Paid Leave Training



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What Is Paid Leave (PL)?



Paid Leave (PL)

The State of Illinois
approved the
Paid Leave Program
for Personal Support Workers (PSWs)
beginning January 1, 2024.





Paid Leave (PL)

- All Illinois PSWs are eligible to be paid for 40 hours of personal time per fiscal year (after 90 days of employment).
- All PL requires Employer approval before it can be processed by ACES\$.

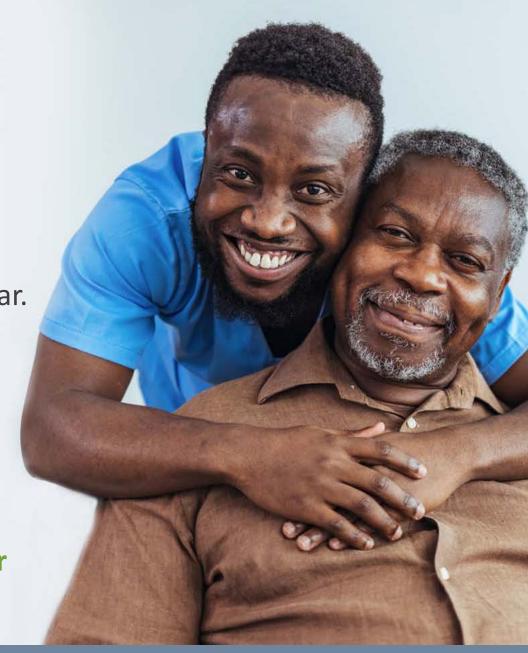
Accruals and Maximums

 PSWs accrue 1 hour of Paid Leave for every 40 hours worked.

- Hours worked can be regular hours or Crisis services.
- Hours can be spread across multiple pay periods.

• A maximum of 40 hours can be accrued in a fiscal year.

- The fiscal year is always July 1–June 30.
- A PSW begins accruing on their first day of employment, and they are eligible to use Paid Leave starting at the 90-day mark.
- A maximum of 40 hours can be used in a fiscal year.
- Paid Leave rolls over, but the 40 hours in a fiscal year limit applies regardless of when time is accrued.



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90-Day Timeframe

All PSWs are eligible to use PL after 90 days of Employment. (All Employers must comply with Paid Leave.)

When can PSWs use PL?

PSWs can use their PL anytime after the initial 90 days of employment.





PL can be used...

- By PSWs for any reason.
 (sick, appointment, vacation, etc.)
- Without providing a reason to the Employer.

The PSW is *not required* to provide the Employer with a reason for the leave.

PL should NOT be used...

- When the PSW did work.
- To pay out ahead of time.
 The Employer cannot approve time before it is accrued.

Submitting PL Requests Timeframes

PSWs must submit their PL time for the time period it is being used according to the payroll calendar due dates.

PSW should submit their PL request together with any hours worked according to the due dates listed on the ACES\$ payroll calendar.

Example:

A PSW submits time for the pay period from 4/1 to 4/15. They also used PL during that pay period. If the PSW waits until after the paid time processes to submit their PL request, the PL request won't go through.



2025 Pay Schedule

Pay Period	Timesheet Due Date	Friday Paydate
12/1/24 to 12/15/24	12/21/24	12/27/24
12/16/24 to 12/31/24	1/6/25	1/10/25
1/1/25 to 1/15/25	1/21/25	1/31/25**
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12/16/25 to 12/31/25	1/6/26	1/16/26**
1/1/26 to 1/15/26	1/21/26	1/30/26

a year. Our pay dates are the Friday on or after the

· 10th of every month

Since we issue paychecks twice a month, regardles f the number of weeks in a month, there are occasion I three-week periods between payrolls.

ACESS cannot process timesheets 3 months or older

Anna's Eligibility Example

Anna has a start date of February 1, 2025 for Consumer Mavis.

Beginning May 1, 2025 — 90 days after employment begins — Anna can start using PL.

Anna has accrued 12 hours of PL since she began working on February 1 and can use it as soon as May 1, 2025.

Anna can use these PL hours any time during the fiscal year on or after May 1. If Anna uses two hours of PL, the remaining accrued PL, as well as other hours she accrues, will carry over into the next fiscal year.



Anna's Paid Leave Submission Examples

Anna worked 70 hours and took 10 hours of Paid Leave between May 1 and May 15.

- Anna submits her PL request with her time worked (regular or crisis hours), according to the payroll calendar. Anna's time worked and Paid Leave are successfully submitted and paid. Anna still has two hours of Paid Leave accrued.
- Anna forgets to submit her Paid Leave hours at the same time that she submitted her hours worked. Because the hours worked had already paid out, Anna is unable to have her Paid Leave hours pay out.
- Anna forgets to submit her hours worked at the same time that she submitted her Paid Leave. Because the Paid Leave had already paid out, she will not be paid for the hours worked once she remembers to submit that time.



Employers and PSWs

How to View PL Balances in ACES\$ Online



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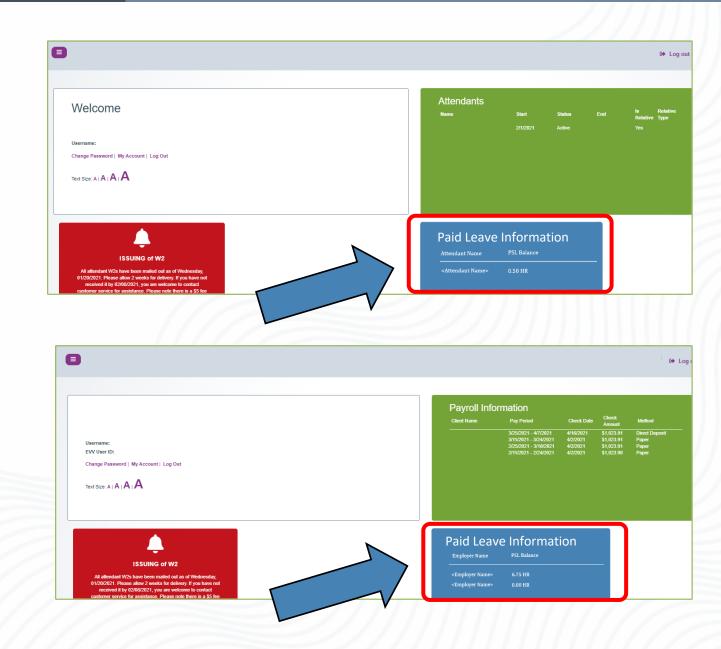


PL Balance on ACES\$ Online Dashboard

When an employee is eligible for PL, a **blue box** will appear on the ACES\$ Online Dashboard for the Employer and Employee.

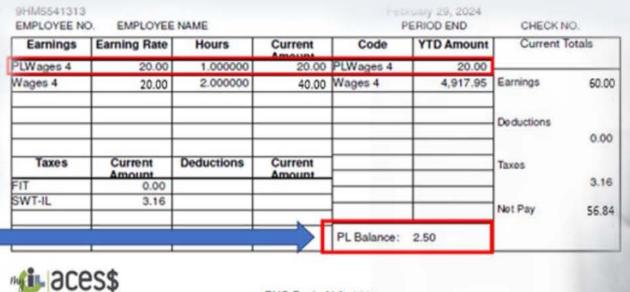
PL balances will appear based on the date it is being viewed.

Visit the Paid Leave section for balances based on specific dates.



PSWs

How to View PL Balances on Pay Stubs



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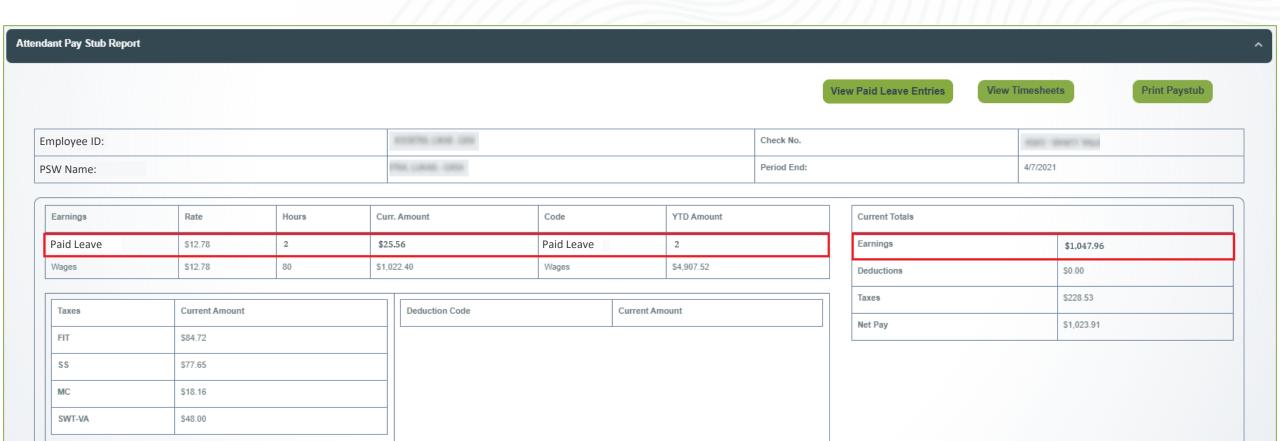
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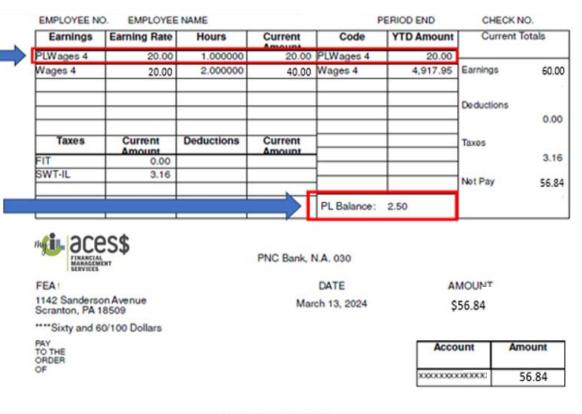
- 1. Log in to login.mycil.org (PSWs)
- 2. Click on Pay Stubs
- 3. Search for the specific pay stub and click Search



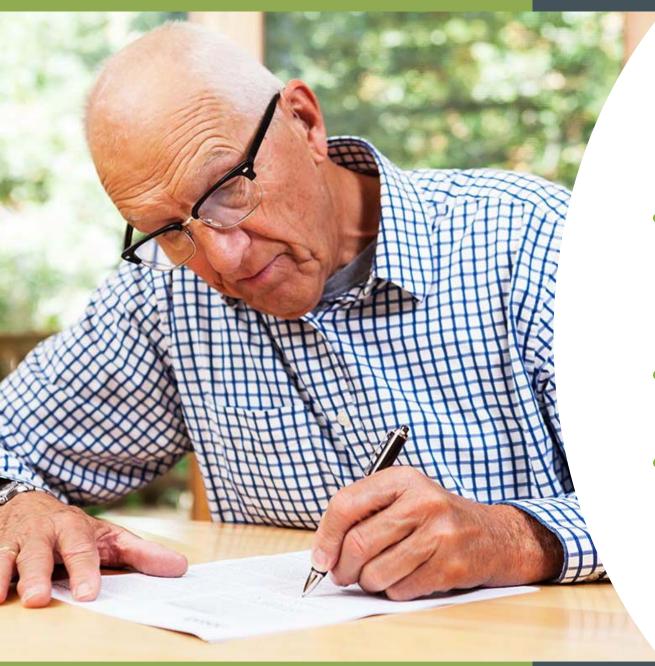
PL Balances on Physical Pay Stubs

PL usage will appear on its own line separate from Wages whenever claimed.

PL balance appears towards the bottom of the table.



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Submitting PL Requests

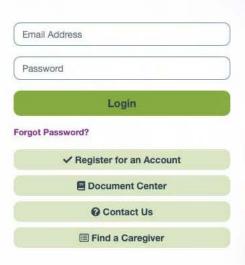
- A PSW must submit their PL time along with any time worked for the pay period it is being used, according to the payroll calendar schedule.
- Paid Leave Requests can be submitted through ACES\$ Online.
- If necessary, a paper PL Request sheet is available. The paper PL Request sheet is printed vertically to help avoid any confusion. It is filled out the same way traditional paper timesheets are.

How PSWs

Enter PL Requests in ACES\$ Online



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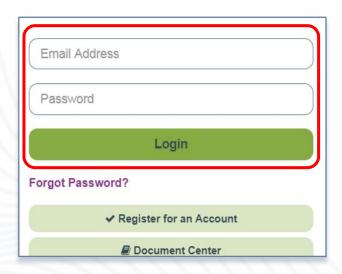


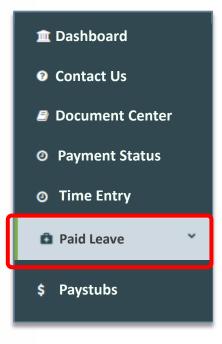
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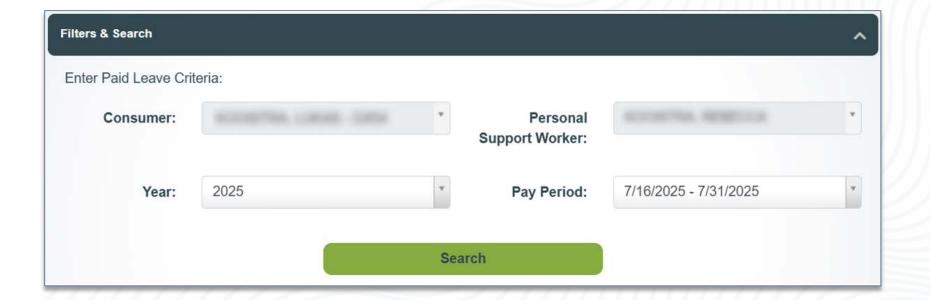
- 1. Go to ACES\$ Online: login.mycil.org
- 2. Enter your email address and password
- 3. Click Login
- 4. Click Paid Leave





Enter/Edit Paid PL (PSWs)

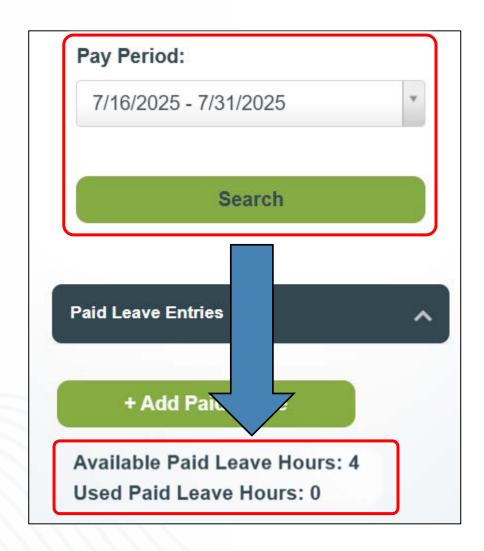
- 4. Select the Consumer Name (if more than one), Year, and Specific Pay Period
- 5. Click Search



Enter/Edit PL (PSWs)

Review Available and Used PL balances.

- Paid Leave balances are available for all roles and updates based on the selected Pay Period.
- The fiscal year is July 1-June 30
 - 6. Click the + Add Paid Leave box or click Edit to edit an existing PL request.



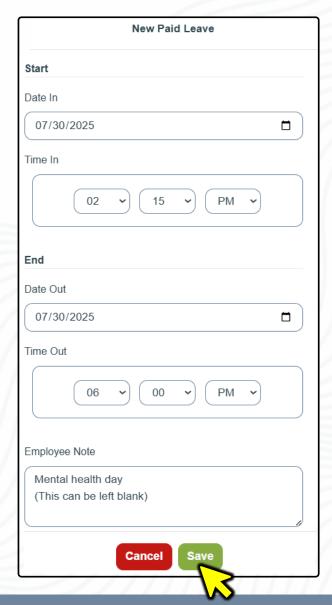
Enter/Edit PL (PSWs)

- 7. Enter / Edit the Paid Leave:
 - Date and Time in
 - Date and Time out
- Enter a Note (Optional)

Contact Consumer Care at 877-223-7781 or SupportIL@mycil.org

8. Click Save

Repeat for each Paid Leave Entry needed.



Edit PL (PSWs) Mobile View

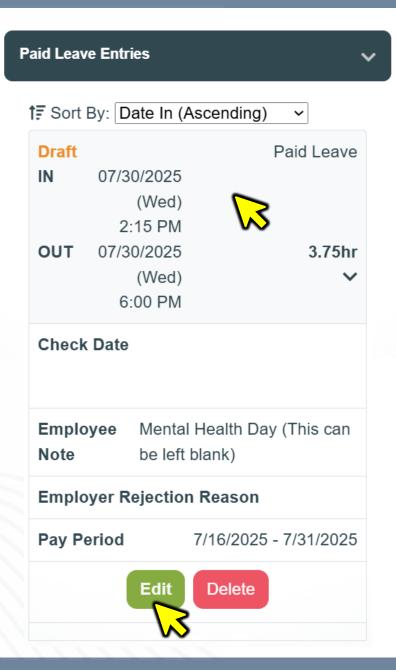
On a mobile device, tap a Paid Leave request to reveal the **Edit** button

As needed, edit the

- Date and Time in
- Date and Time out
- Note (Optional)

8. Click Save

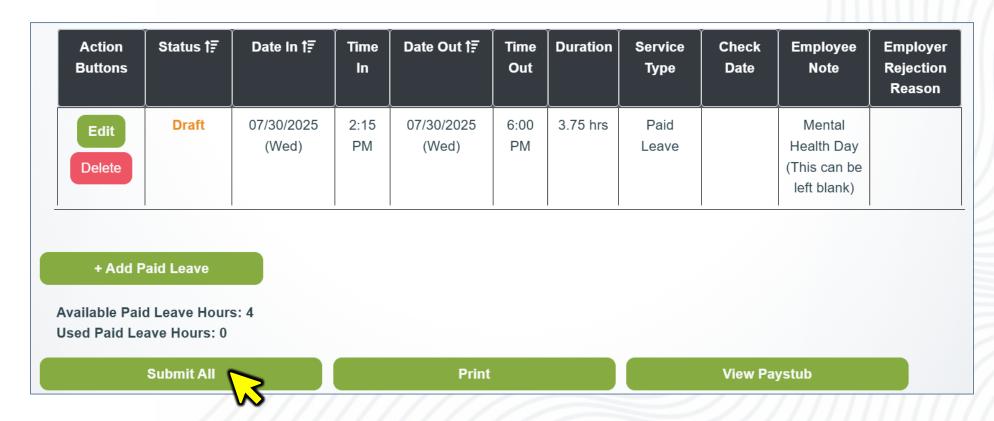
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Submit All PL (PSWs) Desktop View

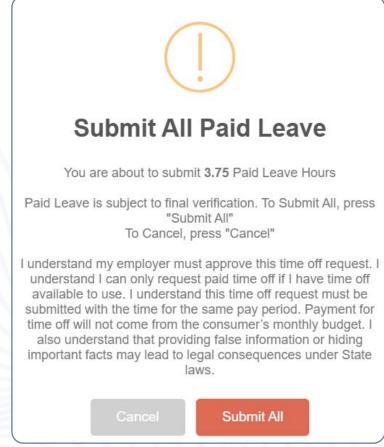
Contact Consumer Care at 877-223-7781 or SupportIL@mycil.org

9. When all PL requests have been entered/edited, click Submit All



Submit All PL (PSWs) Desktop View

10. Review and if accurate, click **Submit All**



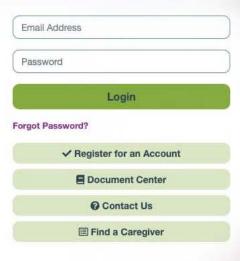


How Employers

Approve Pending PL Requests in ACES\$ Online



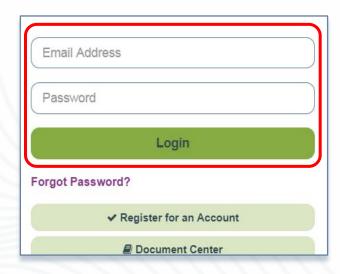
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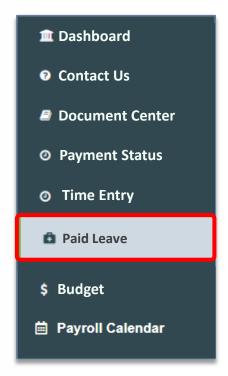




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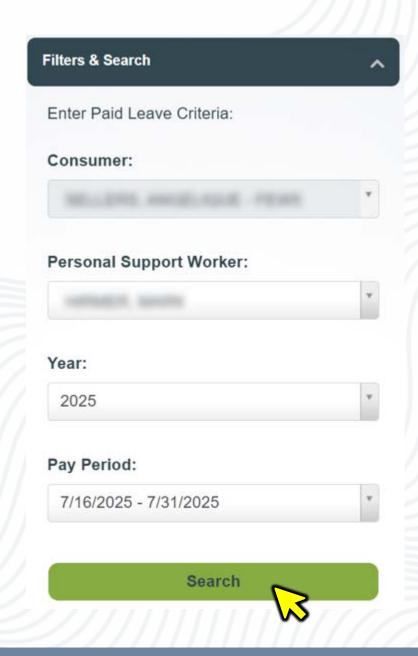




Review Pending PL Time

- 5. Select the Personal Support Worker Name (if more than one), Year, and **Specific Pay Period**
- 6. Click Search

Contact Consumer Care at 877-223-7781 or SupportIL@mycil.org



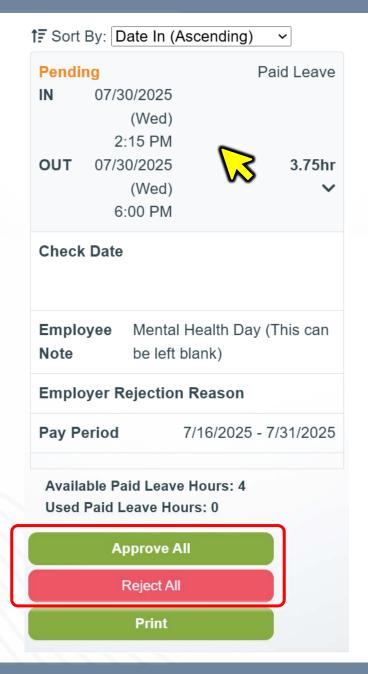
Review PL Mobile View

On a mobile device, tap a Paid Leave request to review all details.

Repeat for each Paid Leave request needed.

Changes Needed?

Click Reject All and enter a reason to allow the PSW to make changes and resubmit.



Approve All PL Desktop View

7. Click Approve All to submit the Paid Leave requests to ACES\$ for final verification. This cannot be undone.

Status † F	Date In † ∓	Time In	Date Out 1₹	Time Out	Duration	Service Type	Check Date	Employee Note	Employer Rejection Reason
Pending	07/30/2025 (Wed)	2:15 PM	07/30/2025 (Wed)	6:00 PM	3.75 hrs	Paid Leave		Mental Health Day (This can be left blank)	

Available Paid Leave Hours: 4
Used Paid Leave Hours: 0

Approve All

Reject All

Print

Approve All PL **Desktop View**

Contact Consumer Care at 877-223-7781 or SupportIL@mycil.org

7. Click Approve All to submit the Paid Leave requests to ACES\$ for final verification. This cannot be undone.



Approve All Paid Leave

You are about to approve 3.75 Paid Leave Hours

Paid Leave is subject to final verification. To Approve All, press "Approve All" To Cancel, press "Cancel"

I, the Employer, hereby certify that I have confirmed with my Personal Support Worker, and we are both in agreement for the stated hours. I understand that payment for this will be from Federal and State funds, and that any false claims, statements, documents, or concealment of material facts may be prosecuted under applicable Federal and State Laws.

Approve All

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How to Submit Paper Paid Leave Requests (PLR)



ACES\$ ACES\$ Illinois Paid Leave Request Email Paid Leave Request to: timesheetsIL@mycil.org

Employer/Consumer Signature

Date

Personal Service Worker Signature Date

Fax Paid Leave Request to:

877-808-7014

Consumer Name: Rosalie Laflesche PSW Name: Susette Laflesche																	
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Frequently Asked Questions





Does Paid Leave expire?

No. PL rolls over each fiscal year. It's important to remember that a PSW can only accrue 40 hours max at any time.

• 40 hours is the max that can be used, and the max that can be accrued per fiscal year (July – June).

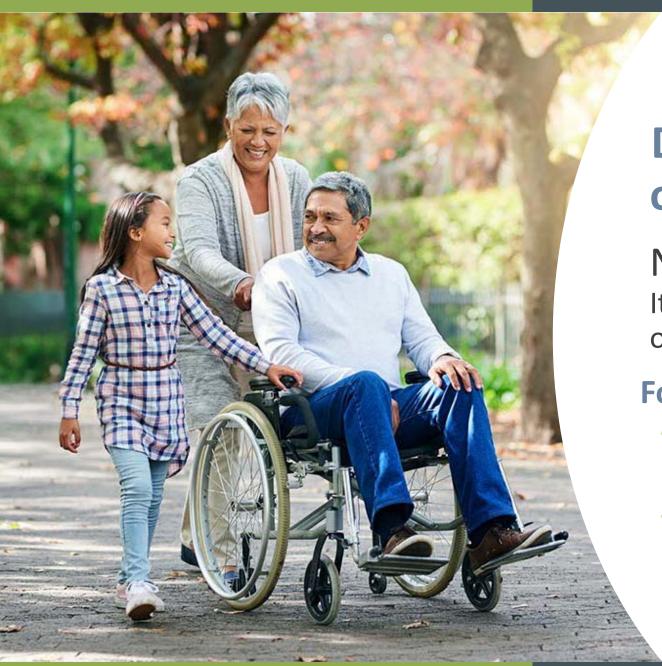
If my employment ends, is PL paid out?

No. PL is **not** paid out in a lump sum when employment ends.

 All PL must be submitted for the pay period it is being used according to the payroll calendar due dates.



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Does PL time count towards overtime?

No. PL is not time worked. It is not included in or towards overtime payments.

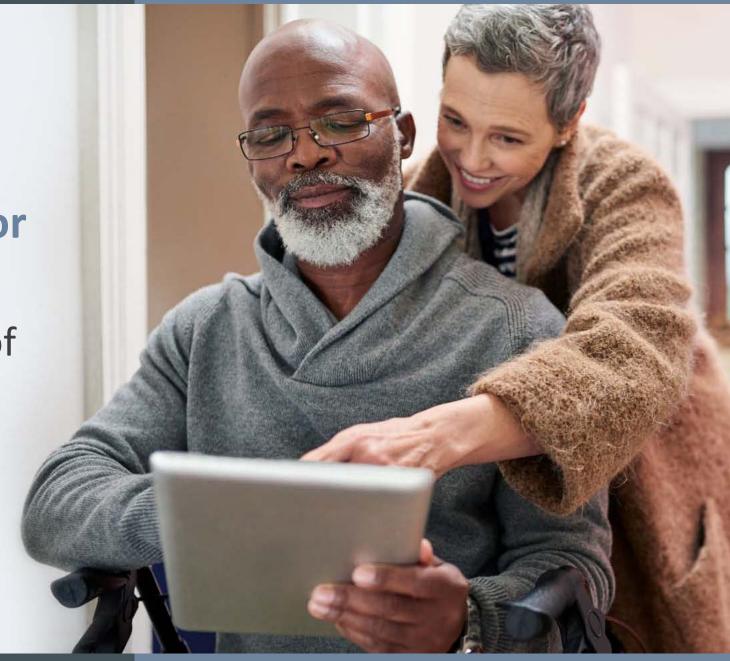
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For example:

- An employee submitted 48 hours, but 10 of those used were for Paid Leave.
- This means the employee only worked 38 hours and does not earn overtime.

Is a separate Service Authorization needed for Paid Leave?

No. PL does not come out of the Consumer's budget. It comes out of the state's budget.



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Is Paid Leave taxable income?

Yes. Paid Leave is taxable income.

The difficulty of care exemption does not apply to Paid Leave.

- Taxes may or may not be withheld depending on how the PSW completed their W-4 forms on file with ACES\$.
 - For FICA, FUTA, and SUTA taxes, the exemptions the PSW has in place through the W-4 and the IL-4 will apply the same way that they do with wages for regular hours.

If a PSW has questions about how Paid Leave will affect their taxes, PSWs should speak with a tax professional. Will I keep my PL hours if my Consumer switches **Employers?**

No. PL hours are tied to the Employee and the Employer.

If the Employer changes, the previously accrued PL under the previous Employer is no longer valid.



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Does the Employee have to use all the PL at once?

No. PL can be used in a minimum of 1-hour increments.

As a reminder, the maximum PL that can be taken over the course of a fiscal year is 40 hours.

Paid Leave Key Points



 PSWs are able to start using their accrued Paid Leave after 90 days of employment.

PSWs accrue one hour of Paid Leave for every 40
 hours worked for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 They begin accruing leave on their first day of work.

- A maximum of 40 hours can be accrued, and a maximum of 40 hours can be used in a fiscal year.
 - The fiscal year is always July 1–June 30.
- All PL must be submitted for the pay period in which it is used, according to the payroll calendar due dates.
- PL is paid out at the PSW's current pay rate.



Questions?



Thank You!

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