

Benefits at a Glance – Short Term Disability (STD) Plan Edmonton Police Association

Coverage	Benefit Description
Waiting Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent or probationary employees shall be a member in the Plan upon completion of 90 calendar days of continuous employment. If an employee is absent from work on the date they would have been eligible to participate in the Plan they are not eligible until they have returned to work for a period of at least 10 consecutive working days. If an employee is absent from work during the waiting period due to a personal disability for one complete pay period or more, the waiting period is extended by the number of days absent. If an employee is absent from work during the waiting period due to an approved leave of absence without pay for one complete pay period or more, the waiting period is extended by the number of days absent.
Premiums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City pays 100% of the premiums.
Eligibility for Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on medical information provided the Plan Adjudicator will determine a member's eligibility for STD benefits. The Plan Adjudicator may refer the member, at the Plan's expense, for an independent medical examination. The Plan Adjudicator may require that the member perform modified or alternative duties for the Edmonton Police Service if the member is unable to perform the duties of their regular position but is capable of performing modified or alternative duties.
Definition of Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The member is unable to perform the duties of their regular position because of a personal non-occupational disability.
Benefit Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits cease at the earliest of the date the member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is no longer disabled from performing the duties of their regular position or any alternative employment made available by the City; has received 85 times the average daily hours of work (exhausted benefits); passes away; or is laid off (this does not apply to members who were eligible to receive STD benefits prior to the notice of layoff and continues past the effective date).
Other Benefits Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in receipt of STD benefits, the member continues to be covered under the benefit plans for which the member is eligible based on their regular rate of pay. Both the member and the City continue to pay their share of the contributions to the benefit plans.

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Benefit Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For members with more than 90 calendar days of continuous service, benefits are payable at 100% of the regular rate of pay for up to 85 times the average daily hours of work (i.e. 85 days) or 680 hours of work, whichever is less.
Benefit Amount Adjustments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member who has received 85 times the average daily hours of work of benefits at 100% of the regular rate of pay in a payroll year will receive 90% of the regular rate of pay for all subsequent incidents of disability in the payroll year. A member is receiving benefits at 90% of the regular rate of pay on the last day in a payroll year, will be eligible for benefits at 100% of the regular rate of pay upon returning to work for 10 consecutive working days. If an adjustment to the regular rate of pay occurs during the period that the member is receiving benefits, under this Plan, the member's benefit will be based on the adjusted rate of pay as of the effective date of the adjustment.
Disability Incidences (Absence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each period of absence from work due to non-occupational disability, which exceeds 3 hours, will be counted as 1 incident of absence under this Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banked overtime, or vacation may be used for the period of time in excess of 3 hours to avoid the absence as counting as an incident of disability. Upon the approval of the Plan Adjudicator, a member who is receiving on-going therapeutic treatment for a life-threatening disability may have the periods of absence exceeding 3 hours in a payroll year considered as one disability incident. During any payroll year and in order to control absenteeism, the Chief of Police shall have the discretion to inform a member that subsequent incidents of absence in any payroll year shall be payable at 75% of the member's regular rate of pay.
Benefits Offsets (Reduction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amount the member is entitled to receive under this Plan is reduced by the amount the member may be entitled to receive from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada Pension Plan and/or Quebec Pension Plan disability payments, excluding those disability benefits payable on behalf of the member's dependents; income payable monthly as a result of the member's disability from any plan not personally contracted for by the member; other disability benefits payable as a result of Provincial or Federal legislation; monies received from the Crimes Compensation Board, which are provided for loss of income; monies received from the Worker's Compensation Board in respect of a disability for which benefits are received under this Plan.
Alternative Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the member engages in alternative employment with the City and becomes unable to perform the duties of the alternative employment due to personal non-occupational disability, the member will receive benefits from this Plan based on the member's original rate of pay. Subject to Edmonton Police Service policy and the prior approval of the Plan Adjudicator, if while in receipt of STD benefits, a member engages in employment for gain, then the member's STD benefits cease. Benefits will cease as of the date employment for gain commenced.

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Recurring Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an employee returns to work after a period of disability and becomes disabled again within 30 calendar days due to causes related to the earlier disability, the second period of disability shall be considered an extension of the earlier period of disability and the balance of the remaining STD benefits from the earlier disability shall be payable. • If an employee returns to work after a period of disability and becomes disabled again within 10 calendar days of their return to work due to causes unrelated to the earlier disability, then the second period of disability shall be considered as an extension of the earlier disability and only the balance of the STD benefits remaining from the earlier disability shall be payable.
Limitations and Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No benefits are payable if the member is not fulfilling the treatment program prescribed by the physician. • Benefits will not be payable during the period a member is on leave of absence without pay, including maternity leave, unless otherwise provided for under this Plan. • While in receipt of benefits, the member must be available (at all times) to perform any reasonable obligations required by the Plan Adjudicator to substantiate and/or justify their claim for benefits • A member who is absent from work due to a non-occupational disability may be required to provide a medical certificate signed by a licensed physician that states the member is medically fit to return to the duties of their position. • A member who leaves the Edmonton area while in receipt of benefits without obtaining prior approval from the Plan Adjudicator shall not be entitled to receive benefits for the period that the member is outside the Edmonton area. (For those members whose principal residence is outside of Edmonton, this means outside the area in which they normally reside.)

The Short Term Disability Plan is not provided through a contract of insurance. For this Plan, the benefits are payable from premiums, interest or investment earnings and an excess of revenue over expenditures.

This summary provides general information only. The terms and conditions of the collective agreement take precedence.

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