

## Checklist for Pregnancy & Parental Leaves (revised September 2022)

Items to Consider	as a <b>Daily OT</b>	as a Long-Term OT
☐ Read the ETFO Guide to Pregnancy and Parental Leave.	This <u>booklet</u> provides a general guide to member rights and responsibilities when considering a pregnancy or parental leave.	
☐ Contact the Local office or ETFO Provincial to discuss your options.	<ul> <li>ETFO Algoma Occasional Teacher Local: <u>aotl.ca</u></li> <li>ETFO's <u>Professional Relations Services</u> (PRS) login required</li> <li>Note: if you are part-time permanent, you will need to refer to the Algoma ETFO contacts and collective agreement as well: <u>adetfo.on.ca</u></li> </ul>	
☐ Obtain a medical certificate stating the expected birth date.	The written notification must include a certificate from a legally qualified medical practitioner stating the expected date of birth.	
☐ Provide at least two (2) weeks written notice to ADSB before the date of leave.	Email Frank Palumbo, Superintendent of Human Resources (palumbf@adsb.on.ca) to request your leave. See the ETFO Guide for sample language.	Email Frank Palumbo, Superintendent of Human Resources (palumbf@adsb.on.ca) to request your leave. See the ETFO Guide for sample language.
	As a courtesy, copy your Local president.	As a courtesy, copy your school principal and Local president.
Mark yourself as unavailable in your EasyConnect calendar.	Failure to do so will result in the call-out system continuing to call you for daily assignments.	
<ul> <li>If the EDSBY Reporting window is open, enter assessment data for the subjects you've taught;</li> <li>or,</li> <li>If the EDSBY Reporting window is not yet open, pass along a tidy collection assessment data to assist the incoming teacher with completing reporting tasks.</li> </ul>	n/a	Assessment and evaluation of students is an ongoing process.  A LTO teacher is responsible for providing assessment data (evidence of learning, marks, comments) for all subject areas they have taught.
□ Review information around health benefits, long-term disability, and pension contributions.	These links may help you review your options:  • Health benefits/LTD: <a href="https://otip.com/occasional-employees-insurance">otip.com/occasional-employees-insurance</a> • Ontario Teacher Pension Plan Buybacks: <a href="https://otip.com/members/cms/en/life-career-events/taking-time-off.html">otip.com/members/cms/en/life-career-events/taking-time-off.html</a> Note: LTO teachers with a 90-consecutive calendar day assignment or longer	
	who go on statutory leave are eligible for participation in the <u>ETFO Benefits</u> plan until the end of their assignment based on their FTE percentage.	

☐ Complete your application for El maternity and parental benefits.	Review on the Service Canada <u>website</u> the best time to apply in your situation.	
☐ Ensure a copy of your Record of Employment (ROE) has been sent from ADSB to Service Canada.	Email <a href="mailto:payroll@adsb.on.ca">payroll@adsb.on.ca</a> through your Board email and request a ROE. Include your name, employee ID, and reason for leave (to ensure a correct code on the ROE) and ask for confirmation of message received. Payroll will send this electronically after your last teaching day. When logged into your My Service Canada Account (MSCA) you can view your ROE.	
☐ Provide proof of your EI claim to ADSB to receive Supplemental Employee Benefits (SEB) top-ups.	n/a	Eligible LTOs will receive a top-up to their El benefits to 100% of salary for eight weeks of pregnancy leave or the remainder of their LTO, whichever is shorter.  Log into your MSCA to view your claim and take a screenshot showing your full name and benefit rate calculation. Email this to Payroll.
☐ Add your newborn to your benefit plan.	n/a	Visit etfo-elhtbenefits.ca for more information.  Eligible members may change from single to family benefits and/or add an eligible partner or child to the health and dental plan without evidence of medical insurability if done so within thirty-one (31) days of the birth or adoption.
☐ Consider extending your leave.	Our collective agreement allows for unpaid leaves. Email Frank Palumbo, Superintendent of Human Resources (palumbf@adsb.on.ca) to request your leave extension. You may be granted an additional leave of absence for one (1) school year or part of a school year.	
☐ Remember to pay your OCT fee.	Visit Ontario College of Teachers (oct.ca) for more information. Annual fees are due on January 1 of each year and teachers have until April 15 to pay.	If you are in a LTO assignment in January, the Board may deduct your OCT fee from your paycheck. If you are commencing a leave around this time, email Payroll to verify.
☐ Complete your Intent to Remain form & Offense Declaration.	You must complete your electronic Intent to Remain & Offense Declaration forms annually via the ADSB Employee Portal (portaladsb.edsembli.com).	

This resource was last revised in September 2022.

Information is continuously changing.

If you have any updates to include, please contact the Local president (pres@aotl.ca).

