



University of New Haven

Human Resources Policy / Procedure

Policy / Procedure Title	Applicability / Scope	Purpose	Effective Date	Responsible Party	Pages
Paid Parental Leave Policy & Procedure	All Non-Union Benefit Eligible Administrative Faculty & Staff	Provides eligible employees with the University's policy regarding paid time off for parental leave	7/1/23	Associate Vice President Human Resources & Organizational Development	3

The University recognizes that without the support of a skilled, diverse and motivated workforce, the University will not be able to achieve its strategic goals in meeting the needs of its students. In the interest of attracting and engaging high performing employees, the University offers a progressive and family friendly paid parental leave policy for faculty and non-union staff (hereinafter “employees”). The University recognizes the value of providing a policy which supports the employee at home as well as work.

Category	Paid (Y/N)	Amount of Time	Detail
Birth Mother	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 weeks of disability pay for a vaginal birth under the medical leave of absence policy, OR 8 weeks for a caesarian birth under the medical leave of absence policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount of paid time off due to a disability is based on the amount of continuous service the employee has with the University as defined in the Medical Leave of Absence Policy. In general, an employee is disabled for 6 weeks after a vaginal birth and 8 weeks after a caesarian birth. However, if medical documentation indicates the employee will be disabled beyond this 6 or 8 week period, the disability period will be adjusted accordingly based on the medical provided by the employee's treatment provider. Birth mother is also eligible for paid bonding leave with the newborn as indicated below.
Parental Leave; Birth Mother Bonding Time	Yes	4 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bonding leave is in addition to any paid disability leave taken under the Medical Leave Policy mentioned above. Employees who are ineligible for paid disability leave for the birth of a child are still eligible to receive 4 weeks of paid time to bond with their newborn. This paid time must be taken immediately after the birth and in one continuous period.
Parental Leave; Non-Birth Mother Bonding (i.e., birth by surrogate, father)	Yes	4 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave must be taken within 6 months of the birth of the child in one continuous period. Paid bonding time cannot be taken in intermittently.
Parental Leave; Bonding time for the adoption of a child or placement of a foster child in your home	Yes	4 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave must be taken within 6 months of the adoption or placement of foster child in one continuous period. Applies to adoption of a child, or placement of a foster child, under the age of eighteen (18), or a newly adopted child or placed foster child under the age of twenty-three (23) if that child has an intellectual disability, or is a person with a disability.

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Additionally, the following provisions will apply:

- Employees interested in this benefit must contact MedLeave Solutions, as this leave runs concurrently with FMLA. Employees can access information about MedLeave [here](#). The University will require medical documentation and any other required substantiation to validate any claim for disability benefits under the Medical Leave of Absence Policy, and for any of the leaves stipulated in this policy.
- Administrative staff employees are expected to give their supervisor as much notice as is reasonably possible in advance of taking this leave.
- When possible, faculty members should provide advanced notice, at least 3 months, to their department Chair and Dean prior to the start of this leave. This is necessary so that arrangements may be made to find coverage for the faculty members' responsibilities.
- Faculty members interested in this benefit may find that a reduced course load may better meet their personal and professional needs versus paid parental leave under this policy. Faculty are encouraged to discuss this option with their chair and dean. If the faculty member decides to take a reduced workload in lieu of this 4-week paid parental leave they should notify MedLeave of that decision.
- Paid leave will not be available for periods in which the employee would otherwise not have worked. For example, if the faculty member is on a 9-month contract, they are ineligible for paid leave during the 3-months of summer.
- If an employee has a multiple birth (i.e., twins, triplets) it does not increase the length of the paid parental leave under this policy.
- This leave cannot be used on an intermittent basis.
- In all instances, and in conjunction with the manager/supervisor, the employee may extend the periods described above with accrued and unused vacation time.
- If two employees of the University are the parents of the same child, each employee is eligible to receive paid leave under this University Policy, but the leaves cannot be taken at the same time if in the same department.

NOTE: Federal and Connecticut FML leave, and any other leaves required by law, will run concurrently with the paid leaves to the extent the employee is eligible for leave under those laws. Nothing in this policy is intended to circumvent any of the provisions of state and/or federal FML provisions. Additionally, employees may be eligible for paid leave under the Connecticut Paid Leave Act. Information regarding the CT Paid Family Leave can be found [here](#).