

Leaves and Accommodations

Steward Training March 2024



Sick Leave

- Personal Illness Days: 11 paid at 100%
- Short Term Disability Leave: 120 paid at 90%
- Top-Up Days: unused personal illness days carried over from the previous year (each unused day is equal to 10 top-up days paid at 10% to be added to STDL Days)

Pro-rated if less than full time e.g., 0.5 FTE received 5.5 personal illness days



Abilities Forms

The Board does not accept medical notes.

A Board form is required to request a:

- medical leave (for an absence of 5 or more days)
- medical accommodation



Medical Form Tips

- Medical forms (except for due date notes) should be sent to the Board Abilities Office
- Medical notes/forms are not to be provided to school admin.
- Always keep a copy of your medical form
- Never have your doctor send a document to the Board that you have not seen
- Call the Local first (not Human Resources) for clarification of medical absence issues



Long Term Disability

- LTD is implemented by OTIP
- May be available to members who exhaust their personal illness days and short-term disability leave
- Members on a prolonged medical leave will be contacted by a rehabilitation counsellor from OTIP's Early Intervention program in the first few weeks of absence (the contact is mandatory, participation is based on need)
- Coordinated through the Local
- LTD application forms send only to OTIP

LTD Benefits:

- LTD pays 50% salary
- Non-taxable
- Pension and basic life
 insurance is fully
 covered
- Continuation of health and dental benefits for 24 months

WSIB – Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

Any member who is absent with a workrelated injury should contact the Local. There can be a significant financial impact. WSIB Benefits provided:

- Loss of Earning Benefits (wage replacement)- pays 85% of net salary (nontaxable)
- Health Care Benefits (treatment expenses)
 - payment for most medical treatments
 related to the workplace accident
- Pension is not covered
- Continuation of health, dental and life insurance



Members that find themselves unable to meet the Board attendance requirements and goals should reach out to the Local for support as soon as possible.

• Requesting medical accommodations or submitting a chronic condition form may be helpful after consulting with the Local



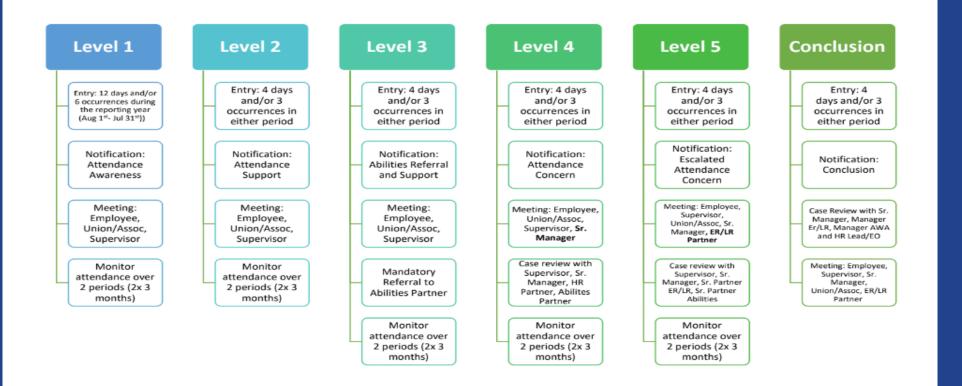
Absence Management: HPASP

- Members are placed in Level 1 of the HPASP after 11 full day absences and/or 5 occurrences (code 30/307/308) in a 12 month period
- Monitoring periods are 3 months each. The Board is reviewing absence data on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1.
- The Board has said that individuals with more than 5 occurrences but less than 12 days, will be reviewed to determine enrollment in the Board's HPASP
- Absences greater than 5 days will be counted as one occurrence of 5 days
- The eNews that went out has an HPASP FAQ for reference.



Absence Management: HPASP

Health Promotion and Attendance Support Progression Levels





Paid Leaves of Absence

- Family Responsibility 5 per year
- Serious Illness of a Family Member once per incident (SERIOUS)
- Bereavement Leaves
- Compassionate Leave travel and business arising from a death for a close family member
- Creed Days up to 3 paid
- Jury Duty receive full salary from the Board

See the Collective Agreement for a full list of paid leaves



Unpaid Leaves of Absence

- Personal Unpaid Days 2 per year, cannot extend a holiday
- Creed Days up to 6 unpaid

Statutory Leaves

- Pregnancy/Parental/Adoption Leave
- Family Caregiver Leave
- Family Medical Leave
- Critically Ill Child Leave
- Infectious Disease Leave
- See Board policy HRS 42

Statutory leaves are unpaid by the Board. However, members may be eligible to receive Employment Insurance benefits. In some instances, members may also be eligible for supplementary benefits (top-up) from the Board.



Teacher Pay Schedule

- Teachers are paid for 194 teaching days evenly spread out on the pay deposits from September through August.
- Teachers do not earn money on holidays or school breaks. The break periods are paid by banking salary from the 194 teaching days.

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Leaves that do NOT exist

weddings

vacation

moving day



Supporting Your Colleagues

Members who are navigating leaves, accommodations and transitioning back to work **need to reach out directly to the Local** for support.

TIPS:

- A member's reasons for being absent, medical or otherwise, should not be discussed by colleagues
- Social Media Is not your friend
- Information for EAFP can be found by Calling 1-855-212-1543 or visit <u>ComPsych - GuidanceResources</u> to learn more about how you can take advantage of all the available services.



More questions? Any question?

- <u>www.etfopeel.com</u> public pages under Member Services
- Pregnancy/Parental/Adoption Leave workshops
- Retirement workshops
- Contact the Local