

A close-up photograph of a man with dreadlocks and a beard, wearing a dark sweater, looking down at a baby. The baby is lying down, and the man's expression is gentle and focused. The background is softly blurred, showing a window with light coming through.

Paid Family Leave

**Helping Californians
be there for the
moments that matter.**





Do I Qualify for Paid Family Leave?

To qualify for Paid Family Leave benefits, you must:

- 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.

How Are Benefit Amounts Calculated?

Benefits are 70 to 90 percent of your highest quarterly earnings, 5 to 18 months before your claim begins.

Estimate your benefits at [Disability Insurance and Paid Family Leave Calculator](#).



Does Paid Family Leave Provide Job Protection?

Paid Family Leave does not provide job protection. Job protection may be provided if you qualify under other laws:

- Federal [Family and Medical Leave Act](#) .
- California Family Rights Act. [Civil Rights Department](#).

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?

You can apply for Paid Family Leave benefits at [myEDD](#).

To file by mail, you must complete and submit a *Claim for Paid Family Leave (PFL) Benefits* (DE 2501F) form. Learn more at [File a Paid Family Leave Claim by Mail](#).

Caregiving Claims

Provide medical certification for your seriously ill family member who requires your care. This certification needs to be from their licensed health professional.

You must also provide information about the family member you are caring for and their signature.

Bonding Claims

Provide documents that show your relationship to your child. This can be a copy of your 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 [myEDD](#) account or by mail when your pregnancy-related disability claim ends.



Military Assist Claims

Military assist claims require two types of supporting documents. This can be proof of covered active duty or call to covered active duty and documentation of the qualifying event.

Voluntary Plans

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

What if My Claim Is Denied?

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

- Know the reason for denial.
- Appeal decisions about your eligibility for benefits Visit [Appeals](#) for more information.

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

About Paid Family Leave

Paid Family Leave program was created for the moments that matter. Benefits are available to care for a seriously ill family member, to bond with a new child, or participate in a qualifying military event.

Facts About Paid Family Leave

- Provides up to eight weeks of partial-wage-replacement benefits. Leave doesn't have to be taken all at once.
- Provides approximately 70 to 90 percent of your weekly salary.
- Funded through your State Disability Insurance tax withholding, noted as "CASDI" on paystubs, or a qualifying voluntary plan paid into 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.





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PFL Phone Number

Our toll-free number is **1-877-238-4373**. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on holidays. After a brief message, you must select a language.

- Press 1 for English
- Press 2 for Spanish
- Press 3 for All Other Languages. Interpreter services are available free of charge.

TTY Phone Number

Our toll-free number is **1-880-445-1312**.

For more information, visit [State Disability Insurance](#).

For more information, visit [Paid Family Leave](#)