

****ARTICLE 38**

MATERNITY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

38.01 Maternity Leave without Pay

- (a) An employee who becomes pregnant shall, upon request, be granted maternity leave without pay for a period beginning before, on or after the termination date of pregnancy and ending not later than **eighteen weeks (18)** after the termination date of pregnancy.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a):
 - (i) where the employee has not yet proceeded on maternity leave without pay and her newborn child is hospitalized,

or
 - (ii) where the employee has proceeded on maternity leave without pay and then returns to work for all or part of the period during which her newborn child is hospitalized,

the period of maternity leave without pay defined in paragraph (a) may be extended beyond the date falling **eighteen (18)** weeks after the date of termination of pregnancy by a period equal to that portion of the period of the child's hospitalization during which the employee was not on maternity leave, to a maximum of **eighteen (18)** weeks.

- (c) The extension described in paragraph (b) shall end not later than fifty-two (52) weeks after the termination date of pregnancy.
- (d) The Employer may require an employee to submit a medical certificate certifying pregnancy.
- (e) An employee who has not commenced maternity leave without pay may elect to:
 - (i) use earned vacation and compensatory leave credits up to and beyond the date that her pregnancy terminates;
 - (ii) use her sick leave credits up to and beyond the date that her pregnancy terminates, subject to the provisions set out in Article 35, Sick Leave With Pay. For purposes of this subparagraph, the terms "illness" or "injury" used in Article 35, Sick Leave With Pay, shall include medical disability related to pregnancy.
- (f) An employee shall inform the Employer in writing of her plans for taking leave with and without pay to cover her absence from work due to the pregnancy at least four (4) weeks in advance of the initial date of continuous leave of absence during which termination of

pregnancy is expected to occur unless there is a valid reason why the notice cannot be given.

- (g) Leave granted under this clause shall be counted for the calculation of “continuous employment” for the purpose of calculating severance pay and “service” for the purpose of calculating vacation leave. Time spent on such leave shall be counted for pay increment purposes.

38.02 Maternity Allowance

- (a) An employee who has been granted maternity leave without pay shall be paid a maternity allowance in accordance with the terms of the Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan described in paragraph (c) to (i), provided that she:

- (i) has completed six (6) months of continuous employment before the commencement of her maternity leave without pay,
- (ii) provides the Employer with proof that she has applied for and is in receipt of **maternity** benefits pursuant to Section 22 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, **or Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, in respect of insurable employment with the Employer,

and

- (iii) has signed an agreement with the Employer stating that:
 - (A) she will return to work on the expiry date of her maternity leave without pay unless the return to work date is modified by the approval of another form of leave;
 - (B) following her return to work, as described in section (A), she will work for a period equal to the period she was in receipt of the maternity allowance;

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- (C) should she fail to return to work in accordance with section (A), or should she return to work but fail to work for the total period specified in section (B), she will be indebted to the Employer for an amount determined as follows:

$$\frac{\text{(allowance received)} \quad \times \quad \text{(remaining period to be worked following her return to work)}}{\text{[total period to be worked as specified in (B)]}}$$

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- D) the repayment provided for in (C) will not apply in situations of :

- (i) death,
 - (ii) lay off,
 - (iii) early termination due to lack of work or discontinuance of a function of a specified period of employment that would have been sufficient to meet the obligations specified in section (B),
 - (iv) the end of a specified period of employment, if the employee is rehired by the Agency within ninety (90) days following the end of the specified period of employment, and who fulfills the obligations specified in section (B), or
 - (v) having become disabled as defined in the *Public Service Superannuation Act*.
- (b) For the purpose of sections (a)(iii)(B), and (C), periods of leave with pay shall count as time worked. Periods of leave without pay during the employee's return to work will not be counted as time worked but shall interrupt the period referred to in section (a)(iii)(B), without activating the recovery provisions described in section (a)(iii)(C).
- (c) Maternity allowance payments made in accordance with the SUB Plan will consist of the following:
 - (i) where an employee is subject to a waiting period of two (2) weeks before receiving Employment Insurance **maternity** benefits, ninety-three per cent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay for each week of the waiting period, less any other monies earned during this period,
 - (ii) for each week that the employee receives a **maternity** benefit pursuant to Section 22 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, or **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, the difference between the gross weekly amount of the Employment Insurance, or **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, **maternity** benefit she is eligible to receive and ninety-three per cent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay less any other monies earned during this period which may result in a decrease in Employment Insurance, or **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, benefits to which she would have been eligible if no extra monies had been earned during this period.
- (d) At the employee's request, the payment referred to in subparagraph 38.02(c)(i) will be estimated and advanced to the employee. Adjustments will be made once the employee provides proof of receipt of Employment Insurance, or **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan maternity** benefits.
- (e) The maternity allowance to which an employee is entitled is limited to that provided in paragraph (c) and an employee will not be reimbursed for any amount that she may be

required to repay pursuant to the *Employment Insurance Act*, or the **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**.

- (f) The weekly rate of pay referred to in paragraph (c) shall be:
 - (i) for a full-time employee, the employee's weekly rate of pay on the day immediately preceding the commencement of maternity leave without pay,
 - (ii) for an employee who has been employed on a part-time or on a combined full-time and part-time basis during the six (6) month period preceding the commencement of maternity leave, the rate obtained by multiplying the weekly rate of pay in subparagraph (i) by the fraction obtained by dividing the employee's straight time earnings by the straight time earnings the employee would have earned working full-time during such period.
- (g) The weekly rate of pay referred to in paragraph (f) shall be the rate to which the employee is entitled for her substantive level to which she is appointed.
- (h) Notwithstanding paragraph (g), and subject to subparagraph (f)(ii), if on the day immediately preceding the commencement of maternity leave without pay an employee has been on an acting assignment for at least four (4) months, the weekly rate shall be the rate she was being paid on that day.
- (i) Where an employee becomes eligible for a pay increment or pay revision while in receipt of the maternity allowance, the allowance shall be adjusted accordingly.
- (j) Maternity allowance payments made under the SUB Plan will neither reduce nor increase an employee's deferred remuneration or severance pay.

38.03 Special Maternity Allowance for Totally Disabled Employees

- (a) An employee who:
 - (i) fails to satisfy the eligibility requirement specified in subparagraph 38.02(a)(ii) solely because a concurrent entitlement to benefits under the Disability Insurance (DI) Plan, the Longterm Disability (LTD) Insurance portion of the Public Service Management Insurance Plan (PSMIP) or the *Government Employees Compensation Act* prevents her from receiving Employment Insurance, or **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, maternity benefits,

and
 - (ii) has satisfied all of the other eligibility criteria specified in paragraph 38.02(a), other than those specified in sections (A) and (B) of subparagraph 38.02(a)(iii),

shall be paid, in respect of each week of maternity allowance not received for the reason described in subparagraph (i), the difference between ninety-three per cent (93%) of her

weekly rate of pay and the gross amount of her weekly disability benefit under the DI Plan, the LTD Plan or via the *Government Employees Compensation Act*.

- (b) An employee shall be paid an allowance under this clause and under clause 38.02 for a combined period of no more than the number of weeks during which she would have been eligible for **maternity** benefits pursuant to Section 22 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, or **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, had she not been disqualified from Employment Insurance or **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan maternity** benefits for the reasons described in subparagraph (a)(i).

**** ARTICLE 40**

PARENTAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

40.01 Parental Leave Without Pay

- (a) Where an employee has or will have the actual care and custody of a new-born child (including the new-born child of a common-law partner), the employee shall, upon request, be granted parental leave without pay for a single period of up to thirty-seven (37) consecutive weeks in the fifty-two (52) week period beginning on the day on which the child is born or the day on which the child comes into the employee's care.
- (b) Where an employee commences legal proceedings under the laws of a province to adopt a child or obtains an order under the laws of a province for the adoption of a child, the employee shall, upon request, be granted parental leave without pay for a single period of up to thirty-seven (37) consecutive weeks in the fifty-two week (52) period beginning on the day on which the child comes into the employee's care.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b):

- (i) where the employee's child is hospitalized within the period defined in the above paragraphs, and the employee has not yet proceeded on parental leave without pay,
- or
- (ii) where the employee has proceeded on parental leave without pay and then returns to work for all or part of the period during which his or her child is hospitalized,

the period of parental leave without pay specified in the original leave request may be extended by a period equal to that portion of the period of the child's hospitalization during which the employee was not on parental leave. However, the extension shall end not later than one hundred and four (104) weeks after the day on which the child comes into the employee's care.

- (d) An employee who intends to request parental leave without pay shall notify the Employer at least four (4) weeks in advance of the expected date of the birth of the employee's child (including the child of a common-law partner), or the date the child is expected to come into the employee's care pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (e) The Employer may :

- (i) defer the commencement of parental leave without pay at the request of the employee;
 - (ii) grant the employee parental leave without pay with less than four (4) weeks' notice;
 - (iii) require an employee to submit a birth certificate or proof of adoption of the child.
- (f) Leave granted under this clause shall count for the calculation of "continuous employment" for the purpose of calculating severance pay and "service" for the purpose of calculating vacation leave. Time spent on such leave shall count for pay increment purposes.

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40.02 Parental Allowance

- (a) An employee who has been granted parental leave without pay, shall be paid a parental allowance in accordance with the terms of the Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan described in paragraphs (c) to (i), providing he or she:
 - (i) has completed six (6) months of continuous employment before the commencement of parental leave without pay,
 - (ii) provides the Employer with proof that he or she has applied for and is in receipt of parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, **or parental, paternity or adoption benefits under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, in respect of insurable employment with the Employer,

and
 - (iii) has signed an agreement with the Employer stating that:
 - (A) the employee will return to work on the expiry date of his or her parental leave without pay, unless the return to work date is modified by the approval of another form of leave;
 - (B) Following his or her return to work, as described in section (A), the employee will work for a period equal to the period the employee was in receipt of the parental allowance, in addition to the period of time referred to in section 38.02 (a)(iii)(B), if applicable;
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- (C) should he or she fail to return to work in accordance with section (A) or should he or she return to work but fail to work the total period specified in section (B), he or she will be indebted to the Employer for an amount determined as follows:

$$\text{allowance received} \times \frac{\text{remaining period to be worked following his or her return to work}}{\text{total period to be worked as specified in (B)}}$$

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(D) the repayment provided for in (C) will not apply in situations of :

- (i) death,
 - (ii) lay off,
 - (iii) early termination due to lack of work or discontinuance of a function of a specified period of employment that would have been sufficient to meet the obligations specified in section (B),
 - (iv) the end of a specified period of employment, if the employee is rehired by the Agency within ninety (90) days following the end of the specified period of employment, and who fulfills the obligations specified in section (B), or
 - (v) having become disabled as defined in the *Public Service Superannuation Act*.
- (b) For the purpose of sections (a)(iii)(B), and (C), periods of leave with pay shall count as time worked. Periods of leave without pay during the employee's return to work will not be counted as time worked but shall interrupt the period referred to in section (a)(iii)(B), without activating the recovery provisions described in section (a)(iii)(C).
- (c) Parental Allowance payments made in accordance with the SUB Plan will consist of the following:
- (i) where an employee is subject to a waiting period of two (2) weeks before receiving Employment Insurance parental benefits, ninety-three per cent (93%) of his or her weekly rate of pay for each week of the waiting period, less any other monies earned during this period;
 - (ii) for each week in respect of which the employee receives parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, or **parental, paternity or adoption benefits under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, the difference between the gross weekly amount of the Employment Insurance parental or the **Quebec Parental Insurance Plan parental, paternity or adoption** benefits he or she is eligible to receive and ninety-three per cent (93%) of his or her weekly rate of pay less any other monies earned during this period which may result in a decrease in Employment Insurance or **Quebec Parental**

Insurance Plan benefits to which he or she would have been eligible if no extra monies had been earned during this period.

- (iii) **where an employee has received the full eighteen (18) weeks of maternity benefit and the full thirty-two (32) weeks of parental benefit under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan and thereafter remains on parental leave without pay, she is eligible to receive a further parental allowance for a period of two (2) weeks, ninety-three per cent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay for each week, less any other monies earned during this period.**
- (d) At the employee's request, the payment referred to in subparagraph 40.02(c)(i) will be estimated and advanced to the employee. Adjustments will be made once the employee provides proof of receipt of Employment Insurance (EI), **or Québec Parental Insurance Plan**, parental benefits.
- (e) The parental allowance to which an employee is entitled is limited to that provided in paragraph (c) and an employee will not be reimbursed for any amount that he or she is required to repay pursuant to the *Employment Insurance Act*, **or the Québec Parental Insurance Plan**.
- (f) The weekly rate of pay referred to in paragraph (c) shall be:
 - (i) for a full-time employee, the employee's weekly rate of pay on the day immediately preceding the commencement of maternity or parental leave without pay;
 - (ii) for an employee who has been employed on a part-time or on a combined full time and part-time basis during the six (6) month period preceding the commencement of maternity or parental leave without pay, the rate obtained by multiplying the weekly rate of pay in subparagraph (i) by the fraction obtained by dividing the employee's straight time earnings by the straight time earnings the employee would have earned working full time during such period.
- (g) The weekly rate of pay referred to in paragraph (f) shall be the rate to which the employee is entitled for the substantive level to which she or he is appointed.
- (h) Notwithstanding paragraph (g), and subject to subparagraph (f)(ii), if on the day immediately preceding the commencement of parental leave without pay an employee is performing an acting assignment for at least four (4) months, the weekly rate shall be the rate the employee was being paid on that day.
- (i) Where an employee becomes eligible for a pay increment or pay revision while in receipt of parental allowance, the allowance shall be adjusted accordingly.
- (j) Parental allowance payments made under the SUB Plan will neither reduce nor increase an employee's deferred remuneration or severance pay.

- (k) **The maximum combined maternity and parental allowances payable shall not exceed fifty-two (52) weeks for each combined maternity and parental leave without Pay.**

40.03 Special Parental Allowance for Totally Disabled Employees

- (a) An employee who:
- (i) fails to satisfy the eligibility requirement specified in subparagraph 40.02(a)(ii) solely because a concurrent entitlement to benefits under the Disability Insurance (DI) Plan, the Long-term Disability (LTD) Insurance portion of the Public Service Management Insurance Plan (PSMIP) or via the *Government Employees Compensation Act* prevents the employee from receiving Employment Insurance, **or Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, parental benefits,

and

 - (ii) has satisfied all of the other eligibility criteria specified in paragraph 40.02(a), other than those specified in sections (A) and (B) of subparagraph 40.02(a)(iii),

shall be paid, in respect of each week of benefits under the parental allowance not received for the reason described in subparagraph (i), the difference between ninety-three per cent (93%) of the employee's rate of pay and the gross amount of his or her weekly disability benefit under the DI Plan, the LTD Plan or via the *Government Employees Compensation Act*.

- (b) An employee shall be paid an allowance under this clause and under clause 40.02 for a combined period of no more than the number of weeks during which the employee would have been eligible for parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, **or Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, had the employee not been disqualified from Employment Insurance, **or Quebec Parental Insurance Plan**, parental benefits for the reasons described in subparagraph (a)(i).