

EI Leave Plan

StormIt Motherhood in Canada

A one-page planning card for EI maternity/parental benefits or Quebec QPIP. Use it before you apply, before the HR meeting, and before you choose standard vs extended.

1. DATES TO CONFIRM

EXPECTED DUE / PLACEMENT DATE

LAST PLANNED DAY OF WORK

BENEFIT START DATE

PLANNED RETURN-TO-WORK DATE

EMPLOYER / HR CONTACT

2. CONFIRM YOUR SYSTEM

- ☐ EI outside Quebec
- ☐ QPIP in Quebec
- ☐ Self-employed EI registered 12+ months ago
- ☐ Not sure - call Service Canada / RQAP

3. CHOOSE THE BENEFIT SHAPE

STANDARD EI

55% up to \$729/wk. Shorter leave, higher weekly cash flow.

- ☐ This is our current choice

EXTENDED EI

33% up to \$437/wk. Longer leave, lower weekly cash flow.

- ☐ This is our current choice

QUEBEC QPIP

Basic or special plan. First application usually locks the plan.

- ☐ This is our current choice

4. MONTHLY CASH-FLOW SNAPSHOT

MONEY IN

EI / QPIP

EMPLOYER TOP-UP

PARTNER INCOME

SAVINGS

NET CUSHION PER MONTH

MONEY OUT

RENT / MORTGAGE

GROCERIES

DEBT / BILLS

BABY / CHILDCARE

5. SHARE, HR, AND APPLY

- ☐ Other parent weeks decided
- ☐ Top-up amount and return rule in writing
- ☐ Benefits, pension, vacation, seniority checked
- ☐ ROE timing confirmed
- ☐ Apply after stopping work - do not drift past 4 weeks
- ☐ Tax cushion set aside

KEEP BESIDE THE REAL SOURCES

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