

Request For Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1) Instructions

- To request PFL, the employee requesting PFL must complete Part A of the *Request For Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1)*. All items on the form are required unless noted as optional. The employee then provides the form to the employer to complete Part B.
- The employer completes Part B of the *Request For Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1)* and returns it to the employee within three days.
- Additional forms are required depending on the type of leave being requested. The employee requesting leave is responsible for the completion of these forms.
- **The employee submits the completed *Request For Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1)* with the required additional form to the employer's PFL insurance carrier listed on Part B of *Request For Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1)*. The employee should retain a copy of each submitted form for their records.**

PART A - EMPLOYEE INFORMATION (to be completed by the employee)

The employee requesting PFL must complete all required information.

Paid Family Leave (PFL) Request (to be completed by the employee)

Questions 13: If dates are "Continuous", the employee must provide the start and end dates of the requested PFL. These dates should be the actual dates that the PFL will begin and end. If uncertain, estimate the start and end dates and indicate "Dates are estimated". If dates are "Periodic", enter the dates PFL will be taken. Please be as specific as possible. If the dates are unknown or estimated, indicate "Dates are estimated".

If dates are estimated, the PFL carrier may require you to submit a request for payment **after** the PFL day is taken. Payment for approved claims will be due as soon as

possible but in no event more than 18 days from the date of the completed request.

Question 14: If the employee is submitting the PFL request to their employer with less than 30 days' advance notice from the start date of the PFL, the employee must explain why 30 days' notice could not be given. If the explanation will not fit in the space provided on the form, enter "See Attached" and add an attachment with the explanation. Be sure to include the employee's full name and their date of birth at the top of the attachment.

Employment Information (to be completed by the employee)

Question 16: Enter the date of hire to the best of the employee's recollection. If it has been more than a year since the date of hire, entering the year in which employment started is sufficient.

Question 18: Enter the best estimate of average gross weekly wage. Include only the wages earned from the employer listed on this request form. **The gross weekly wage is the total weekly pay - including overtime, tips, bonuses and commissions - before any deductions are made by the employer**, such as federal and state taxes. If the employer is not able to supply this information, the employee can calculate their gross weekly wage as follows:

Step 1: Add all gross wages received (before any deductions) over the last eight weeks prior to the start of PFL, including overtime and tips earned. (See *Step 3 for instructions for calculating bonuses and/or commissions.*)

Step 2: Divide the gross wages calculated in step one by eight (or the number of weeks worked if less than eight) to calculate the average weekly wage.

Step 3: If the employee received bonuses and/or commissions during the 52 weeks preceding PFL, add the prorated weekly amount to the average weekly wage. To determine the prorated weekly amount, add all bonuses/commissions earned in the preceding 52 weeks and then divide by 52.

Example of a gross weekly wage calculation:

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| Week 1 - Gross wage including overtime | \$550 |
| Week 2 - Gross wage | \$500 |
| Week 3 - Gross wage | \$500 |
| Week 4 - Gross wage | \$500 |
| Week 5 - Gross wage | \$500 |
| Week 6 - Gross wage | \$500 |
| Week 7 - Gross wage, including overtime | \$600 |
| Week 8 - Gross wage, including overtime | + \$550 |
| Total = | \$4,200 |
| Divide by 8 | ÷ 8 |
| Average Weekly Wage = | \$525 |
| Bonus earned in preceding 52 weeks | \$2,600 |
| Divide by 52 | ÷ 52 |
| Prorated Weekly Bonus = | \$50 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$525 |
| Prorated Weekly Bonus | + \$50 |
| Average Weekly Wage (including bonus) = | \$575 |

Please note that the employer is also required to provide this information in Part B of the *Request For Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1)*.

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PART A - EMPLOYEE INFORMATION (to be completed by the employee) - continued from prior page*Form PFL-1 Instructions continued from prior page*

If you are pre-submitting form: Indicate if the employee is pre-submitting their PFL request. Pre-submitting is defined as submitting the application in advance of an upcoming qualifying event, with certain required information missing due to the information being unknown at the time of the submitting. If pre-submitting is permitted by the carrier or self-insured employer, the missing information must be supplied as soon as it is known. Benefits cannot be determined until all of the required information is provided.

The PFL insurance carrier or self-insured employer will provide the employee a notice within five days which 1) states the claim is pending; 2) identifies what information is missing; 3) instructs how to submit the missing information. **Once all information is supplied, the PFL insurance carrier or self-insured employer has 18 days to pay or deny the claim.**

If the carrier or self-insured employer does not permit pre-submitting, the carrier or self-insured employer must return the Request for Paid Family Leave within five days to the employee with an explanation that the claim should be re-submitted when all information is available.

Employee signs and dates, before giving this form to their employer to complete Part B.

PART B - EMPLOYER INFORMATION (to be completed by the employer)

The employer of the employee requesting PFL must complete all information in Part B.

Question 2: If a Social Security Number is used for the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), enter the Social Security Number.

Question 3: Enter the employer's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code. Contact your carrier if you don't know your SIC code.

Question 8: The employee occupation code can be found at: www.bls.gov/soc/2010/soc_alpha.htm

Question 9: Enter the wages earned by the employee during the last eight weeks preceding the PFL start date. The gross amount paid is the employee's gross weekly pay, including any overtime and tips earned for that week, plus the weekly prorated amount of any bonus or commission received during the preceding 52 weeks. (For detailed steps, see Question 18 on page 1 of the instructions.) Calculate the gross average weekly wage by adding up the gross amounts paid, and then divide by eight (or number of weeks worked if less than eight).

Affirmation employee is eligible for PFL: An employee who regularly works 20 hours or more per week must have been in employment for at least 26 consecutive weeks. An employee who regularly works less than 20 hours per week must have worked 175 days.

Question 10: Failure to select "Yes" for requesting reimbursement from the insurance carrier, will result in a waiver of the right to reimbursement.

Question 11a: 'Disability' refers to NYS statutory required disability. If the answer is "none," enter a "0" for total weeks and days in Question 12b.

Question 11b: The maximum number of weeks available for NYS statutory disability and PFL in any 52 week period is 26 weeks. Specify the total number of weeks, as well as the number of additional days if the leave includes a partial week, taken for NYS statutory disability and PFL during the preceding 52 weeks.

Question 13, 14 & 15: Enter the Paid Family Leave or Disability/PFL insurance carrier's name, address and PFL policy number. If this employer is self-insured, enter the name and address of where the PFL request should be submitted for processing.

Employer signs and dates, and then returns to the employee requesting PFL within three business days.

Be sure to complete the appropriate additional PFL form(s) based on the type of PFL leave being requested.

Notification Pursuant to the New York Personal Privacy Protection Law (Public Officers Law Article 6-A) and the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a).

The Workers' Compensation Board's (Board's) authority to request that employees provide personal information, including their social security number or tax identification number, is derived from the Board's administrative authority under Workers' Compensation Law section 142. This information is collected to assist the Board in investigating and administering claims in the most expedient manner possible and to help it maintain accurate records. Providing your social security number or tax identification number to the Board is voluntary. The Board will protect the confidentiality of all personal information in its possession, disclosing it only in furtherance of its official duties and in accordance with applicable state and federal law.