

Working conditions comparison: EC (TBS) vs RCMP

This document is meant to provide guidance to Civilian Members regarding the differences in their working conditions compared to those of the EC collective agreement and those of the Regular Members (RMs). For more details, we invite you to refer to the applicable collective agreement, policies or manuals.

Please note that this table is not an exhaustive list of all working conditions at the RCMP and in the EC and RM collective agreement. The TR working conditions are similar to those for ECs, with a few exceptions. For detailed information on specific languages, please refer to the TR collective agreement.

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Source:

EC collective agreement

TR collective agreement

RCMP Regular Members

RCMP Manuals and policies (Infoweb)

Directives:

• <u>Directive on Leave and Special Working Arrangements</u>

National Joint Council (NJC) Directives:

- Public Service Health Care Plan Directive
- Isolated Posts and Government Housing Directive

Other resources:

- RCMP Act
- Financial Administration Act
- <u>Federal Public Sector Labour Relations Act</u>

Article in EC	EC collective agreement	CM working conditions	NPF (RM collective agreement)
Article 23	Career development	Employee Continuous Development and Education Leave without pay (LWOP)	Employee Continuous Development and Education leave without pay (LWOP)
	 Education leave: Education leave for 1 year, and can be renewed by mutual agreement Employee shall receive allowances up to 100% of their salary (if not receiving grant or scholarship) Repay allowances if:	 Subject to annual review, education LWOP of up to five years Member must be enrolled as full-time student May be permitted to return to duty during school breaks at the discretion of the divisional Staffing and Personnel Officer Arrears for superannuation and long-term disability may be deducted, if employee choses so. must not be the subject of progress reporting for unsatisfactory performance Leave with pay for a member attending an educational or language training institution as a student fulfilling a duty commitment, may be granted by authority 	Same as CM. But access to: If not enrolled as a full-time student, with the approval of the Employer, may be granted education leave without pay for varying periods of up to 1 year, which can be renewed by mutual agreement. Allowance in lieu of salary: same as EC. Repay allowances: same as EC:
	Employee, subject to operational requirements, can attend a reasonable number of conferences and conventions related the field of specialization (leave with pay, reasonable expenses, including registration fees) Employee shall be deemed on duty, and as required, travel status	A Commanding Officer/Director may authorize attendance at a non-RCMP sponsored conference held in Canada if the cost is within the limits outlined in Appendix VI-5-1.	• Same as CM.



	Professional development Employees may be given opportunity to: Participate in seminars, workshops, courses or similar out-service programs to keep up to date with knowledge and skills. Conduct research or to perform work related to their normal research programs Carry out research in the field of specialization, not specifically related to the employee's assigned work projects Participate in language workshops or courses to improve language competencies Employee should be selected by the employer	 Employee continuous development and Leadership Development programs May participate in a learning, training or development activity at public expense, if it is documented in learning plan and approved by supervisor with the appropriate delegation. Access to leadership program (Foundation of Leadership) 	 Employee continuous development and Leadership Development programs Same as CM In addition to leadership program, also have access to: Supervisor development program Manager Development program Executive/Officer Development program
Article 28	Hours of work Between 6 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday 37.5h per week 30 minutes meal break unpaid 30 minutes paid break included (15 min morning and 15 min afternoon) Variable hours: possibility of variable schedule outside of the normal work week.	Hours of work Same as EC. 40h per week: 30 minutes paid meal break (8h/day) No rest breaks Compressed workweek: complete their work in a period other than 5 days, provided that work is 40 h/week. 9h for eight days and 8h for one day for a total of 80h/2 weeks, Monday to Friday 10h per week for a total of 80h/2 weeks, Monday to Friday	 Hours of work Same as EC Subject to operational requirements, can take unpaid nursing breaks Meal breaks and rest periods determined according to operational requirements.
Article 28 -	Overtime and bank	Overtime and bank	Overtime and bank
	Overtime:	Overtime:	Overtime:
	 Clear mechanism on assignment of overtime work, and employer shall make every reasonable effort to avoid excessive overtime. 	 No clear mechanism on assignment of overtime 1.5 times their straight-time rate for additional hours on time off work and on Designated paid holidays 	Same as CM



- 1.5 times for the first 7.5h and 2 times for all hours in excess of 7.5h, including Designated paid holidays
- 1.5 times on the 1st day of rest, and 2 times for each contiguous hour thereafter.
- 2 times on the 2nd day of rest

Compensatory leave:

- Maximum bank: 37.5h
- If unused by September 30 of next year, cash out.

Call-back:

Same as CM

Stand-by:

Court duty:

• 0.5h of pay for each 4 hour period of standby

- 2 times when:
 - o Regular time-off
 - On the 1st and 2nd day when recalled to duty from annual leave, LTO or other non-medical paid leave
- For overtime on duty-related telephone calls received while off duty, authorized by the delegated level, actual time spent.

Lieu time off (LTO):

- Lieu time off (overtime, callback, court duty, travel time, premiums) bank: maximum of 80h, and 160h while in isolated post or pay out.
- The delegated level may approve member's request for payment of unused LTO to a max of 40h per fiscal year.

Call-back:

- Entitled to the greater of:
 - Equivalent to 3h of pay at the applicable overtime rate of pay
 - Compensation at the applicable rate of overtime

Stand-by (On Call):

- 1 hour of pay for each 8 hour period of Operational Availability
- 1 hour of pay for each 4 hour period of Operational Readiness

Call-back:

Lieu time off:

Same as CM

• If work outside of their residence, compensated for 3h of pay.

pay at the applicable rate; or

o compensation equivalent to 1 hour's

o compensation at the applicable rate for

• If work at their residence, the greater of:

actual time worked.

Stand-by (On Call):

Same as CM

Court Duty:

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N/A

Meal:

- \$12 of allowances if works 3 or more hours of overtime before or after the work schedule
- If more than 4h, one additional \$12 of allowances

Part-time:

 premium in-lieu of designated paid holidays is 4.6%

Travel:

- On a normal working day, if only travels: regular pay for the day.
- On a normal working day if travels and works: maximum pay is 15 hours' pay at the straight-time rate of pay.
- On a day of rest or on a designated paid holiday, the applicable overtime rate for hours travelled to a maximum of fifteen (15) hours' pay at the straighttime rate of pay.
- upon request of an employee and with the approval of the Employer, travel time shall be compensated by leave with pay.
- If any lieu time earned cannot be liquidated by the end of the fiscal year, then payment will be made at the employee's then current rate of pay.

• When duty-related, regular pay and overtime pay if applicable.

Meal:

 if overtime or unable to access meal break during work (no down room, rest area, restaurant, cafeteria or lunch room), meal-break premium equal to 1.5 times their straight-time rate for completed 15mn periods.

Part-time:

premium in-lieu of DPH is 4.25%

Travel:

 A member on travel status who travels more than 16 consecutive hours will receive 8h time-off before the start of their next schedule.

- Same as CM
- An off-duty member is entitled to the greater of:
 - 4h at applicable rates
 - Pay at the applicable rate for the time spent in court

Meal:

- For every 4h worked, employees are entitled to 30 mn
- Meal break allowances same as CM

Part-time:

Same as CM

Travel:

- Travel on a scheduled workday compensated on the basis of the length of a scheduled shift; additional approved hours paid as overtime.
- Travel not on scheduled workday will be paid as overtime

Article 16	No discrimination There shall be no: Discrimination, interference, restriction, coercion, harassment, intimidation, or any disciplinary action exercised or practised with respect to an employee by reason of: same as CM with the addition of: creed, membership or activity in the Association	by words or action, against any person based on the prohibited grounds defined in the Canadian Human Rights Act (CHRA). Definition of Harassment: Harassment means any improper conduct by an individual that is directed at, and is offensive to, another individual in the workplace, including at any event or any location related to work, and that the individual knew, or ought reasonably to have known, would cause offence or harm. It comprises an objectionable act, comment, or display that demeans, belittles, or causes personal humiliation or embarrassment, and any act of intimidation or threat.	No discrimination Same as EC, plus "genetic characteristics" in definition.
ARTICLE 17	 No sexual harassment right to work in an environment free from sexual harassment Any level in the grievance procedure shall be waived if a person hearing the grievance is the subject of the complaint. 	It also includes harassment within the meaning of the CHRA.	No sexual harassment Same as EC.
TELEWORK – MoU outside of CA	 Follow the <u>Directive on Telework</u> MoU on telework – EC: Joint consultation to review the <u>Directive</u> on Telework 	Follow Telework guidelines for all categories of RCMP employees (prepared by RCMP) • each request must be assessed and considered on a case-by-case basis. • The positions must be suitable for telework. A number of conditions apply	Same as CM.

	 Complaint resolution: joint-panel 		
	comprised by employee and employer's		
	representative		
Right to	LoU: Work-related Communication outside of Scheduled	N/A	N/A
disconnect –	hours of work		
Letter	Consultation following the coming into force of the		
outside of	amendments to the Canada Labour Code to		
CA CA			
Health care	develop a policy.	Same coverage and program access (EAR) as EC	DNA members have three tier care hanefits, see DNA
	Under Public Service Health Care Plan	Same <u>coverage and program access (EAP)</u> as EC	RM members have three tier care benefits: see RM
entitlements	See <u>coverages here</u>		coverage at a glance.
	Employee Assistance Program (EAP):		Members have access to EAP as well as the divisional
	Mental health counselling		psychologist who may advise them during the process.
		Leave with pay	
Article 24	Annual leaves (article 24)	Annual Leaves	Annual Leaves
	0-6 years service: 15 days	0-5 years service: 15 days	Same as CM.
	7 – 15 years : 20 days	5-10 years service: 20 days	
	16 years : 22 days	10-23 years service: 25 days	
	17 years : 23 days	23+ years service: 30 days	
	18 – 26 years : 25 days	,	
	27 years: 27 days	Earn monthly annual leave entitlement after receiving pay for	
	28 years : 30 days	at least 8 hours in a month.	
	Earn monthly annual leave entitlement after receiving pay		
	for at least 75 hours in a month.	Carry-over:	Carry-over:
	Carry-over:	Max of 400 hours (50 days) and cash-out by March 31st.	 Same as CM (non-commissioned officers).
		When special circumstances, can carry over the additional	 1 year's leave entitlement for officer cadre.
	Max of 262.5h (35 days) and cash-out by March 31 st .	leave credits into the next leave year.	year 3 leave characteristic for officer caute.
	If Employer cancels employee's vacation, can be carried	reare or sailed life the flext leave year.	
	over and used in the next vacation year.		



	under the <u>Directive on Leave and Special Working</u> <u>Arrangements</u>	Leave for up to 4 consecutive hours.	Same as CM
	Leave up to 3.5 consecutive hours.		
	Sick leave	Sick leave	Sick leave
	 15 days per fiscal year When not enough credits, can be granted 187.5h in advance. 	 No earning of sick leave credits. Sick leave is granted on an as needed basis with no maximum defined. A medical certificate is required after 4 consecutive days or at the supervisor's discretion 	Same as CM.
Article 21	Leave with or without pay for other reasons At the Employer's discretion, • leave with pay when circumstances not directly attributable to the employee prevent his or her reporting for duty. for purposes other than those specified in this agreement.	Special leave with pay When there are exceptional circumstances and its in the best interest of the RCMP, can receive 80 hours of leave with pay. Cannot be used for educational, language, or other training purposes.	 Leave with pay for other reasons When circumstances not directly attributable to the member prevent their reporting for duty: 16h/fiscal year Other than those specified in their CA: 80h/fiscal year
	Bereavement leave: Up to 7 calendar days or may be taken in 2 periods to a maximum of 5 working days.	Bereavement leave ¹ : Up to 24h of work may be granted (3 days), including the day of the funeral, when there is a death in the member's family.	Bereavement leave ² : Same as EC.
	Up to 3 days leave with pay for the purpose of travel related to the death.	Up to 2 days for the purpose of travel related to the death	

¹ Leave of 80 hours in a fiscal year, including both bereavement and family-related leave types

² Please note that the definition of "Family" in the Leave provision for RM has the same definition as in EC agreement, but exclude "a person who stands in the place of a relative for the employee whether or not there is any degree of consanguinity between such person and the employee"

Family-Related Leave with Pay Up to 5 days in fiscal year. to take a family member for medical or dental appointments, or for appointments with school authorities or adoption agencies to provide for the immediate and temporary care of a sick member of the employee's family to provide for the immediate and temporary care of an elderly member of the employee's family; for needs directly related to the birth or to the adoption of the employee's child to attend school functions to provide for the employee's child in the case of an unforeseeable closure of the school or daycare facility; to visit a family member who, due to an incurable terminal illness, is nearing the end of their life; 15 hours of 37.5 hours may be used to attend an appointment with a legal or paralegal representative for non-employment-related matters	 Same leave as EC, with some exceptions. Exclude for the following reasons (not in CM): to provide for the immediate and temporary care of an elderly member of the employee's family; to provide for the employee's child in the case of an unforeseeable closure of the school or daycare facility; But include the following reasons (not in the EC): To assist in relocating a widowed parent or an orphaned brother or sister in either the member's or the spouse's/common law partner's family. Attend an appointment with a legal or paralegal representations for matters unrelated to employment. 	Leave with Pay for family-related responsibilities Leave same as EC, except for the situation of visit member of family due to an incurable terminal illness, which is covered under "Compassionate Leave".
	Personal Leave N/A	Personal Leave N/A
Compassionate leave (under Family-Related Leave with Pay)	Compassionate leave (cited as personal leave in your manual)	Compassionate leave Same as CM.

 in EC collective agreement, For a critically ill person in the member's family: up to 5 days See Care giving Leave below Court leave with Pay – Non-duty related Same provision. Isolated posts Same as CM. Injury-on-duty leave 	Leave to visit a critically ill family member: 80h (10 days) including travel time. Given only once for each occurrence. Leave to travel for treatment of member's dependent: up to 40h (5 days) per fiscal year Court Leave – Non-duty related Same provision. Isolated Posts Can receive additional leave as specified in the NJC, Isolated Posts and Government Housing Directive N/A, as unlimited sick leave does not require differentiation	Court Leave – Non-duty related Same provision. Isolated posts Same as CM. N/A, as unlimited sick leave does not require
 following injury accidentally received in the performance of their duties, or an industrial illness 	between types, only that it be certified after 4 consecutive days	differentiation between types, only that it be certified after 4 consecutive days
Personnel selection leave leave with pay to participate in a personnel selection process for a position in the public service	N/A	N/A
Domestic violence leave • Leave up to 75h in a fiscal year	N/A	N/A
Up to 15h of leave with pay and 22.5 of leave without pay For employees who self-declare as an Indigenous person and who requests leave to engage in traditional Indigenous practices, including land-based activities such as hunting, fishing, and harvesting.	N/A	N/A
One-time entitlement (article 24.16)	N/A	N/A



Employee are credited a one-time entitlement of 37.5h of		
vacation		
N/A	N/A	Wellness day
		8h per fiscal year

	Pre-retirement transition leave work week reduced by up to 40% or up to 2 out of the 5 working days applicable for employees within two years of retirement	N/A	N/A
	Governed by Treasury Board Directive under the <u>Appendix</u> <u>C – Pre-retirement transition leave</u> : A special working arrangement.		
		Leave without Pay	
Article 21	Leave without pay for relocation of spouse	Leave without pay (LWOP) for spousal relocation	Leave without pay for relocation of spouse
	 1 year when spouse permanently relocated 5 years when spouse temporarily relocated 	Up to 5 years	Same as CM
	Leave without pay for the care of family (former Care & Nurturing leave) • Up to 5 years and minimum of 3 weeks • This is for family member (including in-laws, children of spouse)	Leave without pay for care and nurturing of preschool-aged children • minimum 6 months and maximum 5 years	 Leave without pay for the care of family³ Up to 5 years and minimum of 6 months

³ <u>Note</u>: Definition of "Family" in the Leave provision for RM has the same definition as in EC agreement, but exclude "a person who stands in the place of a relative for the employee whether or not there is any degree of consanguinity between such person and the employee"

 Leave without pay for personal needs Leave without pay minimum 3 months and maximum 1 year Can be take twice (one 3 months and one 1 year) if expiration of the 1st leave occurs 10 years later 	Leave without pay for personal needs up to 3 consecutive months once during the member's service; and more than 3 consecutive months, but not exceeding 1 year, once in the member's service; or combined for no more than 15 months once during the member's service.	Leave without pay for personal needs ● Same as CM
Leave with or without pay for other reasons At the discretion of the Employer: • leave with pay when circumstances not directly attributable to the employee prevent his or her reporting for duty. • leave with or without pay for purposes other than those specified in this agreement.	 Special LWOP A special leave without pay and allowances can be granted for 13 work weeks to a member when there are exceptional circumstances and it is in the best interest of the RCMP. 	Leave without pay for other reasons • Same as CM
N/A	 Self-funded LWOP May be granted min 6 months and up to a max of 1 year. Maybe granted on more than one occasion during a member's service Up to 33 1/3 per cent of his/her pensionable pay and allowances deferred to fund the leave. 	Self-funded LWOP • Same as CM.
Leave with Income Averaging: A Special Working Arrangement Governed under Treasury Board Secretariat Directive: <u>Directive on Leave and Special Working Arrangements</u> • Minimum of 5 weeks and maximum of 3 months • Income averaging throughout 12-month period.	N/A	N/A

Leave without Pay while in receipt of El		
Maternity LWOP	Maternity LWOP	Maternity LWOP
Same as CM	 18 weeks after the end date of pregnancy 2 weeks of waiting period If newborn is hospitalized, extension not later than 52 weeks after the birth of the child 	Same as CM
Maternity allowance	Maternity allowances:	Maternity allowance
Same as CM	 Waiting period before and after receiving EI benefits: 93% of the weekly rate of pay Each week under maternity leave, 93% of the weekly rate of pay 	Same as CM
Parental LWOP	Parental LWOP	Parental LWOP
 Same as CM, and Have the extended option: 63 weeks in a 78-week period 	 2 weeks of waiting period. 37 weeks in a 52-week period The parental leave may be taken at the discretion of the delegated level, in two periods. If the newborn hospitalized, may extend no later than 	Same as EC
Parental Allowances: • Have the options of taking: o 37 weeks at 93% or	104 weeks from the date the child come into the member's care.	Parental Allowances: • Same as EC.
o 63 weeks at 55.8%	Parental Allowances: o 93% of the weekly rate of pay.	
Caregiving leave	N/A	Compassionate leave
While in receipt of EI benefits		Same as EC
 For compassionate care benefits: 26 weeks 		
• For family caregiver benefits for children: 35 weeks		



		Acting assignments	
Article 27	 Qualifying period is 3 consecutive days No specified duration before acting assignment ends Acting pay is pensionable 	 Qualifying period is 5 consecutive days Duration of acting assignment is limited to 4 or 6 months at a time, subject to language requirements and unless an extension is authorized Acting pay is not pensionable under the RCMP Pension Plan. 	 Qualifying period is: 2 consecutive days as Cst., Cpl., Sgt., S/Sgt., Insp., S/Cst.; 5 consecutive days for other than those outlined. No specified duration before acting assignment ends Acting pay is not pensionable under the RCMP Pension Plan.
		Rates of pay	
Appendix A Rates of Pay	 Negotiated through collective bargaining (EC - CAPE) 	Same rates of pay as EC	 Negotiated through collective bargaining (RM- NPF)