a condition and/or treatment. Your answer should be your BEST ESTIMATE based upon your examination of the patient and your prognosis. Please be as specific as possible, noting that terms such as "as needed," "unknown," or "indeterminate" may not be sufficient to determine FMLA, CFRA and/or PDL coverage. Limit your responses to address only the condition for which the employee is seeking protected absences and/or formal Leave of Absence.

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, Title II (GINA) prohibits employers and other entitles covered by GINA, from requesting genetic information of an individual or family member, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with GINA, do not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information.

<b>PA</b> 1.	ART A: MEDICAL FACTS OF PATIENT'S CONDITION(S)  Approximate date condition commenced:						
	Probable duration of condition:						
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٥.	☐ A. In-patient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility:	zerieu,					
	o If yes, provide date(s) of admission:						
	B. Serious incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days plus 2 treatments. If yes, particular visit (in-person or tele med) is/was within the first 7 days of incapacity with:	atient's fir	rst health care				
	<ul> <li>2 or more treatments within 30 days of first day of incapacity; and/or</li> <li>1 treatment which results in a continuing regimen of care that includes:</li> </ul>	ES 🗆	NO □				
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	<ul> <li>Referral to and/or evaluated or treated by other health care provider(s)?</li> </ul>	ES 🗆	NO $\square$				
	<ul><li>C. Incapacity causing absence due to pregnancy or pre-natal care:</li><li>Expected delivery date:</li></ul>						
	$\square$ D. Serious chronic condition causing incapacity and requiring treatments.						
	$\square$ E. Serious permanent condition or serious long-term condition.						
	☐ F. Multiple treatments for serious health condition.						
4.	Answer question "A" based upon either the attached job description of the employee's essential employee's own description of his/her job functions, if the job description is not provided.	al functior	ns or the				
	A. If this certification is to cover protected absence(s) (FMLA/CFRA/PDL) for the serious health co please answer the following:	ndition of	the employee,				
	Does the condition create periods of incapacity that prevent the employee from performing job functions? YES $\square$ $\!$	ng one or	more of his/her				
	B. If the certification is for the care of the employee's family member, please answer the following	owing:					
	Does (or will) the patient require assistance from the employee for basic medical hygiene, safety, transportation, psychological comfort, and/or arranging for third-party care? YES						
	Answer questions 5 & 6 for a District formal Leave of Absence only.						
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6.	Is the employee's medical condition a Permanent Disability (Leave of Absence only)?	ES 🗆	NO □				



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## **Health Care Provider Certification Form**

Employee or Family Member Medical and/or Serious Health Condition Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA), Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)

**SECTION III:** For Completion by the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, CONTINUED PART B: AMOUNT OF LEAVE NEEDED 1. Single Continuous Period of Time: Is it medically necessary for the employee to be absent from work due to the medical condition or serious health condition of the employee or family member? Yes  $\square$  No  $\square$ If yes, estimate the beginning and ending dates for the period of incapacity FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH \_\_\_ Answer questions 2, 3, and/or 4 only if the employee requires leave on a reduced or intermittent basis. 2. Reduced Schedule Leave: Is it medically necessary for the employee to work less than the employee's normal work schedule due to the serious health condition of the employee or family member? Yes  $\square$  No  $\square$ If yes, indicate the part-time or reduced work schedule. The employee should work no more than: Hours per day; days per week; FROM THROUGH 3. Medical Appointments or Treatment: Is it medically necessary for the employee to be absent from work for medical appointments and/or treatment due to the serious health condition of the employee or family member? Yes  $\Box$  No  $\Box$ If yes, estimate treatment schedule, if any, including the dates of any scheduled appointments and the time required for each, including any travel time and recovery period: Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_\_times per \_\_\_\_\_week(s) **OR** \_\_\_\_\_month(s) \_\_\_\_\_hour(s) **OR** \_\_\_\_\_day(s) per appointment/treatment Duration: APPOINTMENTS/TREATMENT CERTIFICATION DURATION: FROM \_\_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Intermittent Leave: Is it medically necessary for the employee to be absent from work on an intermittent basis due to the serious health condition of the employee or family member? Yes  $\square$  No  $\square$ If yes, based upon the patient's medical history and your knowledge of the medical condition, estimate the frequency of flare-ups and the duration of related incapacity that the patient may experience (e.g., 1 episode every 3 months lasting 1-2 days): Frequency: times per week(s) **OR** month(s) \_\_\_\_\_hour(s) **OR** \_\_\_\_\_day(s) per episode INTERMITTENT FLARE-UPS CERTIFICATION DURATION: FROM \_\_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH Notes: **Health Care Provider Verification** Please provide the following information pertaining to your practice: Provider's Name as Health Care Provider Type of Practice/Medical Specialty License Number Address Zip Code Phone Endorse the following statement: "I certify that I am the treating health care provider for the above-named patient who is under my professional care. All of this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge." Original Signature: Date:



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Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA), Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)

### **Serious Health Condition**

# A. Hospital Care

Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility, including any period of incapacity or subsequent treatment in connection with or consequent to such inpatient care. A person is considered an "inpatient" when a health care facility formally admits him or her to the facility with the expectation that he or she will remain at least overnight and occupy a bed, even if it later develops that such person can be discharged or transferred to another facility and does not actually remain overnight.

# B. Absence plus Treatment

- a. A period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive full calendar days (including any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition) with the first visit taking place within the first 7 days of incapacity, that also involves:
  - i. Treatment two or more times by a health care provider, by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider, or by a provider of health care services (e.g., physical therapist) under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider; or
  - ii. Treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the supervision of the health care provider.
- C. Pregnancy; any period of incapacity due to pregnancy or for prenatal care
- D. Chronic Conditions Requiring Treatment

A chronic condition which:

- a. Requires periodic visits for treatment by a health care provider, or by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider;
- b.Continues over an extended period of time (including recurring episodes of a single underlying condition); and
- c. May cause episodic rather than a continuing period of incapacity (e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.)
- E. Permanent/Long-term Conditions Requiring Supervision

A period of incapacity which is permanent or long-term due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective. The employee or family member must be under the continuing supervision of, but need not be receiving active treatment by, a health care provider. Examples include Alzheimer's, a severe stroke, or the terminal stages of a disease.

F. Multiple Treatments (Non-Chronic Conditions)

A period of absence to receive multiple treatments (including any period of recovery therefrom) by a health care provider or by a provider of health care services under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider, either for restorative surgery after an accident or other injury, or for a condition that would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment, such as cancer (chemotherapy, radiation, etc.), severe arthritis (physical therapy), or kidney disease (dialysis).



# **Employee Eligibility and Entitlement & Rights and Responsibilities Notice**

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA)
Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL), Paid Parental Leave (PPL)

SECTION I:	For Completion by the SUPERVISOR				
INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Section I and indicate the leave reason(s) under Part A before giving this notice to the employee.					
School Site/Division					
Supervisor/Administrat	or	Date			
Employee Name		Employee #			
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## PART A - NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY

You have notified the District of your need for absence or leave from work. In addition to the leave policies set forth in any applicable collective bargaining agreement, if you are eligible, your absence also may qualify for protection under one or more of the following:

$\square$ Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA")
□California Family Rights Act ("CFRA")
$\square$ California Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)
$\square$ California Education Code Paid Parental leave (PPL)

To be eligible for an FMLA and/or CFRA protected leave, an employee must have worked for LAUSD for at least 12 months (52 weeks) at any time over the past seven years and have worked at least 130 workdays (or 1,250 hours for employees in Units A, G, and E and Classified Substitutes) in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the leave.

To be eligible for PDL protected leave, an employee simply needs to be employed by the District and disabled by pregnancy as indicated by the employee's health care provider. There is no service or worktime requirement.

To be eligible for PPL, an employee must have worked for LAUSD for at least 12 months (52 weeks) at any time over the past seven years and be either a classified or certificated employee. Substitute employees, temporary employees, unclassified employees, and employees who are neither classified nor certificated are not eligible for PPL.

# PART B - RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TAKING FMLA/CFRA/PDL LEAVE

In order to determine whether your absence qualifies as FMLA/CFRA/PDL leave, you must return a complete and sufficient medical certification and/or Evidence of Relationship (EOR) to your worksite within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving this notice.

Failure to provide a complete and sufficient medical certification and/or Evidence of Relationship (EOR) may result in the delay or denial of your request for protected absences and/or formal Leave of Absence. Unprotected absences may be counted against you in your attendance report.

Once we obtain the information from you as specified above, we will inform you, within five (5) working days, whether your leave will be designated as a protected leave and count towards your FMLA/CFRA/PDL leave entitlement.

# **Employee Responsibilities**

**If your leave qualifies** as an FMLA/CFRA/PDL protected leave, you will have the following **responsibilities** while on FMLA/CFRA/PDL Leave:

- 1. Provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA/CFRA/PDL when the need is foreseeable.
- 2. When 30 days advance notice is not possible, provide notice as soon as practical.
- 3. Comply with your worksite's normal call-in and reporting procedures.

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- 4. Make reasonable effort to schedule treatment so as not to disrupt operations.
- Reference the leave reason or the FMLA/CFRA/PDL when reporting absences and/or requesting additional leave.
   In all instances, you are responsible for responding to questions from your Site Administrator to determine if the absence or leave is FMLA/CFRA/PDL-qualifying.
- 6. You may be required to reimburse the District for health insurance premiums paid on your behalf while on FMLA/CFRA/PDL leave if you do not return to work following FMLA/CFRA/PDL leave for a reason other than:
  - A. Continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition which would entitle you to FMLA/CFRA leave;
  - B. Continuation, recurrence, or onset of a covered service member's serious injury of illness which would entitle you to FMLA/CFRA leave; or
  - C. Other circumstances beyond your control.

## **Employee Rights**

If your leave qualifies as FMLA/CFRA/PDL protected, you will have the following rights while on FMLA/CFRAPDL leave:

- 1. You have a right under FMLA/CFRA for up to twelve (12) workweeks of unpaid leave in a 12-month period calculated as the 12-month period measured forward from the date of your first FMLA/CFRA.
- 2. You have a right under PDL for up to eighteen (18) workweeks of unpaid leave per pregnancy from the date of your first PDL absence.
- 3. You have a right under FMLA for up to twenty-six (26) workweeks of unpaid leave in a single 12-month period to care for a covered military service member with a serious injury or illness.
  - A. This single 12-month period is measured forward from the date of your first absence to care for a covered military service member. However, you are not entitled to more than twenty-six (26) workweeks in a 12-month period.
    - For example, if you take twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave for your own serious health condition and subsequently require leave as a military caregiver, you are only entitled to fourteen (14) additional weeks of FMLA leave.
- 4. Your health benefits must be maintained during any period of unpaid leave under the same conditions as if you continued to work.
- 5. You must generally be reinstated to the same or an equivalent job with the same pay, benefits, and terms and conditions of employment on your return from FMLA/CFRA/PDL-protected leave. However, a layoff that would have led to separation of your employment if you had not taken an FMLA/CFRA/PDL-protected leave will still lead to separation of your employment. (If your leave extends beyond the end of your FMLA/CFRA/PDL entitlement, you do not have return rights under FMLA/CFRA/PDL. However, you may have rights under your Collective Bargaining Agreement.)
- 6. If your FMLA/CFRA absence is for your own Serious Health Condition, you are required to use any available full pay illness, half pay illness, and vacation time before going unpaid.
- 7. If your FMLA/CFRA absence is to care for your family member, you have the option to use any available Kin Care and are required use any available Personal Necessity and/or vacation time. All other time is unpaid. If you are receiving benefits under the California Paid Family Leave (PFL) program, however, you are not permitted to use vacation time.
- 8. If your absence is for disabilities related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions under PDL, you may use any available full pay illness, half pay illness, and vacation time.
- 9. If your absence is for the purposes of bonding during the first year following the birth or placement of a child with the parent through adoption or foster care under PPL, you are required to use any available full pay and half pay illness. Employees who exhaust ALL illness pay and continue to be absent for the purposes of PPL are compensated at a rate of 50% of their regular salary for the remaining portion of the 12 workweeks.

10. If you do not meet the requirements for taking a paid	leave, you may take an unpaid FMLA/CFRA/PDL-protected leave
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For a copy of conditions applicable to illness/vacation leave usage, please refer to your Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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# **Approval Designation Notice**

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL), Paid Parental Leave (PPL)

	ON I: For Completion by the Supervisor  JCTIONS: Complete before giving this form to the employee.		
	Site/Division		
Supervis	sor/Administrator		Date
Employe	ee Name		Employee #
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	Your own serious health condition under FMLA and/or CFRA Your own physical or mental condition related to pregnancy running concurrently with PDL.		der PDL with or without FMLA. CFRA is excluded from
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	A serious injury or illness of a covered servicemember wher kin under FMLA only.	e you are the Mil	litary Caregiver of your spouse, child, parent, or next of
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-	FMLA entitles you to up to 26 workweeks for Military Careg from your first absence date. The 12 workweeks of FMLA for Caregiver Leave.		
Any pai	d leave for any reason(s) indicated above will count agains	st your protected	d leave entitlement.
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# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# **Approval Designation Notice**

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA)
Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL), Paid Parental Leave (PPL)

Based on the information you have provided to date; we are providing the following information about your eligibility period and the amount of time that will be counted against your leave entitlement:

	rom:		Through:	
You previously used:		(weeks/days/h	ours) of protected time during the	current FMLA year.
Current CFRA Year: F	rom:		Through:	
You previously used:		(weeks/days/h	ours) of protected time during the	current CFRA year.
Current PPL Year: F	rom:		Through:	
You previously used:		(weeks/days/h	ours) of protected time during the	current PPL year.
Current PDL Entitlement	Start Date:			
You previously used:		(weeks/days/h	ours) of protected time during the	current PDL entitlement.
Scheduled Leave (Absence	e)			
Provided there is no d	eviation from you	ur anticipated leave sch	edule: FMLA/CFRA/PDL/PPL Days/\	Veeks:
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# **Designation Not Approved Notice**

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School Site/Division	
Supervisor/Administrator	Date
Employee Name	Employee #
Your request has been reviewed along with any supporting documents based on your first absence date of Al NOT be designated under FMLA, CFRA, PDL, and/or PPL, as appropriat	Il leave (absences) taken for the reason(s) indicated below will
Eligibility:	
☐ You did not meet the 12 months of employment with the District w FMLA, CFRA and/or PPL.	
☐ Months of Service as of your first absence date:	
☐ You did not meet the 130 days worked (1250 hours worked for unit immediately preceding your first absence date eligibility requiremed ☐ Days (Hours) Worked as of your first absence date:	ent under FMLA/CFRA.
☐ Your FMLA, CFRA, and/or PPL Bonding/Parental Leave eligibility pre Bonding/Parental Leave must be completed by your birth child's fin of your adopted or foster care child.	
Child's Name: Da	ate of Birth/Placement:
Certification:	
You either did not submit the required documentation to support F provide a reasonable explanation for the delay.	MLA/CFRA/PDL/PPL within 15 calendar days of receiving it or
$\Box$ Health Care Provider Certification for your own serious hea	alth condition or a family member's serious health condition.
$\square$ Evidence of Relationship for Bonding/Parental Leave.	
$\square$ Certification of Qualifying Exigency for Military Family Leav	ve and/or Supporting Documentation.
Your absences in connection with this request will NOT be designated continuing until the date required documentation has been submit	
Additional information is required to determine if your leave (abser provide the requested information listed under "Required Document receipt of this notice or provide a reasonable explanation for the delations are also as the contract of the delation o	tation" below no later than seven (7) calendar days from the
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Leave Re	eason:		
□fmla/	CFRA/PDL/PPL does not apply to your le	eave request.	
[	$\square$ Request/Leave (Absence) Reason: $\_$		
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	✓ Your own serious health condition;	ma by adoption of foster care,	
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		of CFRA leave entitlement effective	
Your	current CFRA Year is from:	through	·
□You pr	reviously exhausted your 18 workweeks	PDL leave entitlement effective	<del>.</del>
☐You pr	reviously exhausted your 12 workweeks	of PPL leave entitlement effective	
Your o	current PPL Year is from:	through	·

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# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# **Exhaustion of Protected Absence Notice**

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA)
Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL), Paid Parental Leave (PPL)

SECTION I: For Completion by the Supervisor		
<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Complete before giving this form to the employee.		
School Site/Division		
Supervisor/Administrator		Date
Employee Name		Employee #
The purpose of this notice is to advise you that you have exhauste follows: <i>(check all that apply)</i>	d your job-prote	ected, leave entitlement and/or eligibility as
☐ Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides up to 12 workweeks qualifying reasons in a 12-month period measured forward from	-	
Your current FMLA Year is from:	through	·
☐ Your 12 workweeks of leave entitlement exhausted as under FMLA have ended; and/or	s of	and the protections afforded
Your 12 months of leave eligibility ended as of have ended.		and the protections afforded under FMLA
☐ California Family Rights Act (CFRA) provides up to 12 workweek period measured forward from an eligible employee's first abs		ed leave for qualifying reasons in a 12-month
Your current CFRA Year is from:	through	
☐ Your 12 workweeks of leave entitlement exhausted as under CFRA have ended; and/or	s of	and the protections afforded
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$\square$ Your 18 workweeks leave entitlement exhausted as o under PDL have ended.	f	and the protections afforded
Paid Parental Leave (PPL) provides up to 12 workweeks of paid, PPL must be completed by your birth child's first birthday or the foster care child.		
Your current PPL Year is from:	through	<del>.</del>
☐ Your 12 workweeks of leave entitlement exhausted as under PPL have ended; and/or		
Your 12 months of leave eligibility ended as of have ended.		and the protections afforded under PPL
Child's Name:	Date of Birth/	Placement:
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# **Complete and Sufficient Certification Notice**

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA)

Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL), Paid Parental Leave (PPL)

SECTION I: For Completion by the Supervisor			
INSTRUCTIONS: Complete before giving this form to the employee.			
School Site/Division			
Supervisor/Administrator	Date		
Employee Name	Employee #		

We have reviewed your request for leave under FMLA/CFRA/PDL/PPL and any supporting documentation that you have provided. A complete and sufficient medical certification and/or Evidence of Relationship has been received to support your leave request; however, a final designation of your protected absence or leave request is pending the first time you are absent or take leave for an FMLA/CFRA/PDL/PPL-qualifying reason.

### Please note:

In addition to the leave policies set forth in any applicable collective bargaining agreement, if you are eligible, your absence also may qualify for protection under one or more of the following:

- Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA")
- California Family Rights Act ("CFRA")
- California Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL)
- California Education Code Paid Parental leave (PPL)

To be eligible for an FMLA/CFRA protected leave, an employee must have worked for LAUSD for at least 12 months (52 weeks) at any time over the past seven years AND have worked at least 130 workdays (or 1,250 hours for employees in Units A, G, and E and Classified Substitutes) in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the leave.

To be eligible for PDL protected leave, an employee simply needs to be employed by the District and disabled by pregnancy as indicated by the employee's health care provider. There is no service or worktime requirement.

To be eligible for PPL, an employee must have worked for LAUSD for at least 12 months (52 weeks) at any time over the past seven years AND be either a classified or certificated employee. Substitute employees, temporary employees, unclassified employees, and employees who are neither classified nor certificated are not eligible for PPL.

FMLA/CFRA/PDL/PPL requires that you comply with usual and customary call-in and reporting procedures at your work site and Collective Bargaining Agreement, specify your time away is FMLA/CFRA/PDL/PPL-related, and notify your site as soon as practicable if dates of scheduled leave change, are extended, or were initially unknown.

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# Evidence of Relationship (EOR) Information Sheet: Newborn, Adoption, or Foster Care Parental Leave

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Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL), Paid Parental Leave (PPL)

SECTION I: For Completion by the SUPERVISOR			
<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Complete Section I before giving this form to the employee. You may not ask an employee to disclose information other than what is permitted under the applicable regulations. Employers must maintain confidential leave records that document an employee's medical certifications/recertification and other documents, separately from the employee's personnel files.			
School Site/Division			
Supervisor/Administrator	Date		
Employee Name	Employee #		
SECTION II: Guidelines for the EMPLOYEE			
<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> You are required to submit a timely, complete and sufficient documentation to support requests for protected absences and/or formal Leave of Absence. Submittal of Evidence of Relationship (EOR) is required by LAUSD in order to obtain and/or retain leave protections to bond with a child. <b>Evidence of Relationship (EOR) should be returned within 15 calendar days of request.</b> Failure to provide a complete and sufficient documentation may result in the delay or denial of your request for protected absences and/or formal Leave of Absence.			
Bonding Form/Certification	Description		
Health Care Provider Certification of Birth	An original letter obtained from the birth mother's health care provider or hospital where the birth took place that includes the mother's name and the child's date of birth.		
Birth Certificate	A copy of the certificate issued by the city or county office in which the child is born.		
Foster care Placement Letter	A copy of the letter of foster care placement issued by the county or city department of social services or authorized voluntary foster care agency. New placement of foster care documentation must indicate the date the child was placed in your custody (home).		
Adoption Placement Letter	A copy of the letter of adoption placement issued by the county or city department of social services or authorized adoption agency. New placement of adoption documentation must indicate the date the child was placed in your custody (home).		
Court Documents of Adoption	A copy of the court document finalizing adoption or documentation in furtherance or court order finalizing adoption. New placement of adoption documentation must indicate the date the child was placed in your custody (home).		

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# **Certification of Qualifying Exigency for Military Family Leave**

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA)

<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Complete Section I and attach class dan employee to disclose information other than will maintain confidential leave records that document an employee's personnel files.	nat is permitted under	the applicable regulations. Employers must	
School Site/Division			
Supervisor/Administrator	Da	e	
Employee Name	Em	ployee#	
Employee Job Title	Reg	Regular Work Schedule	
If absence is for <u>20</u> CONSECUTIVE WORKING DAYS <u>OR LESS</u> , t	his form will remain at the	employee's site.	
If absence is for MORE THAN 20 CONSECUTIVE WORKING DA forwarded by the employee to the appropriate personnel off  Personnel Commission Classified Employment Services  Human Resources Certificated Assignments & Support  Human Resources Administrative Assignments Unit, PH  DACE Personnel Unit, 333 S. Beaudry Ave, PH: 213.241  SECTION II: For Completion by the EMPLOYEE	ice, with a copy retained at Branch, PH: 213.241.6300, I Services, PH: 213.241.5100, I: 213.241.6365, PO Box 330	the site. PO Box 513307, Los Angeles, CA 90051-1307 PO Box 3307 (Dept. S), Los Angeles, CA 90051 7, Los Angeles, CA 90051	
due to a qualifying exigency. Several questions in this sect exigency. Be as specific as you can; terms such as FMLA/CFRA coverage. Submittal of the medical certi protections. <b>This form should be completed and returnand</b> sufficient certification may result in the delay or cabsence.	"unknown," or "indet fication is required by L ned within 15 calendar d	erminate" are not sufficient to determine AUSD in order to obtain and/or retain leave ays of request. Failure to provide a complete	
Absence.			
Employee's Full Name		Date	
	ive Duty Status:	Date	
Employee's Full Name	ive Duty Status:	Date	
Employee's Full Name  Name of Military Member on Covered Active Duty or Call to Covered Act		on Covered Active Duty End Date	



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# **Certification of Qualifying Exigency for Military Family Leave**

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA)

SECTION II: For Com	pletion by the EMPLOYEE, C	ONTINUED	
PART A: QUALIFYING REA	SON FOR LEAVE		_
Describe the reason y	ou are requesting FMLA/CFR	A leave due to a qualifying ex	igency:
available written docur announcement for info and Recuperation leave	mentation which supports the ormational briefings sponsored e; a document confirming an a	need for leave; such document by the military; a document co	ue to a qualifying exigency includes any tation may include a copy of a meeting onfirming the military member's Rest such as a counselor or school official, or acial affairs.
Available written docu	mentation supporting this req	uest for leave is attached. YES	□ NO □ NONE AVAILABLE □
PART B: AMOUNT OF LEA	VE NEEDED		
	eriod of Time: Will you be a	bsent from work for a single o	continuous period of time due to the
If yes, estimate the beg	ginning and ending dates for th	ne period of absence FROM:	THROUGH
2. Intermittent Leave:	Will you be absent from wor	k periodically to address this	qualifying exigency? Yes □ No □
If yes, estimate the frequ meeting every 3 mont		ntment, meeting, or leave event, i	ncluding travel time (e.g., 1 deployment
Frequency:	Times per:	Week(s) / or	Month(s)
Duration:	Hour(s) / or	Day(s) per episode	
Notes:			
meetings with school, childc representative before a fede attend any event sponsored address, and appropriate co	with a third party (such as to a are or parental care providers, t eral, state, or local agency for pu by the military or military servion ntact information of the individent the individual or entity). This in	to make financial or legal arrange irposes of obtaining, arranging o the organizations), a complete and ual or entity with whom you are	care, to attend counseling, to attend ements, to act as the military member's rappealing military service benefits, or to d sufficient certification includes the name meeting (i.e. either the telephone or fax istrict to verify that the information
Name of Individual:		Title	:
Organization:			
Address:		Four	
Telephone: Email:		Fax:	_
Describe Nature of Mee			
PART D: CERTIFICATION			_
certify that the information	I provided above is true and co	rrect.	
Employee's Signature			Date



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# **Certification of Qualifying Exigency for Military Family Leave**

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# **Qualifying Exigency Categories**

The Department has identified nine broad categories of qualifying exigencies. If the military member is on covered active duty, the employee may take FMLA/CFRA leave for the following qualifying exigencies:

- Issues arising from the military member's **short notice deployment** (i.e., deployment within seven or less days of notice). For a period of up to seven days from the day the military member receives notice of deployment, an employee may take qualifying exigency leave to address **any** issue that arises from the short-notice deployment.
- Attending military events and related activities, such as official ceremonies, programs, events and informational briefings, or family support or assistance programs sponsored by the military, military service organizations, or the American Red Cross that are related to the member's deployment.
- Certain childcare and related activities arising from the military member's covered active duty, including arranging for
  alternative childcare, providing childcare on a non-routine, urgent, immediate need basis, enrolling in or transferring a
  child to a new school or day care facility.
  - **Note:** The employee taking FMLA/CFRA qualifying exigency leave does not need to be related to the military member's child. However, (1) the military member must be the parent, spouse, son or daughter of the employee taking FMLA/CFRA leave, and (2) the child must be the child of the military member (including a child to whom the military member stands in loco parentis).
- Certain activities arising from the military member's covered active duty related to care of the military member's
  parent who is incapable of self-care, such as arranging for alternative care, providing care on a non-routine, urgent,
  immediate need basis, admitting or transferring a parent to a new care facility, and attending certain meetings with
  staff at a care facility, such as meetings with hospice or social service providers.
  - **Note:** The employee taking FMLA/CFRA qualifying exigency leave does not need to be related to the military member's parent. However, (1) the military member must be the parent, spouse, son or daughter of the employee taking FMLA/CFRA leave, and (2) the parent must be the parent of the military member (including an individual who stood in loco parentis to the military member when the member was a child).
- Making or updating financial and legal arrangements to address a military member's absence while on covered active
  duty, including preparing and executing financial and healthcare powers of attorney, enrolling in the Defense
  Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), or obtaining military identification cards.
- Attending counseling for the employee, the military member, or the child of the military member when the need for
  that counseling arises from the covered active duty of the military member and is provided by someone other than a
  health care provider.
- Taking up to 15 calendar days of leave to spend time with a military member who is on short-term, temporary **Rest and Recuperation** leave during deployment. The employee's leave for this reason must be taken while the military member is on Rest and Recuperation leave.
- Certain **post-deployment activities** within 90 days of the end of the military member's covered active duty, including attending arrival ceremonies, reintegration briefings and events, and other official ceremonies or programs sponsored by the military, and addressing issues arising from the death of a military member, including attending the funeral.
- Any other event that the employee and employer agree is a qualifying exigency.