

FOR YOUR BENEFIT:

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Unemployment Insurance (UI)

UI is paid for by your employer and provides partial wage replacement when you are unemployed and meet all eligibility requirements.

Who Should File a UI Claim

You may file a claim for UI benefits if you are out of work or your hours have been reduced.

To be eligible for UI benefits, you must have earned enough wages during the base period to establish a claim, and be:

- Totally or partially unemployed.
- Unemployed through no fault of your own.
- Physically able to work.
- Available for work.
- Ready and willing to accept work immediately.
- Actively looking for work.

When to File

You may apply for benefits as soon as you are unemployed or your work hours are reduced. Your claim will begin on the Sunday of the week in which you file your claim.

All claims have a one-week, unpaid waiting period. The waiting period does not begin until you file a claim, certify for benefits, and meet all eligibility requirements.

What You Need to File

To file a claim, you need to provide your:

- Name, (including all names you used while working) and Social Security number.
- Mailing and residence address (if different) and phone number.
- Last employer's complete name, address (mailing and physical location), and phone number.
- Last day worked and the reason you're no longer working (laid off, quit, fired, or left work because of a trade dispute).
- Work history during the 18 months prior to filing your claim, including out-of-state employment. Include all employers' names, dates employed, and wages earned.
- State-issued driver license number or identification card number.
- Citizenship status and if you have the legal right to work in the
 United States. If you indicate you're registered with the United States
 Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS, formerly INS) and
 authorized to work in the United States, you'll be asked for the title of
 your employment authorization document and information from the
 USCIS document, such as the Alien Registration Number, card number,
 and/or expiration date.

Note: Your last employer's name and address are very important, regardless of how long you worked for the employer(s). If you worked part-time, provide the number of hours you worked each week.

If you served in the military in the last 18 months, you will need to provide information from your DD214 Member Copy 4.

If you worked for the federal government during the last 18 months, you will need to provide information from your *Notice to Federal Employees About Unemployment Insurance*, Standard Form 8.

Warning

Making a false statement or withholding information to receive benefits can be a felony. Penalties may include fines, a loss of benefits, and/or criminal prosecution. See additional information on fraud and penalties on page 12.

Employer Notification

Your last employer is notified when you file a UI claim. Although your eligibility is determined by the EDD, employers fund the UI program and are required by law to provide any information that may affect your eligibility to receive benefits.

Types of Claims

The claim you file depends on the type of employer you worked for and the state(s) where you worked.

You will file a:

- Regular California claim if you only worked in California, even if you now live outside of California.
- Federal claim if your employment was in civilian work for the federal government.
- Military claim if you served as a member of the United States Armed Forces.
- Combined wage claim if you earned wages in California and in at least one other state during the last 18 months.
- Interstate claim if you now reside in California and only worked in another state during the last 18 months. File your claim directly with the other state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or Canada. If you worked in the U.S. Virgin Islands, contact the EDD at 1-800-300-5616.

How to File

You may file a UI claim using one of the following methods:

• Online

UI OnlineSM is the fastest and most convenient way to file your UI claim. Visit <u>UI Online</u>SM (edd.ca.gov/UI_Online) to get started.

Phone

Speak to an EDD representative Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 12 noon (Pacific Time), except on state holidays. Refer to page 19 for a list of UI phone numbers.

Fax or Mail

When filing a claim with UI Online some customers will be instructed to fax or mail their UI application to the EDD. If this occurs, the paper *Unemployment Insurance Application* (DE 1101I) will display for you to complete and submit.

For faster and more secure processing, fax the completed form to the number listed on the form. If mailing your UI application, use the address on the form and allow additional time for processing.

Beginning Date of Claim

Your claim begins on the Sunday of the week in which you file your claim.

Ending Date of Claim

Your claim ends on the Saturday, 52 weeks after your claim begins. If you exhaust your benefits prior to this date, you cannot file another California claim until the benefit year of the claim ends.

If you worked in another state during the last 18 months, you may be eligible to file a new claim in that state.

Minimum Earnings to Establish a Valid Claim

You must have at least \$1,300 in earnings in one quarter of your base period or at least \$900 in earnings in the highest quarter and 1.25 times your highest quarter earnings in your total base period.

For example: If you have \$900 earnings in your highest quarter, you would also be required to have earned a total of \$1,125 in the base period $($900 \times 1.25 = $1,125)$.

How UI Benefits are Calculated

The quarter in which you were paid the highest wages during the base period determines your weekly benefit amount (WBA). The WBA ranges from \$40 to \$450 per week.

The maximum benefit amount is 26 times the weekly benefit amount or one-half of the total base period wages, whichever is less.

Refer to the **Unemployment Insurance Benefit Table** on page 16 to estimate your WBA.

Base Period

There are two types of base periods used to establish a claim: the standard base period and the alternate base period.

Standard Base Period (SBP)

The SBP is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters prior to the beginning date of the claim.

Refer to the chart below. The shaded area represents a standard base period. The non-shaded area represents the quarter the claim is filed.

OCT NOV DEC	JAN FEB MAR	APR MAY JUNE	JULY AUG SEPT		JAN FEB MAR	←	If your claim begins in:	
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		APR MAY JUNE	JULY AUG SEPT	OCT NOV DEC	JAN FEB MAR		JULY AUG SEPT	
			JULY AUG SEPT	OCT NOV DEC	JAN FEB MAR	APR MAY JUNE		OCT NOV DEC

Alternate Base Period (ABP)

If you do not have sufficient wages in the standard base period, you may qualify to file a claim using the ABP.

The ABP is the last four completed calendar quarters prior to the beginning date of the claim.

The EDD will automatically file an ABP claim on your behalf if you're not eligible for a SBP claim.

You may be asked to provide additional wage information so the EDD can correctly calculate your benefit amount. If you receive an *Affidavit of Wages* (DE 23A), provide the requested documents and return to the EDD.

Note: The ABP can **only** be used when there are not enough wages earned in the standard base period to establish a claim.

Refer to the chart below. The shaded area represents the ABP. The non-shaded area represents the quarter the claim is filed.

JAN FEB MAR	APR MAY JUNE	JULY AUG SEPT	OCT NOV DEC	JAN FEB MAR	←		claim ns in:
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Waiting Period

Unemployment Insurance claims have a mandatory, one week, unpaid waiting period. This waiting period generally takes effect on the first eligible week of a claim and prior to benefits being paid. Do not wait to file your claim because the waiting period cannot be served until a claim has been filed.

How to Certify for Benefits

To serve your waiting period and receive benefit payments, you must meet all eligibility requirements and certify for benefits every two weeks.

There are three ways to certify for benefits:

 UI OnlineSM: (edd.ca.gov/UI Online) This is the fastest way to certify for benefits and report work and wages. To use UI Online, you must create a secure login through Benefit Programs Online and complete a onetime registration for UI Online.

For added convenience, UI Online MobileSM is available for mobile devices.

- EDD Tele-CertSM: 1-866-333-4606 Certify over the phone by calling 1-866-333-4606. Select option 2 and follow all instructions. To access EDD Tele-Cert you must create a PIN.
- Mail: Complete, sign, and mail the Continued Claim (DE 4581) form to the EDD.

Note: For faster processing, certify through UI Online or EDD Tele-Cert.

Payments

Payments are issued after you certify for benefits and continue to meet all eligibility requirements for every week you claim benefits.

You have an option in how you receive your benefit payments. The EDD issues benefit payments by the EDD Debit CardSM or by check. The EDD Debit Card is the fastest and most secure way to receive your benefits. However, you do not have to accept. Once, your claim is filed, contact the EDD if you wish to receive your benefits by paper check.

The EDD Debit Card is valid for three years and used for all Disability Insurance (DI), Paid Family Leave (PFL), and Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits.

If you have an EDD Debit Card from a previous DI, PFL, or UI claim that is still valid, you will not be mailed a new card until the card has expired. If you need a replacement card, contact Bank of America EDD Debit Card Customer service by calling 1-866-692-9374 or 1-866-656-5913 (TTY).

For more information, visit <u>Bank of America EDD Debit Card</u> (bankofamerica.com/EDDCard).

Tax Requirements

UI benefits are subject to federal income tax, but exempt from California state income tax. Each time you certify for benefits, you can choose to withhold the 10 percent federal income tax from your weekly benefit payment. Otherwise, you may be required to pay the tax at the end of the year, when you file your tax return.

Each January, the EDD mails a Form 1099G to individuals who received UI benefits during the previous calendar year. Use the form to report important tax information on your federal tax return. You can access Form 1099G information for up to the past five years and/or request duplicate copies through UI Online or by calling 1-866-401-2849.

Child Support Obligations

Your UI benefits may be reduced if you're required to pay child support payments to a court, District Attorney's office, or other child support enforcement agency.

Report Earnings

You are required to report **all** work, wages, and other income to the EDD during the week they were earned, not when you receive your pay. Failure to properly report your earnings can result in overpayments and penalties.

Types of income to report:

- Piece work
- Idle time pay
- lury fees
- Commissions
- Witness fees
- Reuse pay
- Holiday pay
- Holding fees
- Residuals
- Awards

- Vacation pay
- In-lieu-of-notice pay
- Bonuses
- Tips
- Self-employment income
- Strike benefits/picket pay
- Standby pay
- Bereavement
- Back-pay
- Paid sick leave
- Workers' Compensation pension, retirement, annuity

Note: You must report board, lodging, meals, or any other payment you receive instead of money when you work. If you are unsure about how to report wages, contact the EDD.

Pension or Retirement Pay

UI benefits may be reduced if you are receiving a pension, retirement pay, annuity, or other similar payment based on your previous work.

Social Security benefits are not deductible from UI benefits and do not need to be reported to the EDD.

Part-Time Work

If you work less than full-time, you are required to report that work to the EDD. However, you may still be eligible for partial UI benefits. The first \$25 or 25 percent of your gross total earnings for the week (whichever is greater) will not be counted toward your benefit amount. The amount remaining will be deducted from your weekly benefit amount.

Example 1:

Your weekly benefit amount is \$50. You earn \$30. You must report the \$30; however, the first \$25 is not counted, leaving \$5 to deduct from your weekly benefit amount. You would receive \$45 (\$50 minus \$5) in UI benefits.

Example 2:

Your weekly benefit amount is \$400. You earn \$200. You must report \$200; however, the first 25 percent (\$50) is not counted, leaving \$150 to deduct from your weekly benefit amount. You would receive \$250 (\$400 minus \$150) in UI benefits.

How Your Eligibility is Determined

To be eligible, you must be:

- Out of work through no fault of your own.
- Physically able to work.
- Ready to accept work.
- Actively looking for work.

If you were laid off, you're considered to be out of work through no fault of your own.

If you quit your last job, were fired, or unemployed due to a strike or lockout, the EDD will schedule a phone interview with you to collect information on the reason you're no longer working. Your UI benefits cannot be paid until your phone interview is complete, you certify for benefits, and the EDD determines your eligibility.

You have the right to request more time to gather information, contact witnesses, or obtain the advice of a representative. If the eligibility issue involves an employer, the EDD may contact the employer.

If you are sent a written request for more information and you respond by mail, the EDD interviewer will use the information provided to determine your eligibility.

If you're denied benefits for any reason throughout your claim, including insufficient wages to establish a claim, a written *Notice of Determination* (DE 1080CZ) will be mailed to you explaining the reason along with your appeal rights.

Important: Your benefits can be delayed or denied if you're not available for the interview or do not submit the required information. The EDD will make a decision of eligibility based on the information available.

Appeals Process

If you're denied UI benefits, you have the legal right to appeal the decision by completing and mailing the *Appeal Form* (DE 1000M). To be considered timely, it must be mailed within 30 calendar days from the mailing date of the *Notice of Determination* (DE 1080CZ). If you miss the 30-day deadline, you may still appeal, but you must show good cause for the delay.

Your appeal will be heard by an independent administrative law judge. Hearings are informal, but all testimony is taken under oath and is subject to cross-examination. The office of appeal will notify you of when and where the hearing will be held.

Before the hearing, you have the right to review all records affecting your appeal. Those records are provided by California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board (CUIAB). You can request records from the EDD to prepare for your hearing.

At the hearing, you may be represented by yourself, a union official, an attorney, or anyone else you select. You may bring any relevant documentation you may have to support your case.

After the hearing, you are mailed the administrative law judge's decision. If you're not satisfied, you may submit a second level appeal to the CUIAB.

For information on how the UI code is applied, including current case studies, see the online Benefit Determination Guide (edd.ca.gov/uibdg).

Important: You are required to continue to certify for benefits while your claim is under appeal. If the original decision is reversed, the EDD can quickly issue all back payments to you. **Failure to comply could result in your benefits being denied or delayed.**

Canceling a Claim

You may cancel a claim if you meet **all** of the following criteria:

- No benefits have been paid.
- You're not disqualified for benefits due to an eligibility issue.
- An overpayment has not been established on the claim.
- You notify the EDD before the 52-week benefit year ends.

Once a claim is canceled, it cannot be re-established with the same beginning date. You must file a new claim, which will have a later beginning date.

Workers Not Covered by Unemployment Insurance

The following groups of workers are not normally covered:

- Elected officials.
- Self-employed, unless participating in elective coverage.
- Students enrolled and regularly attending classes at the school or education institution where employed.
- Members of a Limited Liability Company (LLC) that are treated as a partnership for federal income tax reporting purposes.
- A student's spouse who is working for an educational institution in an employment program provided for the purpose of financially aiding the student.
- Parents employed by their children.
- Husbands and wives employed by each other.
- Certain state-licensed salespersons paid only by commissions.
- Caddies and jockeys.

If you do not know whether you are covered, do not waive your rights. Contact the EDD for more information.

Elective Coverage

Under certain conditions, employers of the individuals whose services are not covered may elect to cover those services. If you're not sure whether you're eligible for these benefits, contact the EDD.

Request a Claim Print Out

You may request a print out of your claim through one of the following methods:

- Create an account by visiting <u>UI Online</u> (edd.ca.gov/UI_Online).
 Select Claim History and print.
- Call the EDD at 1-800-300-5616.

Special Programs

California Training Benefits (CTB)

If you're attending school or training while receiving UI benefits, you may qualify for CTB.

If eligible, you can further your education, upgrade your skills, and/or learn a new trade while attending an EDD-approved training or school program to be more competitive in today's labor market.

While in school or training, you'll be exempt from the requirements to be available for work, actively seek work, and accept work. You may also be eligible for additional weeks of benefits. Learn more online by visiting California Training Benefits (edd.ca.gov/unemployment/California_Training_Benefits.htm).

Note: The EDD does **not** cover any educational or training-related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, or transportation. However, there are state, federal, or employer programs that may fund your school or training.

Training Extension (TE)

A TE provides additional benefits to individuals who have been approved for CTB, while completing school or training. Only one TE is allowed for each CTB-approved training period.

If interested, you must contact the EDD to inquire about a TE before receiving the 16th week of UI benefits. For claims that have less than 16 weeks of benefits, you **must** contact the EDD before the claim reaches a zero balance.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

The federal DUA program provides financial assistance to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster and who are **not** eligible for regular UI benefits. These benefits are available only when the President of the United States declares a major disaster and makes this special assistance available.

If DUA benefits are available, information will be posted on the <u>EDD</u> website (edd.ca.gov).

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)/Re-employment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA)

The TAA program is a federally funded program that provides training and training-related benefits and services to workers who are certified by the U.S. Department of Labor as having lost their jobs, or had their hours and wages reduced, as a result of increased imports from, or a shift in production to, a foreign country.

The RTAA program provides wage subsidies to individuals age 50 or older who return to work paying less than their former trade impacted employment.

Extended Benefits

Extended benefits are available to workers who have exhausted regular unemployment insurance benefits when the unemployment rate equals or exceeds a certain percentage established by state and/or federal law or when the federal government approves special extended benefit legislation.

Railroad Unemployment Benefits

Railroad workers may claim benefits under the U.S. Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. This program is administered by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

To file a claim, call the toll-free number at 1-877-772-5772 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to speak to an RRB representative or file online by visiting RRB (rrb.gov).

Unemployment Insurance Fraud Prevention and Detection

The EDD takes the security of personal and confidential information very seriously. Therefore, all data submitted to us is encrypted. Additional safeguards are built in to further protect your personal information from imposter fraud and identity theft.

Imposter fraud occurs when someone intentionally files a UI claim using another person's employment or personal information. The EDD actively investigates cases of imposter fraud and is committed to protecting the identities of legitimate claimants.

If the EDD suspects that there may be identity issues, you'll receive a written request to validate the information provided. We'll also contact your former employer(s) and governmental entities to verify the documents and any information you supply.

For more information, download the <u>Protect Your Identity and Stop Unemployment Insurance Imposter Fraud (DE 2360EE) (PDF)</u> brochure (edd.ca.gov/pdf_pub_ctr/de2360ee.pdf).

To report UI fraud, visit <u>Ask EDD</u> (askedd.edd.ca.gov) and select **Report Fraud** to submit a Fraud Reporting Form online, or call the EDD toll-free fraud hotline at 1-800-229-6297.

Penalties

Making a false statement or withholding information to receive benefits can be a felony. Penalties may include a loss of benefits, a false statement disqualification, and/or criminal prosecution.

A false statement disqualification denies benefits from 2 to 23 weeks. The disqualification stays on your record for three years or until served, whichever comes first. To serve false statement weeks, you must continue to certify for UI benefits, and meet all other eligibility requirements. You will not be paid during this time.

Benefit Audits

The EDD conducts audits by cross-referencing employer information with UI claim information to determine if a claimant properly reported all work, wages and other income to the EDD while collecting for UI benefits. Overpayments and penalties collected from these audits ensure the solvency of the UI Trust Fund and help reduce UI taxes.

Social Security Number Verification

The EDD may require you to verify your Social Security number (SSN) as issued to you by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Your eligibility for benefits may be affected if:

- The SSN provided is assigned to a different name or belongs to another individual.
- The SSN is not valid.
- The SSN was never issued by the SSA.
- The wages in the base period belong to another individual.
- The date of birth at the SSA is different than the date of birth you gave when you filed your claim.

If the EDD requires you to verify your SSN, you may be asked to submit a complete copy of your Annual Social Security Statement. To obtain a copy of your complete Social Security Statement visit the <u>SSA</u> online (ssa.gov).

A copy of your Social Security card will not satisfy this requirement.

State Disability Insurance (SDI)

SDI is comprised of Disability Insurance (DI) and Paid Family Leave (PFL). The program is funded entirely by California workers through employee payroll deductions, noted as CASDI on paystubs.

Exceptions:

- Employees of local public entities (except workers in district hospitals) are not covered by SDI unless the employer elects such coverage.
- Employees of the state or state-funded institutions of higher education may, through their collective bargaining units, elect to be covered by SDI.
- Self-employed individuals may elect to be covered by SDI.

Please note: Citizenship and immigration status do not affect eligibility for SDI.

Disability Insurance (DI)

DI provides short-term, partial wage replacement benefits to eligible workers who are unable to work due to a non-work-related illness, injury, or pregnancy.

When to submit a claim: Submit your claim no earlier than nine days after the first day your disability begins, but no later than 49 days after your disability begins or you may lose benefits.

For faster processing, file your claim using SDI Online.

Exception: If a claim is filed for the same or related cause or condition within 60 days of the initial claim, there will be no new waiting period.

To file a claim or learn more, visit State Disability Insurance (edd.ca.gov/disability). EDD staff are available from Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), except on state holidays.

Refer to page 19 for a list of DI phone numbers.

Paid Family Leave (PFL)

PFL provides short-term, partial wage replacement benefits to eligible workers who need to take time off work to care for a seriously ill child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner. Benefits are available to parents who need time to bond with a new child entering their family either by birth, adoption, or foster care placement. Benefits are also available for individuals who need time off work to participate in a qualifying event resulting from a spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, or child's military deployment to a foreign country.

When to submit a claim: Submit your claim no earlier than the first day your family leave begins, but no later than 41 days after your family leave begins or you may lose benefits.

For faster processing, file your claim using SDI Online.

To file, or learn more visit <u>Paid Family Leave</u> (edd.ca.gov/Disability/Paid_Family_Leave.htm).

EDD staff are available from Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), except on state holidays.

Refer to page 19 for a list of PFL phone numbers.

Workforce Services

The EDD provides a range of employment and training services in partnership with state and local agencies and organizations, through the America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC). These services benefit job seekers and employers at no cost.

Through the AJCC, the EDD provides job seekers with job search and résumé workshops, interview techniques, job fairs and referrals, training, and much more. Employers can use our series to help recruit candidates for open positions, train current employees, and organize job fairs and workshops. For more information, find your nearest AJCC by using the online Office Locator (edd.ca.gov/Office_Locator).

CalJOBSSM

CalJOBS is California's online resource to help job seekers and employers navigate the EDD's workforce services. The system allows users to easily search for jobs, build résumés, access career resources, find qualified candidates for employment, and gather information on education and training programs.

Job Seekers can:

- Create a résumé or upload multiple résumés.
- Search and apply for job openings.
- Set up alerts for job openings.
- Research employers.
- Make customized résumés viewable to employers.

Note: Registering for a CalJOBS account and posting a résumé is an eligibility requirement for many UI claimants. To register, visit <u>CalJOBS</u>SM (caljobs.ca.gov).

Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFW) Outreach Program

The MSFW Outreach program assists farmworkers unfamiliar with the services provided at the America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM with information about job search assistance, skills development, referral to supportive services, unemployment and disability insurance, farmworker rights labor-law information, and career guidance, all at no cost.

Services for Veterans

The EDD provides assistance to veterans to help them achieve their employment and training goals. Services include labor market information, veteran 24-hour priority hold on all job listings, customized job search assistance, job fairs, workshops, employer recruitments, and other resources.

Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)

The YEOP provides special service to help youth, ages 15 through 25, achieve their educational and vocational goals. Services include peer advising, referrals to supportive services, workshops, job referrals and placement assistance, and referrals to training and community outreach efforts.

For more information on the programs and services listed above, visit <u>lobs</u> and <u>Training</u> online (edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training).

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Table For New Claims with a Beginning Date of January 2, 2005 or After

Amount of Wages in Highest Quarter	Weekly Benefit Amount	Amount of Wages in Highest Quarter	Weekly Benefit Amount	Amount of Wages in Highest Quarter	Weekly Benefit Amount
\$ 900.00 - 948.99	\$40	\$ 2,210.01 - 2,236.00	\$86	\$ 3,406.01 - 3,432.00	\$132
949.00 - 974.99	41	2,236.01 - 2,262.00	87	3,432.01 - 3,458.00	133
975.00 - 1,000.99	42	2,262.01 - 2,288.00	88	3,458.01 - 3,484.00	134
1,001.00 - 1,026.99	43	2,288.01 - 2,314.00	89	3,484.01 - 3,510.00	135
1,027.00 - 1,052.99	44	2,314.01 - 2,340.00	90	3,510.01 - 3,536.00	136
1,053.00 - 1,078.99	45	2,340.01 - 2,366.00	91	3,536.01 - 3,562.00	137
1,079.00 - 1,117.99	46	2,366.01 - 2,392.00	92	3,562.01 - 3,588.00	138
1,118.00 - 1,143.99	47	2,392.01 - 2,418.00	93	3,588.01 - 3,614.00	139
1,144.00 - 1,169.99	48	2,418.01 - 2,444.00	94	3,614.01 - 3,640.00	140
1,170.00 - 1,195.99	49	2,444.01 - 2,470.00	95	3,640.01 - 3,666.00	141
1,196.00 - 1,221.99	50	2,470.01 - 2,496.00	96	3,666.01 - 3,692.00	142
1,222.00 - 1,247.99	51	2,496.01 - 2,522.00	97	3,692.01 - 3,718.00	143
1,248.00 - 1,286.99	52	2,522.01 - 2,548.00	98	3,718.01 - 3,744.00	144
1,287.00 - 1,312.99	53	2,548.01 - 2,574.00	99	3,744.01 - 3,770.00	145
1,313.00 - 1,338.99	54	2,574.01 - 2,600.00	100	3,770.01 - 3,796.00	146
1,339.00 - 1,364.99	55	2,600.01 - 2,626.00	101	3,796.01 - 3,822.00	147
1,365.00 - 1,403.99	56	2,626.01 - 2,652.00	102	3,822.01 - 3,848.00	148
1,404.00 - 1,429.99	57	2,652.01 - 2,678.00	103	3,848.01 - 3,874.00	149
1,430.00 - 1,455.99	58	2,678.01 - 2,704.00	104	3,874.01 - 3,900.00	150
1,456.00 - 1,494.99	59	2,704.01 - 2,730.00	105	3,900.01 - 3,926.00	151
1,495.00 - 1,520.99	60	2,730.01 - 2,756.00	106	3,926.01 - 3,952.00	152
1,521.00 - 1,546.99	61	2,756.01 - 2,782.00	107	3,952.01 - 3,978.00	153
1,547.00 - 1,585.99	62	2,782.01 - 2,808.00	108	3,978.01 - 4,004.00	154
1,586.00 - 1,611.99	63	2,808.01 - 2,834.00	109	4,004.01 - 4,030.00	155
1,612.00 - 1,637.99	64	2,834.01 - 2,860.00	110	4,030.01 - 4,056.00	156
1,638.00 - 1,676.99	65	2,860.01 - 2,886.00	111	4,056.01 - 4,082.00	157
1,677.00 - 1,702.99	66 67	2,886.01 - 2,912.00	112 113	4,082.01 - 4,108.00	158
1,703.00 - 1,741.99 1,742.00 - 1,767.99	68	2,912.01 - 2,938.00 2,938.01 - 2,964.00	113	4,108.01 - 4,134.00 4,134.01 - 4,160.00	159 160
1,768.00 - 1,806.99	69	2,964.01 - 2,990.00	114	4,160.01 - 4,186.00	161
1,807.00 - 1,832.99	70	2,990.01 - 3,016.00	116	4,186.01 - 4,212.00	162
1,833.00 - 1,846.00	70 71	3,016.01 - 3,042.00	117	4,212.01 - 4,238.00	163
1,846.01 – 1,872.00	72	3,042.01 - 3,068.00	118	4,238.01 - 4,264.00	164
1,872.01 - 1,898.00	73	3,068.01 - 3,094.00	119	4,264.01 - 4,290.00	165
1,898.01 - 1,924.00	74	3,094.01 - 3,120.00	120	4,290.01 - 4,316.00	166
1,924.01 - 1,950.00	75	3,120.01 - 3,146.00	121	4,316.01 - 4,342.00	167
1,950.01 - 1,976.00	76	3,146.01 - 3,172.00	122	4,342.01 - 4,368.00	168
1,976.01 - 2,002.00	77	3,172.01 - 3,198.00	123	4,368.01 - 4,394.00	169
2,002.01 - 2,028.00	78	3,198.01 - 3,224.00	124	4,394.01 - 4,420.00	170
2,028.01 - 2,054.00	79	3,224.01 - 3,250.00	125	4,420.01 - 4,446.00	171
2,054.01 - 2,080.00	80	3,250.01 - 3,276.00	126	4,446.01 - 4,472.00	172
2,080.01 - 2,106.00	81	3,276.01 - 3,302.00	127	4,472.01 - 4,498.00	173
2,106.01 - 2,132.00	82	3,302.01 - 3,328.00	128	4,498.01 - 4,524.00	174
2,132.01 - 2,158.00	83	3,328.01 - 3,354.00	129	4,524.01 - 4,550.00	175
2,158.01 - 2,184.00	84	3,354.01 - 3,380.00	130	4,550.01 - 4,576.00	176
2,184.01 - 2,210.00	85	3,380.01 - 3,406.00	131	4,576.01 - 4,602.00	177

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\$ 4,602.01 - 4,628.00	\$178	\$ 5,798.01 - 5,824.00	\$224	\$ 6,994.01 - 7,020.00	\$270
4,628.01 - 4,654.00	179	5,824.01 - 5,850.00	225	7,020.01 - 7,046.00	271
4,654.01 - 4,680.00	180	5,850.01 - 5,876.00	226	7,046.01 - 7,072.00	272
4,680.01 - 4,706.00	181	5,876.01 - 5,902.00	227	7,072.01 - 7,098.00	273
4,706.01 - 4,732.00	182	5,902.01 - 5,928.00	228	7,098.01 - 7,124.00	274
4,732.01 - 4,758.00	183	5,928.01 - 5,954.00	229	7,124.01 - 7,150.00	275
4,758.01 - 4,784.00	184	5,954.01 - 5,980.00	230	7,150.01 – 7,176.00	276
4,784.01 - 4,810.00	185	5,980.01 - 6,006.00	231	7,176.01 - 7,202.00	277
4,810.01 - 4,836.00	186	6,006.01 - 6,032.00	232	7,202.01 - 7,228.00	278
4,836.01 - 4,862.00	187	6,032.01 - 6,058.00	233	7,228.01 - 7,254.00	279
4,862.01 - 4,888.00	188	6,058.01 - 6,084.00	234	7,254.01 - 7,280.00	280
4,888.01 - 4,914.00	189	6,084.01 - 6,110.00	235	7,280.01 - 7,306.00	281
4,914.01 - 4,940.00	190	6,110.01 - 6,136.00	236	7,306.01 - 7,332.00	282
4,940.01 - 4,966.00	191	6,136.01 - 6,162.00	237	7,332.01 - 7,358.00	283
4,966.01 - 4,992.00	192	6,162.01 - 6,188.00	238	7,358.01 - 7,384.00	284
4,992.01 - 5,018.00	193	6,188.01 - 6,214.00	239	7,384.01 - 7,410.00	285
5,018.01 - 5,044.00	194	6,214.01 - 6,240.00	240	7,410.01 - 7,436.00	286
5,044.01 - 5,070.00	195	6,240.01 - 6,266.00	241	7,436.01 - 7,462.00	287
5,070.01 - 5,096.00	196	6,266.01 - 6,292.00	242	7,462.01 - 7,488.00	288
5,096.01 - 5,122.00	197	6,292.01 - 6,318.00	243	7,488.01 - 7,514.00	289
5,122.01 - 5,148.00	198	6,318.01 - 6,344.00	244	7,514.01 - 7,540.00	290
5,148.01 - 5,174.00	199	6,344.01 - 6,370.00	245	7,540.01 - 7,566.00	291
5,174.01 - 5,200.00	200	6,370.01 - 6,396.00	246	7,566.01 - 7,592.00	292
5,200.01 - 5,226.00	201	6,396.01 - 6,422.00	247	7,592.01 - 7,618.00	293
5,226.01 - 5,252.00	202	6,422.01 - 6,448.00	248	7,618.01 - 7,644.00	294
5,252.01 - 5,278.00	203	6,448.01 - 6,474.00	249	7,644.01 - 7,670.00	295
5,278.01 - 5,304.00	204	6,474.01 - 6,500.00	250	7,670.01 - 7,696.00	296
5,304.01 - 5,330.00	205	6,500.01 - 6,526.00	251	7,696.01 - 7,722.00	297
5,330.01 - 5,356.00	206	6,526.01 - 6,552.00	252	7,722.01 - 7,748.00	298
5,356.01 - 5,382.00	207	6,552.01 - 6,578.00	253	7,748.01 - 7,774.00	299
5,382.01 - 5,408.00	208	6,578.01 - 6,604.00	254	7,774.01 - 7,800.00	300
5,408.01 - 5,434.00	209	6,604.01 - 6,630.00	255	7,800.01 - 7,826.00	301
5,434.01 - 5,460.00	210	6,630.01 - 6,656.00	256	7,826.01 - 7,852.00	302
5,460.01 - 5,486.00	211	6,656.01 - 6,682.00	257	7,852.01 - 7,878.00	303
5,486.01 - 5,512.00	212	6,682.01 - 6,708.00	258	7,878.01 - 7,904.00	304
5,512.01 - 5,538.00	213	6,708.01 - 6,734.00	259	7,904.01 - 7,930.00	305
5,538.01 - 5,564.00	214	6,734.01 - 6,760.00	260	7,930.01 - 7,956.00	306
5,564.01 - 5,590.00	215	6,760.01 - 6,786.00	261	7,956.01 - 7,982.00	307
5,590.01 - 5,616.00	216	6,786.01 - 6,812.00	262	7,982.01 - 8,008.00	308
5,616.01 - 5,642.00	217	6,812.01 - 6,838.00	263	8,008.01 - 8,034.00	309
5,642.01 - 5,668.00	218	6,838.01 - 6,864.00	264	8,034.01 - 8,060.00	310
5,668.01 - 5,694.00	219	6,864.01 - 6,890.00	265	8,060.01 - 8,086.00	311
5,694.01 - 5,720.00	220	6,890.01 - 6,916.00	266	8,086.01 - 8,112.00	312
5,720.01 - 5,746.00	221	6,916.01 - 6,942.00	267	8,112.01 - 8,138.00	313
5,746.01 - 5,772.00	222	6,942.01 - 6,968.00	268	8,138.01 - 8,164.00	314
5,772.01 - 5,798.00	223	6,968.01 - 6,994.00	269	8,164.01 - 8,190.00	315

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\$ 8,190.01 - 8,216.00	\$316	\$ 9,386.01 - 9,412.00	\$362	\$10,582.01 - 10,608.00	\$408
8,216.01 - 8,242.00	317	9,412.01 - 9,438.00	363	10,608.01 - 10,634.00	409
8,242.01 - 8,268.00	318	9,438.01 - 9,464.00	364	10,634.01 - 10,660.00	410
8,268.01 - 8,294.00	319	9,464.01 - 9,490.00	365	10,660.01 - 10,686.00	411
8,294.01 - 8,320.00	320	9,490.01 - 9,516.00	366	10,686.01 - 10,712.00	412
8,320.01 - 8,346.00	321	9,516.01 - 9,542.00	367	10,712.01 - 10,738.00	413
8,346.01 - 8,372.00	322	9,542.01 - 9,568.00	368	10,738.01 - 10,764.00	414
8,372.01 - 8,398.00	323	9,568.01 - 9,594.00	369	10,764.01 - 10,790.00	415
8,398.01 - 8,424.00	324	9,594.01 - 9,620.00	370	10,790.01 - 10,816.00	416
8,424.01 - 8,450.00	325	9,620.01 - 9,646.00	371	10,816.01 - 10,842.00	417
8,450.01 - 8,476.00	326	9,646.01 - 9,672.00	372	10,842.01 - 10,868.00	418
8,476.01 - 8,502.00	327	9,672.01 - 9,698.00	373	10,868.01 – 10,894.00	419
8,502.01 - 8,528.00	328	9,698.01 - 9,724.00	374	10,894.01 – 10,920.00	420
8,528.01 - 8,554.00	329	9,724.01 - 9,750.00	375	10,920.01 - 10,946.00	421
8,554.01 - 8,580.00	330	9,750.01 - 9,776.00	376	10,946.01 – 10,972.00	422
8,580.01 - 8,606.00	331	9,776.01 - 9,802.00	377	10,972.01 – 10,998.00	423
8,606.01 - 8,632.00	332	9,802.01 - 9,828.00	378	10,998.01 – 11,024.00	424
8,632.01 - 8,658.00	333	9,828.01 - 9,854.00	379	11,024.01 – 11,050.00	425
8,658.01 - 8,684.00	334	9,854.01 - 9,880.00	380	11,050.01 – 11,076.00	426
8,684.01 - 8,710.00	335	9,880.01 - 9,906.00	381	11,076.01 – 11,102.00	427
8,710.01 - 8,736.00	336	9,906.01 - 9,932.00	382	11,102.01 – 11,128.00	428
8,736.01 - 8,762.00	337	9,932.01 - 9,958.00	383	11,128.01 – 11,154.00	429
8,762.01 - 8,788.00	338	9,958.01 - 9,984.00	384	11,154.01 – 11,180.00	430
8,788.01 - 8,814.00	339	9,984.01 – 10,010.00	385	11,180.01 – 11,206.00	431
8,814.01 - 8,840.00	340	10,010.01 – 10,036.00	386	11,206.01 – 11,232.00	432
8,840.01 - 8,866.00	341	10,036.01 – 10,062.00	387	11,232.01 – 11,258.00	433
8,866.01 - 8,892.00	342	10,062.01 - 10,088.00	388	11,258.01 – 11,284.00	434
8,892.01 - 8,918.00 8,918.01 - 8,944.00	343	10,088.01 – 10,114.00 10,114.01 – 10,140.00	389 390	11,284.01 – 11,310.00 11,310.01 – 11,336.00	435 436
8,944.01 – 8,970.00	344 345	10,140.01 – 10,140.00	391	11,336.01 – 11,362.00	436
8,970.01 – 8,996.00	346	10,166.01 – 10,192.00	391	11,362.01 – 11,388.00	437
8,996.01 – 9,022.00	347	10,192.01 – 10,192.00	393	11,388.01 – 11,414.00	439
9,022.01 - 9,048.00	348	10,218.01 - 10,244.00	394	11,414.01 – 11,440.00	440
9,048.01 - 9,074.00	349	10,244.01 – 10,270.00	395	11,440.01 – 11,466.00	441
9,074.01 - 9,100.00	350	10,270.01 – 10,276.00	396	11,466.01 – 11,492.00	442
9,100.01 - 9,126.00	351	10,296.01 – 10,322.00	397	11,492.01 – 11,518.00	443
9,126.01 - 9,152.00	352	10,322.01 – 10,348.00	398	11,518.01 – 11,544.00	444
9,152.01 - 9,178.00	353	10,348.01 – 10,374.00	399	11,544.01 – 11,570.00	445
9,178.01 - 9,204.00	354	10,374.01 – 10,400.00	400	11,570.01 – 11,596.00	446
9,204.01 - 9,230.00	355	10,400.01 – 10,426.00	401	11,596.01 – 11,622.00	447
9,230.01 - 9,256.00	356	10,426.01 – 10,452.00	402	11,622.01 – 11,648.00	448
9,256.01 - 9,282.00	357	10,452.01 – 10,478.00	403	11,648.01 – 11,674.00	449
9,282.01 - 9,308.00	358	10,478.01 – 10,504.00	404	11,674.01 – and over	450
9,308.01 - 9,334.00	359	10,504.01 – 10,530.00	405		
9,334.01 - 9,360.00	360	10,530.01 - 10,556.00	406		
9,360.01 - 9,386.00	361	10,556.01 - 10,582.00	407		

How to Get Help Online

- To learn more about EDD services and programs, visit <u>EDD</u> online (edd.ca.gov).
- To ask us a question, access your UI Online or SDI account visit Ask EDD (askedd.edd.ca.gov).
- To find your nearest AJCC, visit the Office Locator online (edd.ca.gov/ Office Locator).

Phone

All of our phone numbers are toll free. For relay service, provide one of the numbers below to the operator.

Unemployment Insurance

EDD staff are available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 12 noon (Pacific Time), except on state holidays.

English	1-800-300-5616
Spanish	1-800-326-8937
Cantonese	1-800-547-3506
Mandarin	1-866-303-0706
Vietnamese	1-800-547-2058
TTY	1-800-815-9387

Disability Insurance

EDD staff are available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), except on state holidays.

English	1-800-480-3287
Spanish	1-866-658-8846
TTY	1-800-563-2441

Paid Family Leave

EDD staff are available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), except on state holidays.

English	1-877-238-4373
Spanish	1-877-379-3819
Armenian	1-866-627-1567
Cantonese	1-866-692-5595
Punjabi	1-866-627-1568
Tagalog	1-866-627-1569
Vietnamese	1-866-692-5596
TTY	1-800-445-1312



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This For Your Benefit: California's Programs for the Unemployed (DE 2320) publication can be viewed, printed, and ordered online by visiting Online Forms and Publications (forms.edd.ca.gov/forms).

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Disclaimer: If you opted out of receiving paper forms, it may still be necessary for the EDD to send some documents via U.S. mail.



About California Paid Family Leave

For many working Californians, finding time to be with a loved one when they need it most can be difficult. California's Paid Family Leave program was created for those moments that matter. Benefits are available to care for a seriously ill family member, to bond with a new child, or to participate in a qualifying military event.

Fast Facts About California Paid Family Leave

- Provides up to eight weeks of partial wage replacement benefits to bond with a new child (either by birth, adoption, or foster care placement), to care for a seriously ill family member (child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner), or to participate in a qualifying event resulting from a family member's (spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, or child) military deployment to a foreign country.
- Doesn't have to be taken all at once.
- Provides approximately 60 to 70 percent of your salary during your leave.
- Funded through your State Disability Insurance tax withholding, so you are most likely eligible if you've paid into State Disability Insurance (noted as "CASDI" on paystubs) or a qualifying voluntary plan in the past 5 to 18 months.
- To bond with a new child, leave can be taken anytime within the first 12 months of a child entering your family.
- Citizenship and immigration status do not affect eligibility.

CALIFORNIA PAID FAMILY LEAVE

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Paid Family Leave:

Giving Californians the benefits 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 Puniabi 1-866-627-1568 **Tagalog** 1-866-627-1569 TTY 1-800-445-1312

Individuals can also visit a Paid Family Leave or Disability Insurance office to obtain claim forms, receive information, or speak to a representative.

Visit a <u>State Disability Insurance office</u> (edd.ca.gov/Disability/Contact_SDI.htm) near you.



For more information, visit: CaliforniaPaidFamilyLeave.com

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TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.



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Helping Californians be present for the moments that matter.



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Do I Qualify For California Paid Family Leave?

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

- Need to take time off from work to care for a seriously ill family member, to bond with a new child, or to participate in a qualifying military event.
- Be covered by State Disability Insurance (or a voluntary plan in lieu of State Disability Insurance).
- Have earned at least \$300 in the past 5 to 18 months.
- Submit your claim no later than 41 days after you begin your family leave. Do not file before your first day of leave.

If required by your employer, you must use up to two weeks of unused vacation leave or paid time off. Check with your human resources department to confirm your employer's requirements.

How Are Benefit Amounts Calculated?

California Paid Family Leave provides approximately 60 to 70 percent of your weekly salary.

The benefit amount is calculated from your highest quarterly earnings over the past 5 to 18 months, before the start of your claim. The Employment Development Department (EDD) has an online calculator that can help you estimate your weekly benefit amount. Visit the Disability Insurance and Paid Family Leave Calculator (edd.ca.gov/PFL_Calculator) to estimate your benefit.

If you are found eligible to receive benefits, you have an option on how you receive your benefit payments: by the EDD Debit CardSM through Bank of America or by check, mailed from the EDD.



Does Paid Family Leave Provide Job Protection?

California Paid Family Leave does not provide job protection or a right to return to work.

However, job protection may be provided under other laws such as the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, the California Family Rights Act, or the New Parent Leave Act (if you qualify).

Notify your employer of your plan to take leave and the reason for taking leave according to your company's policy.

How Do I Apply For Benefits?

Apply for Paid Family Leave benefits by visiting <u>SDI Online</u> (edd.ca.gov/SDI_Online).

You may also apply using a paper form.
Visit <u>EDD Forms and Publications</u>
(edd.ca.gov/Forms) to request a *Claim for Paid Family Leave (PFL) Benefits* (DE 2501F) form.

For caregiving claims, you must provide medical certification showing that the care recipient has a serious health condition and requires your care. This needs to be completed by the care recipient's physician/practitioner. Information about the care recipient and their signature are also required.

For bonding claims, you must provide documentation showing proof of relationship between you and the child (e.g., a copy of the child's birth certificate, adoptive placement agreement, or foster care placement record).

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

For military assist claims, you must provide supporting military documentation (e.g., proof of covered active duty or call to covered active duty and documentation of the qualifying event).

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

If your claim is denied, you have the right to:

- Know the reason for denial.
- Appeal decisions about your eligibility for benefits. Visit <u>Appeals</u> (edd.ca.gov/Disability/ Appeals.htm) for information.

All claim information is confidential except for purposes allowed by law.

DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS IS PROHIBITED UNDER THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

The law requires "full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments." Business establishments covered by the law include, but are not limited to:

- Hotels and motels
- Nonprofit organizations
- Restaurants
- Theaters
- Barber shops and beauty salons

- Hospitals
- Housing accommodations
- Local government and public agencies
- Retail establishments

THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING IS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA FROM UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, AND FROM HATE VIOLENCE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Also find us on:







HATE VIOLENCE

Under the Ralph Civil Rights Act, it is against the law for any person to threaten or commit acts of violence against a person or property based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, marital status, medical condition, genetic information, disability, sex/gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or position in a labor dispute.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is a violation of civil law in addition to being a criminal offense. In 2016, AB 1684 (Stone) gave DFEH authority to receive, investigate, conciliate, mediate, and prosecute civil complaints alleging human trafficking under California Civil Code, § 52.5, the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

If you have a disability that prevents you from submitting a written pre-complaint form on-line, by mail, or email, the DFEH can assist you by scribing your pre-complaint by phone or, for individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or have speech disabilities, through the California Relay Service (711), or call us through your VRS at (800) 884-1684 (voice).

To schedule an intake appointment, contact the Communication Center at (800) 884-1684 (voice or via relay operator 711) or (800) 700-2320 (TTY) or by email at contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov.

The DFEH is committed to providing access to our materials in an alternative format as a reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities when requested.

Contact the DFEH at (800) 884-1684 (voice or via relay operator 711), TTY (800) 700-2320, or contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov to discuss your preferred format to access our materials or webpages.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) enforces California state laws that prohibit harassment and discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations and that provide for pregnancy leave and family and personal medical leave. It also accepts and investigates complaints alleging hate violence or threats of hate violence and human trafficking.

DFEH enforces these laws by:

- Investigating harassment, discrimination, and denial of leave complaints
- Assisting parties to voluntarily resolve complaints involving alleged violations of the laws enforced by DFEH
- Prosecuting violations of the law
- Educating Californians about the laws prohibiting harassment and discrimination by providing written materials and participating in seminars and conferences

FILING A COMPLAINT

If you believe you are a victim of discrimination, hate violence, or human trafficking, you may, within one year of the alleged discrimination, file a complaint with DFEH by contacting DFEH on our website or by phone as described on the back of this brochure. DFEH processes complaints filed by persons with terminal illnesses on a priority basis.

YOU ARE PROTECTED



DISCRIMINATION IS PROHIBITED

The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) prohibits harassment and discrimination in employment based on the following:

- Race
- Color
- Religion (includes religious dress and grooming practices)
- Sex/gender (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions)
- Gender identity, gender expression
- Sexual orientation
- Marital status
- Medical Condition (genetic characteristics, cancer or a record or history of cancer)
- Military or veteran status
- National origin (includes language use and possession of a driver's license issued to persons unable to prove their presence in the United States is authorized under federal law)
- Ancestry
- Disability (mental and physical, including HIV/AIDS, cancer, and genetic characteristics)
- Genetic information
- Request for family care leave
- Request for leave for an employee's own serious health condition
- Request for Pregnancy Disability Leave
- Retaliation for reporting patient abuse in taxsupported institutions
- Age (over 40)

DISCRIMINATION IS PROHIBITED IN ALL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Advertisements
- 2 Applications, screening, and interviews
- 3 Hiring, transferring, promoting, terminating, or separating employees
- Working conditions
- Participation in a training or apprenticeship program, employee organization, or union

DISCRIMINATION IS PROHIBITED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE HOUSING BUSINESS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- (1) Advertisements
- Mortgage lending and insurance
- 3 Application and selection processes
- 4 Terms, conditions, and privileges of occupancy, including freedom from harassment
- S Public and private land-use practices, including the existence of restrictive covenants

Individuals with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodation in rules, policies, practices, and services and are also permitted, at their own expense, to reasonably modify their dwelling to ensure full enjoyment of the premises.

As in employment discrimination law, individuals are protected from retaliation for filing complaints.

FEHA also prohibits discrimination in the rental and sale of housing based on the following:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- Gender
- Gender identity
- Gender expression
- Sexual orientation
- Marital status
- National origin (including language use restrictions)

- Ancestry
- Familial status (households with children under age 18, individuals who are pregnant, or who are pending legal custody of a child under age 18)
- Source of income
- Disability (mental and physical, including HIV/AIDS, cancer, and genetic characteristics)
- Genetic information

CALIFORNIA WORKERS ARE:

- Guaranteed reasonable accommodation or leave if disabled because of pregnancy, or if your job would cause undue risk to you or your pregnancy's successful completion (if working for an employer of more than 5 employees)
- Guaranteed leave for the birth or adoption of a child; for the employee's own serious health condition; or to care for a parent, spouse, or child with a serious health condition (if working for an employer of more than 50 employees)
- Protected from harassment because of their sex, race, or any other category covered under the law
- Protected from retaliation for filing a complaint with DFEH, for participating in the investigation of a complaint, or for protesting possible violations of the law
- California workers with disabilities are also entitled to reasonable accommodation when necessary in order to perform the job

DI Office Locations and Mailing Addresses

- Chino Hills ... 15315 Fairfield Ranch Road, Ste. 100 (PO Box 60006, City of Industry, CA 91716-0006)
- Long Beach ... 4300 Long Beach Blvd., Ste. 600 (PO Box 469, Long Beach, CA 90801-0469)
- Los Angeles 888 S. Figueroa Street, Ste. 200 (PO Box 513096, Los Angeles, CA 90051-1096)

- San Diego ...9246 Lightwave Avenue, Bldg. A, Ste. 300 (PO Box 120831, San Diego, CA 92112-0831)
- San Francisco 745 Franklin Street, Rm. 300 (PO Box 193534, San Francisco, CA 94119-3534)

- - California State Government Employees (PO Box 2168, Stockton, CA 95201-2168)
- Van Nuys15400 Sherman Way, Rm. 500 (PO Box 10402, Van Nuys, CA 91410-0402)



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LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made by calling DI at 1-866-490-8879. TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.



DISABILITY INSURANCE PROVISIONS





Disability is an illness or injury, either physical or mental, which prevents customary work. Disability includes elective surgery, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

Disability Insurance (DI) is a component of the State Disability Insurance (SDI) program, designed to partially replace wages lost due to a non-work-related disability (see "Other Programs," for job-related disabilities).

SDI contributions are paid by California workers covered by the SDI program. Contribution rates may vary from year to year. For current rates, visit State Disability Insurance (edd.ca.gov/disability), or contact the Employment Development Department (EDD) DI customer service at 1-800-480-3287 or EDD employment tax customer service at 1-888-745-3886.

DI Plans

- State Plan. The DI state plan is covered in this brochure.
- Voluntary Plan (VP). A private plan, which may be substituted for the State Plan. Voluntary Plans are established if the employer and majority of employees agree to do so. VP information and filing a claim is done through your employer. If you are covered by a VP, the provisions of this brochure may not apply to you. Obtain information about your coverage and file a VP claim through your employer.
- employed persons, including general partners, may elect coverage under SDI. The method of computing benefits for EC participants is not the same as for mandatory rate payers. The cost of participating, which is set annually, can be obtained from your local EDD Employment Tax Customer Service Office.

EC claims are filed in the same manner as State Plan claims. However, there are differences in eligibility requirements from those listed in this pamphlet.

For additional information or to apply for coverage, contact the EDD DI customer service at 1-800-480-3287, the EDD employment tax customer service at 1-888-745-3886, or visit State Disability Insurance (edd.ca.gov/disability).

How to Claim State Plan Benefits

- 1. Use **SDI Online** to securely file for benefits or request a paper claim form online.
- Online: <u>State Disability Insurance</u> (edd.ca.gov/disability).
- By phone: 1-800-480-3287.
- By mail: EDD, Disability Insurance, PO Box 989777, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9777.
- California state government employees covered by SDI should call 1-866-352-7675.
- 2. If filing through SDI Online, complete all required fields. SDI Online will provide a receipt number once the claim is submitted.
 - If using a paper Claim for Disability Insurance (DI) Benefits (DE 2501) form, complete and sign Part A-Claimant's Statement. Print clearly, and verify your answers are complete and correct as errors delay payment.
- 3. Have your physician/practitioner complete the Part B Physician/Practitioner's Certificate online or use the paper claim form. If filing online, your physician/practitioner will need your receipt number to complete the Part B Physician/Practitioner's Certificate.

Usually a claim cannot begin more than seven days before you were examined by or under the care of a physician/practitioner. Certification may be made by a:

- Licensed medical or osteopathic physician and surgeon.
- Nurse practitioner.
- Physician assistant.
- Chiropractor.
- Dentist.
- Podiatrist.
- Optometrist.
- Designated psychologist.
- Authorized medical officer of a United States governmental facility.

Certification may also be made by a licensed nurse-midwife or licensed midwife for disabilities related to normal pregnancy or childbirth.

4. File online or submit your paper claim form within 49 days from the date your disability begins. If your claim is late, you may lose benefits unless your explanation of the delay is accepted as reasonable.

How Benefits Are Paid

- If you are eligible to receive benefits, you have two payment options: by EDD Debit CardSM through Bank of America, or by a check. You do not have to accept the EDD Debit Card. Please allow 7 to 10 days for delivery of checks in the mail.
- Most properly completed claims are processed within 14 days.
- The first seven days of your DI claim are a non-payable waiting period. If a claim is filed for the same or related cause or condition within 60 days of the initial claim, it will be processed as a continuation of the initial claim for which a waiting period was already served. There will not be a new waiting period in such cases.

Benefits are paid as quickly as possible after all eligibility information is received. If you meet all eligibility requirements, benefits will be authorized. If you are eligible for further benefits, you will be authorized for additional benefits electronically or sent a Claim For Continued Disability Benefits (DE 2500A) certification form for you to complete for the next benefit period. Usually these benefit periods are for two-week intervals. However, DI pays benefits based on daily eligibility within a seven-day calendar week. Partial weeks are paid at a daily rate. This rate is one-seventh of your weekly benefit amount. Please allow 10 days from the date you mail or electronically submit a certification for receipt of payment.

How Your Benefit Rate is Determined

Benefit amounts are based on wages paid during a specific 12-month **base period**, determined by the date your claim begins. Consider when to start your claim since this may affect your weekly benefit rate, your maximum benefit amount, and the period of your benefit eligibility.

Only **base period** wages subject to the SDI contributions can be used in computing your benefits. To qualify, you must have earned at least \$300 during your base period. The month your claim begins determines which four consecutive quarters are used.

If your claim begins in:

- January, February, or March, your base period is the 12 months ending last September 30. (Example: A claim beginning February 14, 2021, uses a base period of October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020.)
- April, May, or June, your base period is the 12 months ending last December 31. (Example: A claim beginning June 20, 2021, uses a base period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.)
- July, August, or September, your base period is the 12 months ending last March 31. (Example: A claim beginning September 27, 2021, uses a base period of April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021.)
- October, November, or December, your base period is the 12 months ending last June 30. (Example: A claim beginning November 2, 2021, uses a base period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.)

Exceptions: If your claim is determined to be invalid, but you were unemployed and seeking work for 60 days or more in any quarter of your base period, you may be able to substitute wages paid in prior quarters.

You may be entitled to substitute wages paid in prior quarters to either validate your claim or increase your benefit amount, if during your base period you:

- Were in the military service.
- Received workers' compensation benefits.
- Did not work because of a labor dispute.

If your situation fits any of the above, include a letter and supporting documentation with your claim form.

Wage Continuation. Your DI benefits may be affected if your employer continues to pay you wages during your DI claim. DI benefits plus wages cannot exceed your regular weekly wage. DI benefits are not affected by vacation pay you may receive.

Maximum Benefits. The maximum benefit amount is 52 times the weekly rate, but not more than your total base period wages. Exception: For employers and self-employed individuals who elect SDI coverage, the maximum benefit amount is 39 times the weekly rate.

Additionally, benefits are payable only for a limited period to a resident in an alcoholic recovery home or drug-free residential facility that is both licensed and certified by the state in which the facility is located. However, disabilities related to or caused by acute or chronic alcoholism or drug abuse, being medically treated, do not have this limitation.

Pregnancy. As with any medical condition, your disability period begins the first day you are unable to do your regular or customary work. DI benefits are based on the period of time your physician/practitioner certifies you are unable to do your regular or customary work. Do not send in your claim for pregnancy-related DI benefits until the date your physician/practitioner certifies you are unable to work.

Note: For information on Paid Family Leave (PFL) bonding benefits, see the "Other Programs" section of this brochure.

You May Not Be Eligible for Benefits

- If you are receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) or PFL benefits.
- If you are not working or looking for work at the time your disability begins.
- If you are in custody due to conviction of a crime.
- If your full wages are paid.
- If you are receiving workers' compensation at a weekly rate equal to or greater than the DI rate. If workers' compensation benefits are paid at a lower rate than your DI rate, you may be paid the difference.
- For the amount of time a claim is late (without good cause).
- If you make a false statement or fail to report a material fact. (A 30 percent penalty may be assessed if benefits are overpaid because you willfully withheld a material fact or made a false statement.)
- If you fail to attend an independent medical examination when requested. (Fees for such examinations are paid by the EDD.)

The California Unemployment Insurance Code provides for penalties consisting of fines, imprisonment, and loss of benefit rights for fraud against the SDI program.

Your Rights

- Know the reason and basis for any decision that affects your benefits.
- Appeal any decision about your eligibility for benefits. Appeals must be sent to the DI office in writing.
- Request an appeal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). You may further appeal the ALJ's decision to the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board and the courts.
- Privacy all claim information will be kept confidential except for the purposes allowed by law.

Your Obligations

- Complete your claim and other forms correctly and truthfully.
- Submit your claim and other forms according to time limits on forms. If your claim is submitted late and you believe you have a good reason for being late, you should include a written explanation of the reason(s) with the form.
- Contact DI if you do not understand a question or how to answer it.
- Include your name and claim identification number on letters to DI.

Contact DI

- By phone at:
 - English 1-800-480-3287
 - Spanish 1-866-658-8846
- By U.S. mail addressed to PO Box 13140, Sacramento, CA 95813-3140. If you do not have a current claim, you may write to any DI office. Note: Do not mail claim forms to this PO Box.
- By **TTY** (for TTY users only) at 1-800-563-2441.
- In person by visiting any of the DI offices listed under "DI Office Locations."

Other Programs

If you are injured on the job or become ill as a result of your occupation, notify your employer.

If you are able and available to work but unemployed, contact the UI program by visiting <u>Unemployment Insurance</u> (edd.ca.gov/unemployment) or by phone at 1-800-300-5616 (TTY 1-800-815-9387).

If you need help in finding work, job training, retraining, or other services in order to return to work, visit your local America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM listed at Service Locator (careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/service-locator.aspx) or in the white pages of your phone directory.

If your disability is permanent or is expected to continue for a year or more, contact the U.S. <u>Social Security Administration</u> (ssa.gov) or by phone at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

If you need time off work for a family leave, PFL provides benefits to:

- Care for a seriously ill family member (child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner).
- Bond with a new child entering the family (through birth, adoption, or foster care placement).
- Participate in a qualifying event resulting from a family member's (spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, or child) military deployment to a foreign country.

Contact the EDD PFL program by visiting <u>State Disability Insurance</u> (edd.ca.gov/disability), or by phone at 1-877-238-4373, or through the California Relay Service at 711.

Note: A PFL bonding claim form will be sent automatically with the final benefit payment to new mothers receiving DI benefits.

If you are a victim of a crime, contact the California Victim Compensation program at 1-800-777-9229 (TTY 1-800-735-2929). You may also contact your county Victim/ Witness Assistance Center.

Questions about spousal or parental support obligations should be directed to the district attorney's office for the county that issued the court order.

Questions about child support obligations should be directed to the Department of Child Support Services at 1-866-901-3212 (TTY 1-866-399-4096).

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

THE FACTS

Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination based on sex/gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions), gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Individuals of any gender can be the target of sexual harassment. Unlawful sexual harassment does not have to be motivated by sexual desire. Sexual harassment may involve harassment of a person of the same gender as the harasser, regardless of either person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- "Quid pro quo" (Latin for "this for that") sexual harassment is when someone conditions a job, promotion, or other work benefit on your submission to sexual advances or other conduct based on sex.
- "Hostile work environment" sexual harassment occurs when unwelcome comments or conduct based on sex unreasonably interfere with your work performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. You may experience sexual harassment even if the offensive conduct was not aimed directly at you.

The harassment must be severe or pervasive to be unlawful. That means that it alters the conditions of your employment and creates an abusive work environment. A single act of harassment may be sufficiently severe to be unlawful.

BEHAVIORS THAT MAY BE SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

- 1 Unwanted sexual advances
- Offering employment benefits in exchange for sexual favors
- 3 Leering; gestures; or displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters
- 4 Derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, or jokes
- 5 Graphic comments, sexually degrading words, or suggestive or obscene messages or invitations
- 6 Physical touching or assault, as well as impeding or blocking movements

Actual or threatened retaliation for rejecting advances or complaining about harassment is also unlawful.

Employees or job applicants who believe that they have been sexually harassed or retaliated against may file a complaint of discrimination with DFEH within one year of the last act of harassment or retaliation. DFEH serves as a neutral fact-finder and attempts to help the parties voluntarily resolve disputes. If DFEH finds sufficient evidence to establish that discrimination occurred and settlement efforts fail, the Department may file a civil complaint in state or federal court to address the causes of the discrimination and on behalf of the complaining party. DFEH may seek court orders changing the employer's policies and practices, punitive damages, and attorney's fees and costs if it prevails in litigation. Employees can also pursue the matter through a private lawsuit in civil court after a complaint has been filed with DFEH and a Right-to-Sue Notice has been issued.

If you have a disability that prevents you from submitting a written pre-complaint form on-line, by mail, or email, the DFEH can assist you by scribing your pre-complaint by phone or, for individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or have speech disabilities, through the California Relay Service (711), or call us through your VRS at (800) 884-1684 (voice).

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EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

All employers, regardless of the number of employees, are covered by the harassment provisions of California law. Employers are liable for harassment by their supervisors or agents. All harassers, including both supervisory and non-supervisory personnel, may be held personally liable for harassment or for aiding and abetting harassment. The law requires employers to take reasonable steps to prevent harassment. If an employer fails to take such steps, that employer can be held liable for the harassment. In addition, an employer may be liable for the harassment by a nonemployee (for example, a client or customer) of an employee, applicant, or person providing services for the employer. An employer will only be liable for this form of harassment if it knew or should have known of the harassment, and failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.

Employers have an affirmative duty to take reasonable steps to prevent and promptly correct discriminatory and harassing conduct, and to create a workplace free of harassment.

A program to eliminate sexual harassment from the workplace is not only required by law, but it is the most practical way for an employer to avoid or limit liability if harassment occurs.

ALL EMPLOYERS MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO PREVENT HARASSMENT AND CORRECT IT WHEN IT OCCURS:

- ① Distribute copies of this brochure or an alternative writing that complies with Government Code 12950. This pamphlet may be duplicated in any quantity.
- 2 Post a copy of the Department's employment poster entitled "California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment."
- Oevelop a harassment, discrimination, and retaliation prevention policy in accordance with 2 CCR 11023. The policy must:
 - Be in writing.
 - List all protected groups under the FEHA.
 - Indicate that the law prohibits coworkers and third parties, as well as supervisors and managers with whom the employee comes into contact, from engaging in prohibited harassment.
 - Create a complaint process that ensures confidentiality to the extent possible; a timely response; an impartial and timely investigation by qualified personnel; documentation and tracking for reasonable progress; appropriate options for remedial actions and resolutions; and timely closures.
 - Provide a complaint mechanism that does not require an employee to complain directly to their immediate supervisor. That complaint mechanism must include, but is not limited to including: provisions for direct communication, either orally or in writing, with a

- designated company representative; and/or a complaint hotline; and/or access to an ombudsperson; and/or identification of DFEH and the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as additional avenues for employees to lodge complaints.
- Instruct supervisors to report any complaints of misconduct to a designated company representative, such as a human resources manager, so that the company can try to resolve the claim internally. Employers with 50 or more employees are required to include this as a topic in mandated sexual harassment prevention training (see 2 CCR 11024).
- Indicate that when the employer receives allegations of misconduct, it will conduct a fair, timely, and thorough investigation that provides all parties appropriate due process and reaches reasonable conclusions based on the evidence collected.
- Make clear that employees shall not be retaliated against as a result of making a complaint or participating in an investigation.
- Distribute its harassment, discrimination, and retaliation prevention policy by doing one or more of the following:
 - Printing the policy and providing a copy to employees with an acknowledgement form for employees to sign and return.
 - Sending the policy via email with an acknowledgment return form.
 - Posting the current version of the policy on a company intranet with a tracking system to ensure all employees have read and acknowledged receipt of the policy.
 - Discussing policies upon hire and/or during a new hire orientation session.
 - Using any other method that ensures employees received and understand the policy.
- (5) If the employer's workforce at any facility or establishment contains ten percent or more of persons who speak a language other than English as their spoken language, that employer shall translate the harassment, discrimination, and retaliation policy into every language spoken by at least ten percent of the workforce.
- In addition, employers who do business in California and employ 50 or more part-time or full-time employees must provide at least two hours of sexual harassment training every two years to each supervisory employee and to all new supervisory employees within six months of their assumption of a supervisory position.

CIVIL REMEDIES

- Damages for emotional distress from each employer or person in violation of the law
- 2 Hiring or reinstatement
- 3 Back pay or promotion

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Changes in the policies or practices of the employer

COMPLAINTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE LAST ACT OF DISCRIMINATION

FILING A COMPLAINT

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PREGNANCY LEAVE



If you believe you are a victim of discrimination you may, within one year of the discrimination, file a complaint of discrimination with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing by following these steps:

- 1) Contact DFEH by using the information on the back of this brochure
- 2 Be prepared to present specific facts about the alleged discrimination or denial of leave
- (3) Keep records and provide copies of documents that support the charges in the complaint, such as paycheck stubs, calendars, correspondence and other potential proof of discrimination

DFEH will conduct an impartial investigation. We represent the State of California. DFEH will, if possible, try to assist both parties to resolve the complaint.

If a voluntary settlement cannot be reached, and there is sufficient evidence to establish a violation of the law, DFEH may issue a civil complaint and litigate the case in state or federal court.

If the court decides in favor of the complaining party, remedies may include reinstatement, back pay, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, damages for emotional distress, and punitive damages.

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In addition, there are certain leave and transfer protections and guarantees provided under the FEHA and the California Family Rights Act (CFRA).

All employers must provide information about pregnancy leave rights to their employees and post information about pregnancy leave rights in a conspicuous place where employees tend to gather. Employers who provide employee handbooks must include information about pregnancy leave in the handbook.

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TO DISCRIMINATE IN TERMS OF
COMPENSATION, CONDITIONS, OR
PRIVILEGES OF EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE
OF PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, OR
RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS



RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

LEAVE REQUIREMENTS

- An employee disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition is entitled to up to four months of disability leave per pregnancy. If the employer provides more than four months of leave for other types of temporary disabilities, the same leave must be made available to employees who are disabled due to pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.
- Leave can be taken before or after birth during any period of time the employee is physically unable to work because of pregnancy or a pregnancy-related condition. All leave taken in connection with a specific pregnancy counts toward computing the four-month period.
- Pregnancy leave is available when an employee is actually disabled. This includes time off needed for prenatal or postnatal care, severe morning sickness, doctor-ordered bed rest, childbirth, recovery from childbirth, loss or end of pregnancy, or any other related medical condition.
- If an employee is disabled as the result of a condition related to pregnancy, childbirth, or associated medical conditions and requests reasonable accommodation upon the advice of the employee's health-care provider, an employer must provide reasonable accommodation.
- As an accommodation, and with advice of a physician, an employee can request transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position or duties because of the employee's pregnancy.

- Employees are entitled to take pregnancy disability leave in addition to any leave entitlement they might have under CFRA. For example, an employee could take up to four months pregnancy disability leave for any period of disability, and also take up to 12 weeks CFRA leave to bond with the baby; to bond with an adopted child; or to care for a parent, spouse, or child with a serious health condition. CFRA leave may also be taken for the employee's own serious health condition. For more information, see DFEH's brochure entitled "California Family Rights Act."
- If possible, an employee must provide their employer with at least 30 days advance notice of the date for which the pregnancy disability leave or accommodation is sought and the estimated duration of the leave or accommodation.
- If 30 days advance notice is not possible due to a change in circumstances or a medical emergency, notice must be given as soon as practicable. The leave may be modified as an employee's changing medical condition dictates. If the reinstatement date differs from the original agreement, or if no agreement was made, an employer must reinstate the employee within two business days of being given notice that the employee intends to return. When two business days are not feasible, reinstatement must be made as soon as possible to expedite the employee's return.

SALARY AND BENEFITS DURING LEAVE

- Employers who provide health insurance coverage for employees who take leave for other temporary disabilities must provide coverage for employees who take leave for pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.
- An employer may require an employee to use accrued sick leave during any unpaid portion of their pregnancy disability leave. The employee may also use vacation leave credits to receive compensation for which the employee is eligible. But an employer may not require an employee to use vacation leave or other accrued time off during pregnancy disability leave.

RETURN RIGHTS

- It is illegal for an employer to fire an employee because that employee is pregnant or taking pregnancy disability leave. Employers are required by law to reinstate employees to the same position those employees had before taking leave, and an employee may request this guarantee in writing. In some situations, an employee may be reinstated to a position that is comparable (same tasks, skills, benefits, and pay) to the job they had before taking PDL.
- However, pregnancy disability leave does not protect employees from employment actions not related to their pregnancy, such as layoffs.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AS A PREGNANT EMPLOYEE



If you are pregnant, have a related medical condition, or are recovering from childbirth, please read this notice.

California law protects employees against discrimination or harassment because of an employee's pregnancy, childbirth or any related medical condition (referred to below as "because of pregnancy"). California law also prohibits employers from denying or interfering with an employee's pregnancy-related employment rights.

YOUR EMPLOYER HAS AN OBLIGATION TO:

- Reasonably accommodate your medical needs related to pregnancy, childbirth or related conditions (such as temporarily modifying your work duties, providing you with a stool or chair, or allowing more frequent breaks);
- Transfer you to a less strenuous or hazardous position (where one is available) or duties if medically needed because of your pregnancy; and
- Provide you with pregnancy disability leave (PDL) of up to four months (the working days you normally
 would work in one-third of a year or 17 1/3 weeks) and return you to your same job when you are no
 longer disabled by your pregnancy or, in certain instances, to a comparable job. Taking PDL, however, does
 not protect you from non-leave related employment actions, such as a layoff.
- Provide a reasonable amount of break time and use of a room or other location in close proximity to the employee's work area to express breast milk in private as set forth in the Labor Code.

FOR PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE:

- PDL is not for an automatic period of time, but for the period of time that you are disabled by pregnancy. Your health care provider determines how much time you will need.
- Once your employer has been informed that you need to take PDL, your employer must guarantee in
 writing that you can return to work in your same position if you request a written guarantee. Your employer
 may require you to submit written medical certification from your health care provider substantiating the
 need for your leave.
- PDL may include, but is not limited to, additional or more frequent breaks, time for prenatal or postnatal
 medical appointments, doctor-ordered bed rest, severe morning sickness, gestational diabetes, pregnancyinduced hypertension, preeclampsia, recovery from childbirth or loss or end of pregnancy, and/or postpartum depression.
- PDL does not need to be taken all at once but can be taken on an as-needed basis as required by your health care provider, including intermittent leave or a reduced work schedule, all of which counts against your four month entitlement to leave.
- Your leave will be paid or unpaid depending on your employer's policy for other medical leaves. You may
 also be eligible for state disability insurance or Paid Family Leave (PFL), administered by the California
 Employment Development Department.
- At your discretion, you can use any vacation or other paid time off during your PDL.

- Your employer may require or you may choose to use any available sick leave during your PDL.
- Your employer is required to continue your group health coverage during your PDL at the same level and
 under the same conditions that coverage would have been provided if you had continued in employment
 continuously for the duration of your leave.
- Taking PDL may impact certain of your benefits and your seniority date; please contact your employer for details.
- If possible, you must provide at least 30 days' advance notice for foreseeable events (such as the expected birth of a child or a planned medical treatment for yourself). For events that are unforeseeable, we need you to notify us, at least verbally, as soon as you learn of the need for the leave. Failure to comply with these notice rules is grounds for, and may result in, deferral of the requested leave until you comply with this notice policy.

NOTICE OBLIGATIONS AS AN EMPLOYEE:

- Give your employer reasonable notice. To receive reasonable accommodation, obtain a transfer, or take PDL, you must give your employer sufficient notice for your employer to make appropriate plans. Sufficient notice means 30 days advance notice if the need for the reasonable accommodation, transfer, or PDL is foreseeable, otherwise as soon as practicable if the need is an emergency or unforeseeable.
- Provide a Written Medical Certification from Your Health Care Provider. Except in a medical emergency where there is no time to obtain it, your employer may require you to supply a written medical certification from your health care provider of the medical need for your reasonable accommodation, transfer or PDL. If the need is an emergency or unforeseeable, you must provide this certification within the time frame your employer requests, unless it is not practicable for you to do so under the circumstances despite your diligent, good faith efforts. Your employer must provide at least 15 calendar days for you to submit the certification. See your employer for a copy of a medical certification form to give to your health care provider to complete.
- Please note that if you fail to give your employer reasonable advance notice or, if your employer requires
 it, written medical certification of your medical need, your employer may be justified in delaying your
 reasonable accommodation, transfer, or PDL.

ADDITIONAL RIGHTS UNDER CALIFORNIA FAMILY RIGHTS ACT (CFRA) LEAVE:

You also may be entitled to additional rights under the California Family Rights Act of 1993 (CFRA) if you have more than 12 months of service with us and have worked at least 1,250 hours in the 12-month period before the date you want to begin your leave. This leave may be up to 12 workweeks in a 12-month period for the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of your child or for your own serious health condition (not related to pregnancy) or that of your child, parent or spouse. While the law provides only unpaid leave, employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking CFRA leave under certain circumstances. For further information on the availability CFRA leave, please review your employer's Notice regarding the availability of CFRA leave.

This notice is a summary of your rights and obligations under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). For more information about your rights and obligations as a pregnant employee, contact your employer, visit the Department of Fair Employment and Housing's Web site at www.dfeh.ca.gov, or contact the Department at (800) 884-1684 (voice or via relay operator 711), TTY (800) 700-2320, or contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov. The text of the FEHA and the regulations interpreting it are available on the Department of Fair Employment and Housing's Web site at www.dfeh.ca.gov.

CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

For Pregnancy Disability Leave, Transfer and/or Reasonable Accommodation

EM	PLOYEE NAME:					
limi	ase certify that, because of this patient's pregnancy ted to, recovery from pregnancy, childbirth, loss or eck all appropriate category boxes):	y, childbirth, or a related medical condition (including, but not end of pregnancy, or post-partum depression), this patient needs				
	TIME OFF FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS					
	When:	Duration:				
	DISABILITY LEAVE (Because of a patient's pregnancy, chi. the essential functions of patient's job or cannot perform any pregnancy, or to other persons)	ldbirth or a related medical condition, patient cannot perform one or more of of these functions without undue risk to self, to successful completion of the				
	Beginning (Estimate):	Ending (Estimate):				
	INTERMITTENT LEAVE					
	Specify the intermittent leave schedule:					
	Beginning (Estimate):					
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	REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION(S)					
	Specify (can include, but is not limited to, modifying lift or chair):	ting requirements, providing more frequent breaks, or providing a stool				
	Beginning (Estimate):	Ending (Estimate):				
	Health Care Provider Name (print):					
	Medical Health Care Specialty:	License Number:				
	HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SIGNATURE	DATE				

FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE (CFRA LEAVE) AND PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE



Under the California Family Rights Act of 1993 (CFRA), if you have more than 12 months of service with us and have worked at least 1,250 hours in the 12-month period before the date you want to begin your leave, and if we employ 50 or more employees at your worksite or within 75 miles of your worksite, you may have a right to a family care or medical leave (CFRA leave). This leave may be up to 12 workweeks in a 12-month period for the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of your child or for your own serious health condition or that of your child, parent or spouse. If we employ less than 50 employees at your worksite or within 75 miles of your worksite, but at least 20 employees at your worksite or within 75 miles of your worksite, you may have a right to a family care leave for the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of your child under the New Parent Leave Act (NPLA). Similar to CFRA leave, the NPLA leave may be up to 12 workweeks in a 12-month period. While the law provides only unpaid leave, employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking CFRA leave under certain circumstances and employees may choose to use accrued paid leave while taking NPLA leave.

Even if you are not eligible for CFRA or NPLA leave, if you are disabled by pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition, you are entitled to take a pregnancy disability leave of up to four months, depending on your period(s) of actual disability. If you are CFRA- or NPLA-eligible, you have certain rights to take BOTH a pregnancy disability leave and a CFRA or NPLA leave for reason of the birth of your child. Both leaves contain a guarantee of reinstatement -for pregnancy disability it is to the same position and for CFRA or NPLA it is to the same or a comparable position -at the end of the leave, subject to any defense allowed under the law.

If possible, you must provide at least 30 days' advance notice for foreseeable events (such as the expected birth of a child or a planned medical treatment for yourself or of a family member). For events that are unforeseeable, we need you to notify us, at least verbally, as soon as you learn of the need for the leave. Failure to comply with these notice rules is grounds for, and may result in, deferral of the requested leave until you comply with this notice policy.

We may require certification from your health care provider before allowing you a leave for pregnancy disability or for your own serious health condition. We also may require certification from the health care provider of your child, parent or spouse, who has a serious health condition, before allowing you a leave to take care of that family member. When medically necessary, leave may be taken on an intermittent or reduced work schedule.

If you are taking a leave for the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child, the basic minimum duration of the leave is two weeks, and you must conclude the leave within one year of the birth or placement for adoption or foster care.

Taking a family care or pregnancy disability leave may impact certain of your benefits and your seniority date
If you want more information regarding your eligibility for a leave and/or the impact of the leave on your
seniority and benefits, please contact

TIME OF HIRE PAMPHLET

This pamphlet, or a similar one that has been approved by the Administrative Director, must be given to all newly hired employees in the State of California. Employers and claims administrators may use the content of this document and put their logos and additional information on it. The content of this pamphlet applies to all industrial injuries that occur on or after January 1, 2013.

WHAT IS WORKERS' COMPENSATION?

If you get hurt on the job, your employer is required by law to pay for workers' compensation benefits. You could get hurt by:

One event at work. Examples: hurting your back in a fall, getting burned by a chemical that splashes on your skin, getting hurt in a car accident while making deliveries.

--or---

Repeated exposures at work. Examples: hurting your wrist from using vibrating tools, losing your hearing because of constant loud noise.

-or-

Workplace crime. Examples: you get hurt in a store robbery, physically attacked by an unhappy customer.

Discrimination is illegal

It is illegal under Labor Code section 132a for your employer to punish or fire you because you:

- File a workers' compensation claim
- Intend to file a workers' compensation claim
- Settle a workers' compensation claim
- Testify or intend to testify for another injured worker.

If it is found that your employer discriminated against you, he or she may be ordered to return you to your job. Your employer may also be made to pay for lost wages, increased workers' compensation benefits, and costs and expenses set by state law.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

• **Medical care**: Paid for by your employer to help you recover from an injury or illness caused by work. Doctor visits, hospital services, physical therapy, lab tests and x-rays are some of the medical services that may be provided. These services should be necessary to treat your injury. There are limits on some services such as physical and occupational therapy and chiropractic care.

- **Temporary disability benefits**: Payments if you lose wages because your injury prevents you from doing your usual job while recovering. The amount you may get is up to two-thirds of your wages. There are minimum and maximum payment limits set by state law. You will be paid every two weeks if you are eligible. For most injuries, payments may not exceed 104 weeks within five years from your date of injury. Temporary disability (TD) stops when you return to work, or when the doctor releases you for work, or says your injury has improved as much as it's going to.
- **Permanent disability benefits**: Payments if you don't recover completely. You will be paid every two weeks if you are eligible. There are minimum and maximum weekly payment rates established by state law. The amount of payment is based on:
 - Your doctor's medical reports
 - o Your age
 - Your occupation
- **Supplemental job displacement benefits**: This is a voucher for up to \$6,000 that you can use for retraining or skill enhancement at an approved school, books, tools, licenses or certification fees, or other resources to help you find a new job. You are eligible for this youcher if:
 - o You have a permanent disability.
 - O Your employer does not offer regular, modified, or alternative work, within 60 days after the claims administrator receives a doctor's report saying you have made a maximum medical recovery.
- **Death benefits**: Payments to your spouse, children or other dependents if you die from a job injury or illness. The amount of payment is based on the number of dependents. The benefit is paid every two weeks at a rate of at least \$224 per week. In addition, workers' compensation provides a burial allowance.

OTHER BENEFITS

You may file a claim with the Employment Development Department (EDD) to get state disability benefits when workers' compensation benefits are delayed, denied, or have ended. There are time restrictions so for more information contact the local office of EDD or go to their web site www.edd.ca.gov.

If your injury results in a permanent disability (PD) and the state determines that your PD benefit is disproportionately low compared to your earning loss, you may qualify for additional money from the Department of Industrial Relation's special earnings loss supplement program also known as the return to work program. If you have questions or think you qualify, contact the Information & Assistance Unit by going to www.dwc.ca.gov and looking under "Workers'

Compensation programs and units" for the "Information & Assistance Unit" link or visit the DIR web site at www.dir.ca.gov.

Workers' compensation fraud is a crime

Any person who makes or causes to be made any knowingly false statement in order to obtain or deny workers' compensation benefits or payments is guilty of a felony. If convicted, the person will have to pay fines up to \$150,000 and/or serve up to five years in jail.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE AN INJURY?

Report your injury to your employer

Tell your supervisor right away no matter how slight the injury may be. Don't delay – there are time limits. You could lose your right to benefits if your employer does not learn of your injury within 30 days. If your injury or illness is one that develops over time, report it as soon as you learn it was caused by your job.

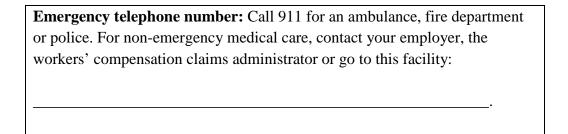
If you cannot report to the employer or don't hear from the claims administrator after you have reported your injury, contact the claims administrator yourself.

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Address:				_	
Phone: _					

You may be able to find the name of your employer's workers' compensation insurer at www.caworkcompcoverage.com. If no coverage exists or coverage has expired, contact the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement at www.dir.ca.gov/DLSE as all employees must be covered by law.

Get emergency treatment if needed

If it's a medical emergency, go to an emergency room right away. Tell the medical provider who treats you that your injury is job related. Your employer may tell you where to go for follow up treatment.



Fill out DWC 1 claim form and give it to your employer

Your employer must give you a <u>DWC 1 claim form</u> within one working day after learning about your injury or illness. Complete the employee portion, sign and give it back to your employer. Your employer will then file your claim with the claims administrator. Your employer must authorize treatment within one working day of receiving the DWC 1 claim form.

If the injury is from repeated exposures, you have one year from when you realized your injury was job related to file a claim.

In either case, you may receive up to \$10,000 in employer-paid medical care until your claim is either accepted or denied. The claims administrator has up to 90 days to decide whether to accept or deny your claim. Otherwise your case is presumed payable.

Your employer or the claims administrator will send you "benefit notices" that will advise you of the status of your claim.

MORE ABOUT MEDICAL CARE

What is a Primary Treating Physician (PTP)?

This is the doctor with overall responsibility for treating your injury or illness. He or she may be:

- The doctor you name in writing before you get hurt on the job
- A doctor from the medical provider network (MPN)
- The doctor chosen by your employer during the first 30 days of injury if your employer does not have an MPN or
- The doctor you chose after the first 30 days if your employer does not have an MPN.

What is a Medical Provider Network (MPN)?

An MPN is a select group of health care providers who treat injured workers. Check with your employer to see if they are using an MPN.

If you have not named a doctor before you get hurt and your employer is using an MPN, you will see an MPN doctor. After your first visit, you are free to choose another doctor from the MPN list.

What is Predesignation?

Predesignation is when you name your regular doctor to treat you if you get hurt on the job. The doctor must be a medical doctor (M.D.), doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) or a medical group with an M.D. or D.O. You must name your doctor in writing *before* you get hurt or become ill.

You may predesignate a doctor if you have health care coverage for non-work injuries and illnesses. The doctor must have:

- Treated you
- Maintained your medical history and records before your injury and
- Agreed to treat you for a work-related injury or illness before you get hurt or become ill.

You may use the "predesignation of personal physician" form included with this pamphlet. After you fill in the form, be sure to give it to your employer.

If your employer does not have an approved MPN, you may name your chiropractor or acupuncturist to treat you for work related injuries. The notice of personal chiropractor or acupuncturist must be in writing *before* you get hurt. You may use the form included in this pamphlet. After you fill in the form, be sure to give it to your employer.

With some exceptions, state law does not allow a chiropractor to continue as your treating physician after 24 visits. Once you have received 24 chiropractic visits, if you still require medical treatment, you will have to select a new physician who is not a chiropractor. The term "chiropractic visit" means any chiropractic office visit, regardless of whether the services performed involve chiropractic manipulation or are limited to evaluation and management.

Exceptions to the prohibition on a chiropractor continuing as your treating physician after 24 visits include postsurgical physical medicine visits prescribed by the surgeon, or physician designated by the surgeon, under the postsurgical component of the Division of Workers' Compensation's Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule, or if your employer has authorized additional visits in writing.

WHAT IF THERE IS A PROBLEM?

If you have a concern, speak up. Talk to your employer or the claims administrator handling your claim and try to solve the problem. If this doesn't work, get help by trying the following:

Contact the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) Information and Assistance (I&A) Unit All 24 DWC offices throughout the state provide information and assistance on rights, benefits and obligations under California's workers' compensation laws. I&A officers help resolve disputes without formal proceedings. Their goal is to get you full and timely benefits. Their services are free.

To contact the nearest I&A Unit, go to www.dwc.ca.gov and under "Workers' Compensation programs and units", click on "Information & Assistance Unit." At this site you will find fact sheets, guides and information to help you.

The nearest I&A Unit is located at:	
Address:	
Phone number:	_•

Consult with an attorney

Most attorneys offer one free consultation. If you decide to hire an attorney, his or her fees may be taken out of some of your benefits. For names of workers' compensation attorneys, call the State Bar of California at (415) 538-2120 or go to their website at www.californiaspecialist.org. You may get a list of attorneys from your local I&A Unit or look in the yellow pages.

Warning

Your employer may not pay workers' compensation benefits if you get hurt in a voluntary offduty recreational, social or athletic activity that is not part of your work-related duties.

Additional rights

You may also have other rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). For additional information, contact FEHA at (800) 884-1684 or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) at (800) 669-4000.

The information contained in this pamphlet conforms to the informational requirements found in Labor Code sections 3551 and 3553 and California Code of Regulation, Title 8, sections 9880 and 9883. This document is approved by the Division of Workers' Compensation administrative director.

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PREDESIGNATION OF PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

In the event you sustain an injury or illness related to your employment, you may be treated for such injury or illness by your personal medical doctor (M.D.), doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) or medical group if:

- on the date of your work injury you have health care coverage for injuries or illnesses that are not work related;
- the doctor is your regular physician, who shall be either a physician who has limited his or her practice of
 medicine to general practice or who is a board-certified or board-eligible internist, pediatrician,
 obstetrician-gynecologist, or family practitioner, and has previously directed your medical treatment, and
 retains your medical records;
- your "personal physician" may be a medical group if it is a single corporation or partnership composed of licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy, which operates an integrated multispecialty medical group providing comprehensive medical services predominantly for nonoccupational illnesses and injuries;
- prior to the injury your doctor agrees to treat you for work injuries or illnesses;
- prior to the injury you provided your employer the following in writing: (1) notice that you want your personal doctor to treat you for a work-related injury or illness, and (2) your personal doctor's name and business address.

You may use this form to notify your employer if you wish to have your personal medical doctor or a doctor of osteopathic medicine treat you for a work-related injury or illness and the above requirements are met.

NOTICE OF PREDESIGNATION OF PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

The physician is not required to sign this form, however, if the physician or designated employee of the physician or medical group does not sign, other documentation of the physician's agreement to be predesignated will be required pursuant to Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9780.1(a)(3).

Employee: Complete this section.

§ 9783.1. DWC Form 9783.1 Notice of Personal Chiropractor or Personal Acupuncturist.

NOTICE OF PERSONAL CHIROPRACTOR OR PERSONAL ACUPUNCTURIST

If your employer or your employer's insurer does not have a Medical Provider Network, you may be able to change your treating physician to your personal chiropractor or acupuncturist following a work-related injury or illness. In order to be eligible to make this change, you must give your employer the name and business address of a personal chiropractor or acupuncturist in writing prior to the injury or illness. Your claims administrator generally has the right to select your treating physician within the first 30 days after your employer knows of your injury or illness. After your claims administrator has initiated your treatment with another doctor during this period, you may then, upon request, have your treatment transferred to your personal chiropractor or acupuncturist.

NOTE: If your date of injury is January 1, 2004 or later, a chiropractor cannot be your treating physician after you have received 24 chiropractic visits unless your employer has authorized additional visits in writing. The term "chiropractic visit" means any chiropractic office visit, regardless of whether the services performed involve chiropractic manipulation or are limited to evaluation and management. Once you have received 24 chiropractic visits, if you still require medical treatment, you will have to select a new physician who is not a chiropractor. This prohibition shall not apply to visits for postsurgical physical medicine visits prescribed by the surgeon, or physician designated by the surgeon, under the postsurgical component of the Division of Workers' Compensation's Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule.

You may use this form to notify your employer of your personal chiropractor or acupuncturist.

Your Chiropractor or Acupuncturist's Information:

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(name of chiropractor or acupuncturist)		
(street address, city, state, zip code)		
(telephone number)		
Employee Name (please print):		
Employee's Address:		
Employee's Signature	Date:	

Do I Qualify for EITC?

Step One: Answer All of the Following Questions



- 1. Do you (and your spouse if filing a joint return) have a social security number valid for employment issued by the due date of your return (including extensions)?
- 2. Is your filing status married filing jointly, head of household, qualifying widow(er) or single?
- 3. Have you (and your spouse if married) been a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year or are you or your spouse treated as a resident alien all year by filing a joint return?
- 4. Are you NOT claiming a foreign earned income credit (Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ)?
- 5. Is your investment income (which includes interest, dividends, rents, royalties, and capital gains) \$3,600 or less?
- 6. Do you have earned income for the year?
- 7. Are you NOT the qualifying child of another filer?

No

If you answered **NO** to any of the above questions, you cannot file for the **EITC**

Yes

If you answered **YES** to all of the above questions, **continue** to the next step

Step Two: Do You Have Children?

No

Continue to Questions 4, 5, and 6 in this Step



Answer Questions 1 through 3d in this Step

- 1. Does the child have a social security number that is valid for employment issued by the due date of the return (including extensions)?
- 2. Are you the only one who can claim this child or are you the one who can claim the child under the tie-breaker rules for a child who is a qualifying child of more than one person?
- 3. Does your child pass all four of the following tests?
 - a. **Residency Test.** Your child must have the same main home as you (or your spouse if you filing jointly) in United States for more than half of the year.
 - b. **Age Test.** Your child must be younger than you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) and must be under age 19 (age 24 if your child is a "full-time student") at the end of the year. Also, your child meets this test at any age if the child is "permanently and totally disabled."
 - c. **Joint Return Test.** Your child must not have filed a joint return or, if your child filed a joint return, your child and his or her spouse filed only to claim a refund of withheld or estimated taxes and were not otherwise required to file.
 - d. **Relationship Test.** Your child must be your son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, "eligible foster child," brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them.

No

If you answer **NO** to Questions 4, 5, or 6 in this Step, you cannot file for the **EITC**

Yes

If you answered **YES** to ALL of the above questions, continue to Step Three

- 4. Were you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of the year?
- 5. Are you (and your spouse if filing jointly) NOT a dependent of another filer?
- 6. Was your main home (and your spouse's if filing a joint return) in the United States for more than half the year?

Step Three: Are You Eligible?

How Many of Your Children Satisfy Every Condition of Questions 1, 2, and 3 in Step Two?

None	Only 1 Child	2 Children		3 or more children	
Is your adjusted gross income and earned income less than \$15,570 (\$21,370 if married filing jointly)	Is your adjusted gross income and earned income less than \$41,094 (\$46,884 if married filing jointly)	Is your adjusted and earned inco \$46,703 (\$52,49 jointly)	•	Is your adjusted gross income and earned income less than \$50,162 (\$55,952 if married filing jointly)	
If you answere	nd NO to any of the above	N/	If you answere	d VES to any of the above	

No

If you answered **NO** to any of the above questions, you CANNOT file for the EITC



If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions, you CAN file for the EITC

Use the **EITC** Assistant at http://www.irs.gov/eitcassistant to see if you qualify. This tool can help you determine the following: your filing status, your child's status as a qualifying child, your eligibility for and the estimated amount of the EITC.



Claim Your 2018 State and Federal Credits



IT'S YOUR MONEY You Earned It!

THE STATE AND FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS

(EITCs) are special tax breaks for people who work full- or part-time. This means extra cash in your pocket. If you have work income, you can file your returns and claim your EITC refunds, even if you don't owe any income tax. You can also file amended returns for three years back if you did not claim your EITC or Child Tax Credit (CTC) in prior years. There is no late filing penalty if you do not owe any tax in the prior year.





CALIFORNIA EITC (CalEITC) requires filing of your state tax return (form 540 2EZ or 540 and a FTB 3514) and having wages, self-employment income or adjusted gross income. For the 2018 tax year, working individuals over the age of 18 now qualify for the state credit.

2018 CalEITC Income Limits

Number of Qualifying Children	State EITC Income Limits	State EITC Maximum Credits
None	\$16,750	\$232
1	\$24,950	\$1,554
2	\$24,950	\$2,559
3 or more	\$24,950	\$2,879

FEDERAL EITC requires filing of your federal tax return (form 1040EZ, 1040 or 1040A and as needed, the Schedule Earned Income Credit). Tax filers must be at least 25 years old, but under 65 years old at the end of the tax year.

2018 Federal EITC Income Limits

	Single, Head of Household or Widowed	Married Filing Jointly	Federal EITC Maximum Credits	
None	\$15,270	\$20,950	\$519	
1	\$40,320	\$46,010	\$3,461	
2	\$45,802	\$51,492	\$5,716	
3 or more	\$49,194	\$54,884	\$6,431	

The EITC refunds are not counted as income when your CalWORKs, CalFresh or Medi-Cal benefits are calculated. Ask your eligibility worker for more details.

CLAIMING YOUR EITC IS EASY!

Just file your state and/or federal tax returns. Be sure to check both state (http://caleitc4me.org) and federal (https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit) eligibility requirements.

The Child Tax Credit (CTC)

is for families with earned income. Each family may get up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under the age of 17. See your tax instructions and get Form 1040 or 1040A and Schedule 8812.

GET FREE TAX HELP

- CalFile for filing state taxes online at Franchise Tax Board: (800) 852-5711 https://www.ftb.ca.gov/online/calfile/
- CalEITC for the EITC calculator tool online: http://caleitc4me.org/earn-it/
- EITC Assistant through the Internal Revenue Service: (800) 829-1040 https://www.irs.gov/
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) locations: (800) 906-9887 www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/vita/
- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aide Program: (888) 227-7669 https://www.aarp.org/
- My Free Taxes for filing federal and state tax returns online: https://MyFreeTaxes.org

State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services, PUB 428 (Eng/Sp) Rev. 10/18

Reclame sus créditos estatales y federales del



ES SU DINERO ¡Usted se lo ganó!

LOS CRÉDITOS EN LOS IMPUESTOS ESTATALES Y FEDERALES POR INGRESO DEL TRABAJO (EITC) son créditos

especiales en los impuestos para las personas que trabajan tiempo completo o parcial. Si tiene ingresos de trabajo, puede presentar sus declaraciones y reclamar sus reembolsos de EITC, aunque no deba impuestos por ingresos. También puede presentar declaraciones modificadas por tres años anteriores si no reclamó su EITC o crédito en los impuestos

reclamó su EITC o crédito en los impue por niños (CTC) en años anteriores. No hay cargo por demora si no debe impuestos en el año anterior.





EL EITC DE CALIFORNIA (CalEITC) requiere que presente su declaración estatal de impuestos (formulario 540 2EZ o 540 y un FTB 3514) y que tenga ingresos ganados, ingresos de empleo por cuenta propia, o ingreso bruto ajustado. Para el año fiscal 2018, las personas mayores de 18 años que trabajan ahora califican para el crédito estatal.

Límites de ingresos CalEITC 2018

Número de niños que califican	Límite de ingresos para el EITC estatal	Crédito máximo del EITC estatal
Ninguno	\$16,750	\$232
1	\$24,950	\$1,554
2	\$24,950	\$2,559
3 o más	\$24,950	\$2,879

EL EITC FEDERAL requiere que presente su declaración federal de impuestos (formulario 1040EZ, 1040 o 1040A y si es necesario, el formulario *Schedule Earned Income Credit*). Los contribuyentes deben tener al menos 25 años de edad, pero ser menores de 65 años al final del año fiscal.

Límites federales de ingresos EITC 2018

Número de niños que califican	Soltero, jefe de familia o viudo	Casado declarando en conjunto	Crédito máximo del EITC federal
Ninguno	\$15,270	\$20,950	\$519
1	\$40,320	\$46,010	\$3,461
2	\$45,802	\$51,492	\$5,716
3 o más	\$49,194	\$54,884	\$6,431

Los reembolsos de EITC no se cuentan como ingresos cuando calculan sus beneficios de CalWORKs, CalFresh o Medi-Cal. Consulte con su trabajador de elegibilidad para más detalles.

¡RECLAMAR SU EITC ES FÁCIL! Solo presente su declaración de impuestos estatal o federal, o ambas. Asegúrese de revisar los requisitos de elegibilidad estatales (http://caleitc4me.org) y federales (https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit)

El crédito en impuestos por niños (CTC)

es para familias con ingresos ganados. Cada familia puede recibir hasta \$1,000 por cada niño menor de 17 años que califique. Vea las instrucciones para sus impuestos y obtenga los formularios 1040 o 1040A y el Schedule 8812.

RECIBA AYUDA GRATUITA CON LOS IMPUESTOS

- CalFile para presentar los impuestos estatales en línea en el Franchise Tax Board: (800) 852-5711 https://www.ftb.ca.gov/online/calfile/
- CalEITC para la herramienta de calculadora de EITC en línea: http://caleitc4me.org/earn-it/
- Asistente del EITC por medio del Internal Revenue Service: (800) 829-1040 https://www.irs.gov/
- Lugares con asistencia de voluntarios para los impuestos (VITA): (V(800) 906-9887 www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/vita/
- Programa de asistencia con los impuestos de la Asociación Americana de Personas Jubiladas (AARP): (888) 227-7669 https://www.aarp.org/
- My Free Taxes para la declaración de impuestos federales y estatales en línea: https://MyFreeTaxes.org

State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services, PUB 428 (Eng/Sp) Rev. 10/18

New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

Form Approved OMB No. 1210-0149 (expires 6-30-2023)

PART A: General Information

When key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October 2013 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2014.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.¹

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage- is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit **HealthCare.gov** for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

¹ An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

3. Employer name		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)		
5. Employer address		6. Employer phone number		
7. City 8. S		itate	9. ZIP code	
10. Who can we contact at this job?				
11. Phone number (if different from above) 12. Email address				

You are not eligible for health insurance coverage through this employer. You and your family may be able to obtain health coverage through the Marketplace, with a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premiums and with assistance for out-of-pocket costs.

The Labor Commissioner's Office

EMPLOYERS MUST PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO NEW WORKERS WHEN HIRED AND TO OTHER WORKERS WHO ASK FOR IT

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

Your Right to Take Time Off:

- You have the right to take time off from work to get help to protect you and your children's health, safety or welfare. You can take time off to get a restraining order or other court order.
- If your company has 25 or more workers, you can take time off from work to get medical
 attention or services from a domestic violence shelter, program or rape crisis center,
 psychological counseling, or receive safety planning related to domestic violence,
 sexual assault, or stalking.
- You may use available vacation, personal leave, accrued paid sick leave or compensatory time off for your leave unless you are covered by a union agreement that says something different. Even if you don't have paid leave, you still have the right to time off.
- In general, you don't have to give your employer proof to use leave for these reasons.
- If you can, you should tell your employer before you take time off. Even if you cannot tell your employer before, your employer cannot discipline you if you give proof explaining the reason for your absence within a reasonable time. Proof can be a police report, court order or doctor's or counselor's note or similar document.

Your Right to Reasonable Accommodation:

You have the right to ask your employer for help or changes in your workplace to make sure you are safe at work. Your employer must work with you to see what changes can be made. Changes in the workplace may include putting in locks, changing your shift or phone number, transferring or reassigning you, or help with keeping a record of what happened to you. Your employer can ask you for a signed statement certifying that your request is for a proper purpose, and may also request proof showing your need for an accommodation. Your employer cannot tell your coworkers or anyone else about your request.

Your Right to Be Free from Retaliation and Discrimination:

Your employer cannot treat you differently or fire you because:

- You are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- You asked for leave time to get help.
- You asked your employer for help or changes in the workplace to make sure you are safe at work.

You can file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner's Office against your employer if he/she retaliates or discriminates against you.

For more information, contact the California Labor Commissioner's Office. We can help you by phone at 213-897-6595, or you can find a local office on our website: www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/DistrictOffices.htm. If you do not speak English, we will provide an interpreter in your language at no cost to you. This Notice explains rights contained in California Labor Code sections 230 and 230.1. Employers may use this Notice or one substantially similar in content and clarity.



The Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), enforced by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), contains family care and medical leave provisions for California employees.

These leave provisions are known as the California Family Rights Act (CFRA). All employers must provide information about CFRA to their employees and post this information in a conspicuous place where employees tend to gather. A poster that meets this requirement is available on DFEH's "Posters, Brochures and Fact Sheets" webpage (www.dfeh.ca.gov/posters/).

LEAVE REQUIREMENTS

- To be eligible for CFRA leave, an employee must have more than 12 months of service at an employer of five or more full- or part-time employees, and have worked at least 1,250 hours for that employer in the 12-month period before the leave begins.
- An eligible employee may take job-protected leave to bond with a new child by birth, adoption, or foster care placement, within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster placement.
- An eligible employee may take job-protected leave to care for a child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling with a serious health condition. CFRA leave may also be taken for the employee's own serious health condition.
- An eligible employee may take job-protected leave for a qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of a spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- Employees may take leave of up to 12 work

weeks in a 12-month period, proportional to an employee's normal work schedule. The leave does not need to be taken in one continuous period of time.

EMPLOYEE'S OBLIGATIONS

- An employer may require an employee to provide 30 days' advance notice of the need for CFRA leave. When this is not possible due to the unexpected nature of the qualifying event, notice should be given as soon as practicable. Notice can be written or verbal and should include the timing and the anticipated duration of the leave, but an employer may not require disclosure of an underlying diagnosis. An employer must respond to a leave request as soon as possible and no later than 5 business days.
- The employer may require written certification from the health-care provider of the individual with a serious health condition stating the reasons for the leave and the probable duration of the condition. However, the health-care provider may not disclose the underlying diagnosis without the consent of the patient.

SALARY AND BENEFITS DURING CFRA LEAVE

 Employers are not required to pay employees during a CFRA leave, but some employers do. In addition, an employee will be paid for any accrued paid time off they elect or are required to use. An employer may require an employee who is taking leave to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a new child to use accrued vacation time or other accumulated paid leave other than sick time, unless the employee is receiving Paid Family Leave (see below). If the CFRA leave is for the employee's own serious health condition, an employer may require use of accrued vacation and sick time, unless the employee is receiving State Disability Insurance.

 If the employer provides health benefits under a group plan, the employer must continue to make these benefits available during the leave. Similarly, the employee is entitled to continue accruing seniority and participate in other benefit plans.

RETURN RIGHTS

- After CFRA leave, employees are guaranteed a return to the same or comparable position and can request the guarantee in writing.
- If the same position is no longer available, the employer must offer a position that is comparable in terms of pay, benefits, shift, schedule, geographic location, and working conditions, including privileges, perquisites, and status, unless the employer can prove that no comparable position exists.
- An employee is not entitled to reinstatement if the employee would have been otherwise laid off or terminated for reasons unrelated to their leave.

PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE

 In addition to CFRA leave, employers of five or more employees must provide job-protected leave or accommodations to employees disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition. Pregnancy disability leave (PDL) is available while an employee is actually disabled, up to a total of four months. This includes time off needed for prenatal or postnatal care, severe morning sickness, doctor-ordered bed rest, childbirth, recovery from childbirth, loss or end of pregnancy, or any other related medical condition. For more information, visit: www.dfeh.ca.gov/familymedical-pregnancy-leave/. Employees are entitled to take PDL in addition to any leave entitlement under CFRA.

STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE (SDI) OR PAID FAMILY LEAVE (PFL)

- Employees who are eligible for SDI may receive partial wage replacement for a non-workrelated illness, injury, or pregnancy.
- PFL provides benefits to individuals who need to take time off work to care for a family member, to bond with a new child (by birth, adoption, or foster care placement), or for military exigencies. PFL cannot be taken at the same time as SDI.
- SDI and PFL are administered by the Employment Development Department (EDD), not DFEH. For more information, contact EDD at 800.480.3287 or visit: www.edd.ca.gov/Disability/Paid_Family_Leave.htm or www.edd.ca.gov/Disability/About_DI.htm.

If you have been subjected to discrimination, harassment, or retaliation at work, or have been improperly denied leave or reinstatement under CFRA or PDL, file a complaint with DFEH.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT

Department of Fair Employment and Housing

dfeh.ca.gov

Toll Free: 800.884.1684 TTY: 800.700.2320

If you have a disability that requires a reasonable accommodation, DFEH can assist you with your complaint. Contact us through any method above or, for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or have speech disabilities, through the California Relay Service (711).

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEE

Labor Code section 2810.5

EMPLOYEE
Employee Name:
Start Date:
EMPLOYER
Legal Name of Hiring Employer:
Is hiring employer a staffing agency/business (e.g., Temporary Services Agency; Employee Leasing
Company; or Professional Employer Organization [PEO])? □ Yes □ No
Other Names Hiring Employer is "doing business as" (if applicable):
Physical Address of Hiring Employer's Main Office:
Hiring Employer's Mailing Address (if different than above):
Hiring Employer's Telephone Number:
If the hiring employer is a staffing agency/business (above box checked "Yes"), the following is the other entity
for whom this employee will perform work:
Name:
Physical Address of Main Office:
Mailing Address:
Telephone Number:
WAGE INFORMATION
Rate(s) of Pay: Overtime Rate(s) of Pay:
Rate by (check box): Hour Shift Day Week Salary Piece rate Commission
□ Other (provide specifics):
Does a written agreement exist providing the rate(s) of pay? (check box) No
If yes, are all rate(s) of pay and bases thereof contained in that written agreement? Yes No
Allowances, if any, claimed as part of minimum wage (including meal or lodging allowances):
The name of the arry, claimed as part of minimum mage (inclaiming mean of loaging anomalies).
(If the employee has signed the acknowledgment of receipt below, it does not constitute a "voluntary written
agreement" as required under the law between the employer and employee in order to credit any meals or lodging
against the minimum wage. Any such voluntary written agreement must be evidenced by a separate document.)
Regular Payday:

WORKERS' CO	MPENSATION				
Insurance Carrier's Name: Address: Telephone Number: Policy No.: Self-Insured (Labor Code 3700) and Certificate Num					
PAID SICK	C LEAVE				
year; b. May not be terminated or retaliated against for usi c. Has the right to file a complaint against an employe 1. requesting or using accrued sick days; 2. attempting to exercise the right to use accrued p 3. filing a complaint or alleging a violation of Article 4. cooperating in an investigation or prosecution of	the up to 3 days or 24 hours of accrued paid sick leave per sing or requesting the use of accrued paid sick leave; and ser who retaliates or discriminates against an employee for paid sick days; e 1.5 section 245 et seq. of the California Labor Code; of an alleged violation of this Article or opposing any policy 5 section 245 et seq. of the California Labor Code. e: (Check one box) equirements stated in Labor Code §245 et seq. with no terms for accrual and use of paid sick leave. by which satisfies or exceeds the accrual, carryover, and use to be paid sick leave at the beginning of each 12-month period. In by Labor Code §245.5. (State exemption and specific				
ACKNOWLEDGEM	ENT OF RECEIPT				
(Opt	ional)				
(PRINT NAME of Employer representative)	(PRINT NAME of Employee)				
(SIGNATURE of Employer Representative)	(SIGNATURE of Employee)				
(Date)	(Date) (Date)				
The employee's signature on this notice merely constitutes acknowledgement of receipt.					
Labor Code section 2810 5(b) requires that the employer is	notify you in writing of any changes to the information				

Labor Code section 2810.5(b) requires that the employer notify you in writing of any changes to the information set forth in this Notice within seven calendar days after the time of the changes, unless one of the following applies: (a) All changes are reflected on a timely wage statement furnished in accordance with Labor Code section 226; (b) Notice of all changes is provided in another writing required by law within seven days of the changes.

PREDESIGNATION OF PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

In the event you sustain an injury or illness related to your employment, you may be treated for such injury or illness by your personal medical doctor (M.D.), doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) or medical group if:

- on the date of your work injury you have health care coverage for injuries or illnesses that are not work related:
- the doctor is your regular physician, who shall be either a physician who has limited his or her practice of medicine to general practice or who is a board-certified or board-eligible internist, pediatrician, obstetrician-gynecologist, or family practitioner, and has previously directed your medical treatment, and retains your medical records;
- your "personal physician" may be a medical group if it is a single corporation or partnership composed of licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy, which operates an integrated multispecialty medical group providing comprehensive medical services predominantly for nonoccupational illnesses and injuries;
- prior to the injury your doctor agrees to treat you for work injuries or illnesses;
- prior to the injury you provided your employer the following in writing: (1) notice that you want your personal doctor to treat you for a work-related injury or illness, and (2) your personal doctor's name and business address.

You may use this form to notify your employer if you wish to have your personal medical doctor or a doctor of osteopathic medicine treat you for a work-related injury or illness and the above requirements are met.

NOTICE OF PREDESIGNATION OF PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

The physician is not required to sign this form, however, if the physician or designated employee of the physician or medical group does not sign, other documentation of the physician's agreement to be predesignated will be required pursuant to Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9780.1(a)(3).

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9783.

Employee: Complete this section.

§ 9783.1. DWC Form 9783.1 Notice of Personal Chiropractor or Personal Acupuncturist.

NOTICE OF PERSONAL CHIROPRACTOR OR PERSONAL ACUPUNCTURIST

If your employer or your employer's insurer does not have a Medical Provider Network, you may be able to change your treating physician to your personal chiropractor or acupuncturist following a work-related injury or illness. In order to be eligible to make this change, you must give your employer the name and business address of a personal chiropractor or acupuncturist in writing prior to the injury or illness. Your claims administrator generally has the right to select your treating physician within the first 30 days after your employer knows of your injury or illness. After your claims administrator has initiated your treatment with another doctor during this period, you may then, upon request, have your treatment transferred to your personal chiropractor or acupuncturist.

NOTE: If your date of injury is January 1, 2004 or later, a chiropractor cannot be your treating physician after you have received 24 chiropractic visits unless your employer has authorized additional visits in writing. The term "chiropractic visit" means any chiropractic office visit, regardless of whether the services performed involve chiropractic manipulation or are limited to evaluation and management. Once you have received 24 chiropractic visits, if you still require medical treatment, you will have to select a new physician who is not a chiropractor. This prohibition shall not apply to visits for postsurgical physical medicine visits prescribed by the surgeon, or physician designated by the surgeon, under the postsurgical component of the Division of Workers' Compensation's Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule.

You may use this form to notify your employer of your personal chiropractor or acupuncturist.

Your Chiropractor or Acupuncturist's Information:			
(name of chiropractor or acupuncturist)			
(street address, city, state, zip code)		V	
(telephone number)			
Employee Name (please print):			
Employee's Address:			
Employee's Signature	Date:		