

A new program that allows employees in Oregon to take paid time off for some of life's most important moments that impact our families, health, and safety.



Family Leave – to care for a family member with a serious illness or injury; or to bond with a new child after birth, adoption, or foster care placement.



Medical Leave – during one's own serious health condition.



Safe Leave – for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, or stalking.

Can I use paid leave benefits if my family is sick or injured?

Yes. You are covered to care for a family member that is sick or injured.

Who is considered my family under the Paid Leave program?

Any person related by blood, or whose relationship with you is like family.

When can I apply for benefits?

September 2023

How much paid leave can I get?

12 weeks of paid leave per year, plus an additional two weeks for limitations related to pregnancy. You can use paid leave one work day at a time or consecutively.

How much money will I get?

Many employees will get 100% of their wages replaced. Your benefit amount is based on your average wages from the previous year. The minimum weekly amount is currently about \$61, and the maximum weekly amount is about \$1,469. Minimum and maximum amounts are based on the state average weekly wage, which is updated every year on July 1.

What are the requirements to collect paid leave benefits?

Employees requesting paid leave benefits must have:

- ➔ Experienced a qualifying event
- ➔ Completed an application
- ➔ Earned \$1,000 in wages in the past year
- ➔ Contributed to the paid leave trust fund through paycheck deductions

When should I notify my employer I intend to take paid leave?

If you know you will need to take paid leave, you must notify your employer at least 30 days before you take leave. If you need to take leave unexpectedly, you must give verbal notice within 24 hours of starting your leave and provide written notice within three days after the start of your leave.

Which employees are covered by Paid Leave Oregon?

Paid Leave Oregon covers most employees who work in Oregon, including those who are salaried, hourly, full-time, part-time, and seasonal.

Which employees are not covered by Paid Leave Oregon?

People who are not covered by paid leave are:

- ➔ Federal employees
- ➔ Tribal government employees
- ➔ People who are self-employed or independent contractors
- ➔ Employees that only work outside of Oregon

If I am not covered by Paid Leave Oregon, can I choose to join the program?

Tribal governments may choose to participate in the Paid Leave program, and their employees will be covered. People who are self-employed or independent contractors may also choose to join the Paid Leave program.

How is Oregon's Paid Leave program different from Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA)?

Each program has many rules and can be complex. A chart showing details is on the Paid Leave Oregon [website](#). Please work with your human resources representative to determine which program best fits your needs.