



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY BULLETIN

TITLE: New Certification of Absence Forms

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ROUTING
All Offices and Schools
Administrators
Principals
Time Reporters
Risk Management

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bulletin is to advise administrators and time-reporters of the updated Certification of Absence Forms. The District has updated Form No. 60.ILL, Certification/Request of Absence for Illness, Family Illness, New Child, in order to include a method for reporting mandatory paid sick days for specific eligible employees who currently do not have paid sick days in regard to the California Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014.

MAJOR CHANGES: The updated forms replace Certification/Request of Absence for Illness, Family Illness, New Child (Form No. 60.ILL; 7/1/2015) and Certification/Request of Absence for Non-Illness (Form No. 60.NON-ILL; 7/1/2015). The appropriate leave type for item 4E, Illness/Injury/Disability on Form No. 60.ILL has been revised to include Personal Necessity and Kin Care as a requested absence type. Use of the new forms is effective July 15, 2015.

GUIDELINES: The following guidelines are provided for the use of the new forms:

A. Certification/Request of Absence for Illness, Family Illness, New Child
(See Attachment A)

This form consists of five sections: Employee Information, Reason for Absence, FMLA/CFRA Information, Important LAUSD Information and Administrator/Supervisor’s Acknowledgment.

1. Employee Information section requires employee data: name, employee number, work location, job title and employee’s telephone number where the employee can be most readily contacted.



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2. Reason for Absence section requires the employee to provide absence data as follows:
 - a) An indication of a new absence or extension of an ongoing absence.
 - b) The starting date and last date of absence or expected last date of absence.
 - c) Total time or expected total time of absence (weeks, days, or hours).
 - d) The selection of the type of absence (Time reporters may refer to the FMLA Supervisors' Reference Guide or Payroll Concepts Manual for the appropriate time/pay codes).

Note: All types of absence selections must be made according to the applicable Board Rules, Personnel Commission Rules, Collective Bargaining Agreements and District Policies governing the employee.

The types of absence are:

- i. Employee's personal illness/injury/disability/Medical Appt.
 - ii. Eligible substitute/temporary employee as part of the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act.
 - iii. Employee's occupational illness/injury or act of violence.
 - iv. Employee's pregnancy-related illness/disability.
 - v. Accident involving the employee.
 - vi. Illness/injury/disability of employee's family member – the employee may request to use up to *six (6) days per their collective bargaining agreement or up to seven (7) days per their collective bargaining agreement of personal necessity per fiscal year, or the employee may request to use up to six (6) days of kin care per calendar year. However kin care is restricted for the use of illness for a parent, child, registered domestic partner or spouse, per Labor Code Section 233 (kin care).*
 - vii. Accident involving employee's family member.
 - viii. Employee's time-off for new-born/newly adopted/new foster care.
3. FMLA/CFRA Information Section addresses the requirements for a "serious health condition" absence.
 4. Important LAUSD Information Section addresses the requirement for a Certificate of Health Care Provider. The certificate is required when requested by the Administrator/Supervisor under FMLA, District rules or if absence is over five consecutive working days. The employee must also indicate if the requests are for an unpaid leave of absence.
 5. Administrator/Supervisor's Acknowledgment section requires the name and signature of the employee's supervisor and the approval/disapproval of the absence.



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B. Certification and/or Request of Absence for Non-Illness (See Attachment B)

This form consists of three sections: Employee Information, Reason for Absence and Administrator/Supervisor's Acknowledgement.

1. Employee Information section requires employee data as follows:
 - a) Employee name and employee number.
 - b) Work location, job title and employee's telephone number where the employee can be most readily contacted.

2. Reason for Absence section requires employee to provide absence data as follows:
 - a) An indication of a new absence or extension of an ongoing absence.
 - b) The starting date and last date of absence or expected last date of absence.
 - c) The total time or expected total time of absence (weeks, days or hours).
 - d) The selection of the type of absence. Time reporters may refer to the Payroll Concepts Manual for the appropriate time/pay codes.

Note: All types of absence selections must be made according to the applicable Board Rules, Personnel Commission Rules, Collective Bargaining Agreements and District Policies governing the employee.

The types of absence are:

- i. Accident or imminent danger to employee's property
- ii. Accident to employee's family members' property
- iii. Automobile failure if required for work performance (for employees in bargaining units A, B, C, D & S)
- iv. Registration or final exam in higher education (for employees in bargaining units A, C & S)
- v. Religious holiday or employee's faith
- vi. Bereavement
- vii. Conference approved by the District
- viii. Jury duty or appearance in court under order – *is an acknowledgment, but employee must provide the appropriate notification and documentation.*
- ix. Vacation – *For eligible regular classified and certificated "A" basis employees. This request is subject to approval only. The certification statement does not apply and no additional explanation is required.*
- x. Other absences – not specifically indicated above but provided in the collective bargaining agreement and PC Rules.



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3. Administrator/Supervisor's Acknowledgement section requires the name and signature of the employee's supervisor and the approval/disapproval of the absence.

C. Employee's Signature (Authorization)

Employees agree and authorize that if they do not have sufficient benefit time to cover their absences, any unearned wages they receive for hours they did not work will be collected from their next paycheck.

The form must be signed and dated by employees under penalty of perjury.

D. Time Reporter and Time Approver Responsibility

A time card is the District's official document of an employee's attendance/absence for time reporting purposes. The use of the time card is mandated in the Board Rules and is subject to the District designated auditors.

Records substantiating the time reported to the Payroll Administration for salary payment must be kept on file and retained at the location for a period of five years in accordance with the Board of Education report.

Completed and approved absence certification forms are required prior to the reporting of absence time.

Effective 7/15/15, the time reporter shall distribute and accept only the following certification forms from the employee. Therefore, the time reporter shall destroy all Certification forms dated 7/1/14 and 7/1/2015.

Certification/Request of Absence For Illness, Family Illness, New Child
Form No. 60.ILL; Revised 7/8/2015

Certification and/or Request of Absence for Non-Illness
Form No. 60.NON-ILL; Revised 7/8/2015

Utilization of the revised certification forms will be closely monitored for compliance. Failure to use the revised certification forms above is in violation of proper time reporting procedures and will be addressed with those time reporters and time approvers that are non-compliant.



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- E. Copy of the forms may be downloaded via Inside LAUSD by following these steps:
1. Log-on to Inside LAUSD at <http://notebook.lausd.net>.
 2. Click on E-Library and sub-menu “Templates and Forms”.
 3. Type 60.ILL or 60.NON-ILL in the Search field box.
 4. Click on GO.
 5. Click on desired form title “Certification/Request of Absence for Illness, Family Illness, New Child” or “Certification and/or Request of Absence for Non-Illness.
 6. Click on Document (Employees may fill out the document on-line prior to printing and signing the document).
 7. Click on print icon.
- F. These new forms replace form numbers: 60.ILL; Revised 7/1/2015 Certification/Request of Absence for Illness, Family Illness, New Child and 60.NON-ILL; Revised 7/1/2015 Certification/Request of Absence for Non-Illness.

These new forms must be maintained on file with the sign-in and sign-out documents for auditing purposes.

**RELATED
RESOURCES:**

Office of the General Counsel, Policy Bulletin No. BUL-6529.0, *Legally-Mandated Paid Sick Leave for Eligible Employees*

Accounting and Disbursements Division, Reference Guide No. REF-6528.0, *Reporting Paid Sick Leave for Substitute/Temp Eligible Employees*

Division of Risk Management & Insurance Services, Reference Guide No. REF-6022.0, *“Family and Medical Leave Act/California Family Rights Act – Supervisors’ FMLA/CFRA Reference Guide*

Payroll Concepts Manual dated May 2014

Attachment A – Certification and/or Request of Absence for Illness, Family Illness, New Child

Attachment B – Certification and/or Request of Absence for Non-Illness

ASSISTANCE:

For time reporting assistance, contact the Employee Service Center at (213) 241-6670.

Questions regarding protected absences can be directed to the District’s FMLA Leaves Section at (213) 241-3954, or (213) 241-2820.

