# MANITOBA GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' MASTER AGREEMENT

**Between** 

**PROVINCE OF MANITOBA** 

And

THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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# GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' MASTER AGREEMENT GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA

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**THIS AGREEMENT** made this <u>28th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2024.

#### **BETWEEN**

HIS MAJESTY THE KING in Right of the Province of Manitoba, represented herein by the Honourable the Minister charged with the administration of The Manitoba Public Service Act (hereinafter referred to as the government),

OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

# THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION.

(hereinafter referred to as the Union),

OF THE SECOND PART.

**WITNESSETH:** That for the purpose of promoting co-operation and understanding between the government and its employees affected hereby, and to recognize the mutual value of joint discussions and negotiations with respect to compensation for employees, including the establishment of pay ranges for new classes of employees and the adjustment from time to time of pay ranges for existing classes of employees and working conditions of employees, the parties hereto agree as follows:

# **INTERPRETATION**

- 1:01 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the expressions listed have the following meanings.
- 1:02 **"accumulated service"** means the equivalent length of service acquired by the employee in accordance with the following:
  - (a) accumulated service is calculated based on all hours for which an employee has received regular pay. This includes regular hours worked and approved leaves of absence from the Government of Manitoba where regular pay is maintained:
  - (b) accumulated service does not include overtime hours or any leaves of absence without pay or with partial pay including but not limited to suspensions without pay, worker's compensation and other leave situations;
  - (c) accumulated service must be continuous service;
  - (d) one (1) year of accumulated service for employees in eight (8) hour per day classifications equals 2080 hours of accumulated service. For seven and three-quarter hour day employees, one (1) year of accumulated service equals 2015 hours of accumulated service. For seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour day employees, one (1) year of accumulated service equals 1885 hours of accumulated service. The figures for seven and three-quarter (7¾) hours per day and seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day classifications are shown in brackets after the figures for the eight (8) hour per day classifications. Example: 2080 (2015) (1885) hours;
  - (e) when an employee converts from a seven and three-quarter (7¾), or a seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day classification to an eight (8) hour per day classification or vice-versa, the employee's accumulated hours of service at the time of conversion will be converted to accumulated years of service. Example: a seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day employee works for six (6) months during the year and acquires 942.5 hours of accumulated service. The employee then moves into an eight (8) hour per day classification. The employee's hours are converted as follows:

942.5 hours ÷ 1885 hours = .50 years of accumulated service.

The employee then accumulates service in the eight (8) hour per day classification for the remainder of the year;

(f) an employee can only receive a maximum of one (1) year of accumulated service in any twelve (12) month period.

- 1:03 "agency of the government" means any board, commission, association, or other body, whether incorporated or unincorporated, all the members of which, or all the members of the board of management or board of directors of which are appointed by an act of the Legislature or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- 1:04 **"Agreement"** means this agreement which may be referred to as The Government Employees' Master Agreement.
- 1:05 "authorized overtime" shall mean overtime authorized by the employing authority and where the term "overtime" is used in this Agreement, it shall mean "authorized overtime":
- 1:06 **"calendar service"** means the length of continuous service from the employee's most recent date of hire to the present. Periods of lay-off, while not affecting the continuity of service, are not included in the calculation of calendar service.
- 1:07 "casual employee" means an employee who normally works less than the full normal daily, weekly or monthly hours of work, as the case may be, and whose work is irregular, or non-recurring or does not follow an ongoing predetermined schedule of work on a regular and recurring basis. Notwithstanding the foregoing, casual employees may be employed for a short duration to replace employees who are absent for any reason.
- 1:08 **"public service"** or **"service"** means the employees of the government in positions, appointments, or employments, now existing or hereinafter created excluding the members of any agency of the government and the employees of any agency of the government and also excluding:
  - (a) officers of elections and election employees employed in that capacity only, other than the Chief Electoral Officer:
  - (b) the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly, page boys, ushers, such temporary and clerical assistance as may be provided for members of the Assembly, and clerical employees of the Assembly, other than the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly;
  - (c) persons employed to make or conduct a temporary and special inquiry, investigation or examination, on behalf of the Assembly or the government;
  - (d) persons who are patients or inmates in a provincial institution and who help in the work of the institution;
  - (e) any person paid by fees or hired on a special contractual basis or as an independent contractor; and
  - (f) secretaries of ministers, other than any person designated as a member of the civil service pursuant to Subsection 18(1) of The Civil Service Act while that Act was in force and other than any person who is a member of the civil service at the time of the employee's appointment as a secretary of a minister.
- 1:09 "class" or "class of position" means a group of positions involving duties and responsibilities so similar that the same or like qualifications may reasonably be required for, and the same schedule or grade of pay can be reasonably applied to, all positions in the group.
- 1:10 **"Commission"** means the Public Service Commission, constituted under The Public Service Act or any person designate.
- 1:11 "continuous service" means consecutive and contiguous days, weeks, months and/or years of employment with the Government of Manitoba where there has been no break in service involving termination of the employee.
- 1:12 "department" means a department of the Executive Government of the Province.
- 1:13 "departmental employee" means a person employed in or under the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, the Department of Conservation and Water Stewardship whose appointment is made to a position designated as departmental for payroll or budget purposes.
- 1:14 "dismissal" means the removal for disciplinary reasons from a position of employment for just cause.

- 1:15 **"employee"** means a person employed in a position in the bargaining unit.
- 1:16 " **employer**" means:
  - (a) in respect of a department:
    - (i) the minister presiding over a department;
    - (ii) the deputy minister;
    - (iii) any person designated by the minister to act in respect of the department on behalf of the minister;
  - (b) in respect to persons employed in the Office of the Auditor General, the Auditor General;
  - (c) in respect to persons employed in the office of the Ombudsman, the Ombudsman.
- 1:17 "grade of pay", "pay range" or "pay grade" means a series of rates of remuneration for a class that provides for a minimum rate, a maximum rate, and such intermediate rates if any as may be considered necessary to permit periodic increases in remuneration and as set out in the respective Component salary schedules.
- 1:18 "increment" means the amount per annum provided as a rate of increase in the applicable salary payable to any eligible employee, which unless the context of the relevant approved pay range otherwise clearly indicates, may be granted annually on the applicable anniversary dates.
- 1:19 "lay-off" means to temporarily remove from a position of employment subject to the employee retaining such rights as set out under this Agreement.
- 1:20 "minister" means a minister of the Crown.
- 1:21 "part-time employee" means an employee who normally works less than the full normal daily, weekly or monthly hours, as the case may be, and whose work follows an ongoing, predetermined schedule of work on a regular and recurring basis.
- 1:22 **"position"** means a position of employment with the government, the person employed for which is a member of the civil service.
- 1:23 **"promotion"** means a change of employment from one (1) position to another having a higher maximum salary.
- 1:24 **"provincial institution"** means:
  - (a) a hospital, sanatorium, or institution for the care of mental retardates or persons suffering from mental disorders, the employees in which are members of the Civil Service; and
  - (b) correctional institutions and detention homes.
- 1:25 **"regular employee"** means an employee who carries out and occupies a continuing function in a departmental program and who has all the rights and privileges of permanent status.
- 1:26 **"regulation"** means a regulation under The Public Service Act which apply to employees covered by this Agreement.
- 1:27 **"transfer"** means the removal of an employee from a position in a class and appointing the employee to another position in the same class or to another position in a different class having the same maximum rate of pay.
- 1:28 "Union" means the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union.
- 1:29 Wherever the singular and the masculine are used in this Agreement, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural, or the feminine or the neuter where the context so admits or requires and the converse shall hold as applicable.

# **DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

- 2:01 This Agreement shall become effective from and including March 25, 2023 and shall continue in effect up to and including March 19, 2027 and shall remain in force and effect from year to year thereafter unless written notice to negotiate a renewal, or revision and renewal is given by either party at least forty-five (45) days prior to but not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiry date hereof. During the period required to negotiate a renewal, or revision and renewal of this Agreement, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without change.
- 2:02 Where notice for revision of this Agreement is given under Section :01, the parties agree to exchange proposals for the revision of the Agreement no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiry date of the Agreement. The parties shall, within twenty (20) working days following receipt of the specific proposals for revision to the Agreement, commence collective bargaining. These time limits may be changed by mutual agreement between the parties hereto.
- 2:03 All additions, deletions, amendments, and/or revisions from the previous Agreement to this Agreement shall be effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period following the date of signing of this Agreement unless otherwise specified.

# AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY SCHEDULE

- 3:01 During the term of this Agreement, amendments to the salary schedule in the Components resulting from the introduction of a new classification, or amendments to Appendix "A" of the Agreement in respect of exclusions from the terms of this Agreement shall be determined through negotiation between the parties hereto.
- 3:02 If it is necessary for the purpose of recruitment or retention to effect an upward adjustment to the pay range of an established classification, the government shall consult with the Union and may amend the salary schedule to give effect to the required change. In no case shall such pay range be less than that already existing for the classification.

# **APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT**

- 4:01 The terms of this Agreement shall apply as herein stated to:
  - (a) persons in the civil service appointed in virtue of and under Sections 15 and 16 of the former Civil Service Act;
  - (b) departmental employees;
  - (c) term employees to whom Subsection 2(5) of The Civil Service Superannuation Act applies;
  - (d) full-time term and temporary employees hired under the authority of The Public Service Act or the former Civil Service Act for a period in excess of two (2) months service;
  - (e) part-time employees who have been hired under the authority of The Public Service Act or the former Civil Service Act. The Agreement shall apply effective the start of the bi-weekly pay period following the attainment of three hundred and thirty-six (336) hours of accumulated service for employees in an eight (8) hour per day classification, or three hundred and twenty-five and one-half (325½) hours of accumulated service for employees in a seven and three-quarter (7¾) hour per day classification or three hundred and four and one half (304½) hours of accumulated service for employees in a seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day classification.
  - (f) casual employees who have been hired under the authority of The Public Service Act or the former Civil Service Act. The Agreement shall apply effective the start of the bi-weekly pay period following the attainment of one hundred and sixty (160) hours of accumulated service. The only provisions of the Agreement which apply to casual employees are those listed in Appendix D – Casual Employees.
- 4:02 The terms of this Agreement shall not apply to:
  - (a) incumbents of the positions set forth in Appendix A attached hereto; and
  - (b) any government employees represented by a recognized bargaining agent and covered by another collective agreement other than the Government Employees' Master Agreement; and
  - (c) student assistants being paid under the provisions of the Student Temporary Employment Program Policy (S.T.E.P.) and persons employed under the provisions of the Manitoba Conservation Green Team Youth Employment Program.

4:03 The eight (8) Components listed below shall be attached to and form part of this Agreement.

(a) Administration

(d) Health

(g) Social Sciences

(h) Trades, Operations & Services

(b) Clerical

- (e) Legal, Inspection & Regulatory
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(c) Corrections (f) Physical Sciences

- 4:04 The government recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for those employees within the bargaining unit as set out in Section :01 herein and as well such further classes of employees as may be agreed upon by the parties during the term of this Agreement.
- 4.05 During the term of the Collective Agreement, the Workforce Relations Division may request in writing that the Union agree that a position(s) be excluded from the bargaining unit. In making this request, the Employer shall provide reasons for the requested exclusion and a copy of the job description. The parties shall meet, if necessary, to discuss the matter. If agreement is reached to exclude the position(s), a revised Appendix "A" shall be prepared and signed. If no agreement is reached within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the request, either party may refer the matter to the Manitoba Labour Board for disposition.

# **TERM EMPLOYEES**

- 5:01 **"Term employee"** means an employee hired for a specific term of employment. The term of employment may be based on a specific period of time or the completion of a specific job or until the occurrence of a specified event.
- 5:02 Where the employment of a term employee terminates at the end of a specific term of employment, then:
  - (a) the employing authority shall not be required to give any notice or payment in lieu thereof;
  - (b) the employee shall not be required to give any notice of resignation.
- 5:03 Where a term employee is laid-off, then the following shall apply:
  - (a) if the lay-off is at the end of a specific term of employment, no notice of lay-off is required;
  - (b) if the lay-off is prior to the end of a specific term of employment, an employee will receive written notice prior to the lay-off or granted payment in lieu thereof based on the following:
    - (i) four (4) weeks' notice to an employee with one (1) or more years of seniority; or
    - (ii) two (2) weeks' notice to an employee with less than one (1) year of full-time seniority.
- 5:04 Where a term employee is employed in the same position performing the same function for a period of more than twenty-four (24) continuous months and where the need for the position is expected to continue, the department will convert the employee to regular civil service status.
- 5:05 An employee appointed to a term position shall be informed in writing as to the duration of the term. Where the term relates to the reasons set out in Section :07, the employee shall be so informed. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall not in itself negate the employee's status as a term employee.
- 5:06 Where the employee is not to be converted in accordance with Section :04, the employee shall be notified in writing of the reasons prior to the completion of twenty-four (24) continuous months of service. Inadvertent failure to provide such notice shall not result in a right to conversion if the other conditions in Section :04 are not met. A meeting may be held with the employee to discuss the matter. The employee has the option to have a union representative present.
- 5:07 Section :06 does not apply:
  - (a) where a term employee is replacing an employee who is absent for any reason; or
  - (b) to a term employee whose salary is cost shared under a Federal-Provincial cost sharing agreement which requires, as a condition of cost sharing, that employees are not regular (permanent) employees.
- 5:08 Government representatives will meet with the Union between April 15th and May 31st in each year

to review the status of all term employees with more than twenty-four (24) continuous months of service.

# LAY-OFF SEASONAL DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES

- 6:01 This Article applies to the lay-off and recall of seasonal-departmental employees. Non-seasonal departmental employees are covered by Article 24 Lay-off.
- 6:02 Where by reason of a shortage of work or funds, or the abolition of a position or material changes in duties or organization, an employing authority determines that a lay-off(s) is necessary within a department, the employing authority shall determine the classification(s) from which the lay-off(s) are to take place.
- 6:03 The employing authority shall determine the group of employees concerned within each classification from which employees are to be laid-off.
- 6:04 In determining the order of lay-off within the group of employees concerned, seniority shall be the determining factor provided the qualifications of the employees are relatively equal. This Section is subject to the requirement that the employees who are retained must have the qualifications and ability to perform the duties which the remaining employees will be required to perform.
- 6:05 Where an employee alleges that the employee's lay-off has not been in accordance with this Agreement, the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement shall apply except that the grievance shall be initiated at the second step of the procedure.
- 6:06 Where an employee is being laid-off at the end of a specific term of employment or after the completion of a job for which the employee was specifically employed, no notice of lay-off is required. Otherwise, where an employing authority is laying off an employee the following shall apply:
  - (a) to an employee with one (1) or more years of seniority four (4) weeks written notice or pay in lieu thereof.
  - (b) to an employee with less than one (1) year of seniority two (2) weeks written notice or pay in lieu thereof.
- 6:07 Employees who are laid-off shall be placed on a re-employment list for a period of up to twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of the lay-off. Each department concerned shall maintain its own re-employment list(s) for its laid-off employees. The Union shall be provided a copy of such list(s), upon request.
- 6:08 Employees placed on a re-employment list shall be called back to their positions in reverse order of lay-off.
- 6:09 An employee who is on a re-employment list must:
  - (a) report any change of address to the department without delay;
  - (b) if called back or provided a reasonable re-employment opportunity, respond to the call back or reasonable re-employment opportunity within seven (7) days of receipt of notification of call back or reasonable re-employment opportunity. An employee accepting a reasonable reemployment opportunity at a lower rate of pay shall retain their recall rights under Section :08 for the duration of the time they would have remained on the re-employment list;
  - (c) return to work within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notification of call back or reasonable reemployment opportunity or such other date as may be agreed upon between the employee and the department:
  - (d) except for good and sufficient reasons, accept a call back or reasonable re-employment opportunity in accordance with this Section or be deemed to have resigned.
- 6:10 A "reasonable re-employment opportunity" is a position which the employee is reasonably qualified for and able to perform and which is in a location which would not require a change of residence by the employee.

- 6:11 Employees whose classification varies between Labourer and Operator shall be categorized as "Labourer/Operator" for purposes of this Article.
- 6:12 For purposes of this Article, "qualifications" refer to education, knowledge, training, skills, experience, aptitude, and competence. "Ability" refers to mental, and physical capability. The employing authority, in making a decision with respect to determining which employees are to be retained and which employees are to be laid-off, shall determine qualifications, and the ability of employees to perform the duties which the remaining employees will be required to perform in a fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory manner. The onus of proof rests with the employing authority in any dispute over the application of qualifications and ability to perform the duties which the remaining employees will be required to perform.
- 6:13 Seasonal departmental employees shall be entitled to permanent lay-off severance payment under Article 25 (Severance) where twenty-four (24) months have elapsed on the re-employment list.

# NO DISCRIMINATION

- 7:01 The parties hereto agree that there shall be no discrimination, harassment, coercion or interference exercised or practiced with respect to any employee by reason of age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, colour, ethnic or national origin, physical disability, political or religious affiliation or membership in the Union or activities in the Union or any other applicable characteristic as set out in the Manitoba Human Rights Code.
  - Further as set out in the Code, the Parties agree that there shall be no discrimination with respect to any aspect of an employment or occupation, unless the discrimination is based upon bona fide and reasonable requirements or qualifications for the employment or occupation.
- 7:02 All pay and benefit provisions in the Agreement have been negotiated with the specific understanding that the provisions are not discriminatory.

# **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

- 8:01 All the functions, rights, personnel pay practices, powers and authority which the government has not specifically abridged, delegated or modified by this Agreement are recognized by the Union as being retained by the government.
- 8:02 In administering this Agreement, the government shall act reasonably, fairly, in good faith, and in a manner consistent with the Agreement as a whole.

# **PAY**

- 9:01 An employee, other than an employee paid on an hourly or daily basis who does not work every working day in a bi-weekly pay period and by reason thereof is not entitled to be paid an amount equal to a bi-weekly salary is entitled to be paid an amount equal to the daily rate of pay for the employee's position at the employee's step multiplied by a number comprising the number of days actually worked in that period plus any leaves with pay in that period for which the employee is eligible. The daily rate of pay shall be calculated by multiplying the hourly rate of pay by the number of hours in a normal working day as indicated in the applicable Component and rounding the result to the nearest cent. The bi-weekly salary shall be calculated by multiplying the hourly rate of pay by the normal number of hours in a bi-weekly pay period as indicated in the applicable Component and rounding to the nearest cent.
- 9:02 Where an employee is promoted to another position, the employee shall be paid at a rate of pay set out for that position in the salary schedule that is, if possible, one (1) full increment more than the rate of pay the employee was being paid in the employee's former position.
- 9:03 Where an employee receives a benefit arising out of the employee's position, unless the salary schedule provides that such benefit shall be in addition to the salary provided for the position, a fair

and reasonable charge as recommended by Joint Council and approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council may be made for the benefit.

9:04 Where, in special cases, the application of the general rules for placing an employee on a step of a pay range works an injustice or does not make adequate provision, Treasury Board Secretariat shall consult with the Union, and may, following the personal recommendation of the minister of the department concerned, make such provisions as may be necessary to maintain equity and parity among salaries of incumbents of such positions within the pay range of the classification. Such provisions may take the form of salary rate assignment of incumbents to a proper and equitable step of the pay range of the classification of the position or to such a step of the pay range of the incumbent in the event that the pay range of the incumbent is lower than the pay range of the classification of the position.

# **RETROACTIVE WAGES**

- 10:01 Retroactive pay adjustments for the period between the expiration of the previous Agreement and the date of the signing of this Agreement shall apply to:
  - (a) employees who are in the employ of the government on the date of the signing of this Agreement;
  - (b) employees who have left the service during the above-mentioned period but who have retired in accordance with the provisions of The Civil Service Superannuation Act or who have died in service;
  - (c) employees who have left the service during the above-mentioned period by reason of being laid-off by the employing authority;
  - (d) term employees terminated at the end of a specific term of employment or after the completion of the specific job for which they were employed.
- 10:02 Retroactive pay adjustments for the period between the expiration of the previous Agreement and the date of signing of this Agreement shall be made to employees who have voluntarily terminated their services (resigned).

# **RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT**

- 11:01 Subject to 11:02 and 11:03, vacant or new positions in the bargaining unit shall be filled in accordance with the following:
  - (a) whenever possible and in the public interest, by promotion within the service;
  - (b) when in the public interest, by recruiting from without the service.
- 11:02 Where more than one of the candidates for a position have, in the opinion of the Commission, the standard of qualification required for the position, the Commission, in selecting the person to be appointed to the position, and subject to due consideration of the interests of the public and the requirements of the employer, shall give a preference as prescribed in subsection 11:03.
- 11:03 Preference shall be given to
  - (a) a veteran;
  - (b) a spouse or common-law partner of a veteran;
  - (c) a current member of the reserves;
  - (d) a surviving spouse or common-law partner of a person who died from causes arising from service as a member of the Canadian Forces or reserves.

# For clarity:

- (a) a veteran is a member of the Canadian Forces who had successfully undergone basic training and has been released with an honourable discharge; and
- (b) a current member of the reserves is a person who continues to serve
  - (i) as a member of the reserve force of the Canadian Forces, or
  - (ii) in the case of a member of a First Nation or a person who is a citizen of Canada and the United States of America, continues to serve as a member of the reserve force of the Canadian Forces or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces.
- 11:04 Notwithstanding Section: 01, first consideration for filling vacancies or new positions shall be given to persons on the re-employment list in accordance with article 24:19.

- 11:05 Where a vacant or new position is to be filled through competition, a bulletin shall be posted for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days.
- 11:06 The bulletin shall state the closing date for applications, the location of the position, the classification, the duties and responsibilities of the position, the qualifications required and the salary range. The Union will be provided with a copy of all bulletins as they are issued.
- 11:07 The selection of employees for vacant or new positions shall be on the basis of qualifications, ability, prior work performance and seniority. Where qualifications, ability and prior work performance are relatively equal, seniority shall be the determining factor.
- 11:08 Where an employee is moved from one (1) department to another, or within a department, the Commission shall inform the departments or the department concerned of the move. The department from which the employee is moved, or within which the employee is moved, shall release the employee from the position within thirty (30) days of being so informed, or within one (1) week of obtaining a replacement for the employee, whichever is the earlier.
- 11:09 An employee who is notified that he or she is an unsuccessful applicant for a vacant position shall be supplied with the reasons for non-acceptance within ten (10) days of making a written request to the Commission. Such a request shall be made within ten (10) days of receipt of the notification that the employee was an unsuccessful applicant. An employee who has been given the reasons for non-acceptance verbally, may then request that the reasons be provided in writing and the reasons shall be provided in writing by the Employer.
- 11:10 A regular employee may apply for and be appointed to a term position as a regular employee provided that the department has developed an employment plan which will return the employee to the employee's regular position or an acceptable alternate position.

# **MEDICAL FITNESS**

- 12:01 A physical examination by a duly qualified medical practitioner acceptable to Commission is required:
  - (a) for all employees in provincial institutions;
  - (b) for any employee in respect of whom the employing authority, in writing, requires a physical examination; and
  - (c) for any employee who, in the opinion of Treasury Board, should be given a physical examination.
- 12:02 The Commission may, on the recommendation of the employing authority, or on its own initiative, require an employee to have a psychiatric examination and/or a physical examination.
- 12:03 A duly qualified medical practitioner giving a psychiatric or physical examination shall complete medical forms or respond to requests for medical information required by the Commission.
- 12:04 The cost of any examination referred to in Sections:01 and :02 will be paid by the employing authority.
- 12:05 The provisions of Article 12 are not for the purposes of general medical information to access sick leave provisions in accordance with Article 28.

# PROBATION AND ASSESSMENT

- 13:01 Every newly hired employee shall be on probation for a period of six (6) months.
- 13:02 An employee's probation period may be extended by the deputy minister or designate. Such extension may be for a maximum period of six (6) months. In the event of a lengthy absence due to illness or injury during the probation period, the employer may extend the probation period for longer than twelve (12) consecutive months, subject to the agreement of the Union. The total time spent on probation while at work, however, shall in no instance exceed twelve (12) months.

- 13:03 An employee shall be notified in writing of any extension of the probation period under Section :02 prior to the expiry of the probation period. A meeting may be held with the employee to discuss the extension. The employee has the option to have a representative present.
- 13:04 An employee's probation period of six (6) months plus any extension shall be considered the probation period. This probation period shall not exceed twelve (12) months except as outlined in 13:02.
- 13:05 An employee who is rejected during the probation period may grieve the rejection at Step 2 of the grievance procedure within fifteen (15) working days from the date the employee received notice of the rejection. The deputy minister or designate shall hold a hearing to discuss the grievance with the employee and the employee's representative. The decision at Step 2 shall be final for such grievances. The rejection of an employee on probation is neither appealable nor arbitrable.
- 13:06 An employee who is being rejected during the employee's probation period shall be provided with two (2) weeks' notice or payment in lieu thereof.
- 13:07 Subject to :13, every employee appointed, promoted, or transferred to a position within Government shall complete an assessment period of 6 months. The purpose of the assessment period is to assess whether the employee is able to perform the duties and functions of the position.
- 13:08 An employee's assessment period may be extended by the Deputy Minister or designate. Such extension may be for a maximum of six (6) months.
- 13:09 An employee shall be notified in writing of any extension of the assessment period under 13:08 prior to the expiry of the assessment period. A meeting shall be held with the employee to discuss the extension at the request of the employee. The employee has the option to have a representative present.
- 13:10 In the event of a lengthy absence due to illness or injury during the assessment period, the Employing Authority may extend the assessment period for longer than twelve (12) consecutive months. The total time spent in the assessment period while at work, however, shall in no instance exceed twelve (12) months. This will allow the full period in which to evaluate the employee.
- 13:11 Where an employee has been rejected during the assessment period following a promotion within a department, upon such rejection the employing authority will relocate the employee to the employee's former position or to a position comparable to the former position.
- 13:12 Where an employee has been rejected during the assessment period following a promotion to another department, then:
  - (a) the Commission will place the employee on an employment availability list at the employee's previous classification for a period of one (1) year from the date of rejection;
  - (b) during this period the Commission will endeavour to relocate the employee to the employee's former position or to a position comparable to the former position;
  - (c) the employee may only grieve the rejection if the employee has not been relocated to the former position or offered a comparable position prior to the effective date of rejection. The grievance shall be initiated at Step 2 of the grievance procedure within twenty-five (25) working days from the effective date of rejection.
- 13:13 An employee shall not be required to serve a further assessment period when:
  - (a) the employee is promoted without competition as a result of reclassification of the employee's position;
  - (b) the employee initiates a transfer to a position in the same classification involving similar duties and responsibilities;
  - (c) the employer initiates the transfer or demotion of an employee from one (1) position to another for any reason.
- 13:14 Subject to :12, the rejection of an employee on probation is neither appealable nor arbitrable.

13:15 An employee who is temporarily appointed to another position on an acting basis is not considered to be on an assessment period. If the employee is subsequently promoted to that position, the period during which the employee was in acting status does not count towards the employee's assessment period.

# **CONDUCT OF EMPLOYEES**

- 14:01 Each employee shall observe standards of behaviour consistent with the employee's function and role as a civil service employee and in compliance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 14:02 Where an employee is absent without leave for a period of two (2) weeks, the employee shall be considered to have abandoned his or her position and shall be deemed to have been terminated on the last day on which the employee was present at work and performed the employee's regular duties.
- 14:03 Where an employee is habitually late or is absent during working hours without leave and fails to give satisfactory explanation for the lateness or absence, the head of the branch, division, or department concerned shall make a report to the employing authority who may take such disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal, as is warranted.

# PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

15:01 Where a formal assessment of an employee's performance is made, the employee concerned shall be given an opportunity to sign the assessment form upon its completion to indicate that its contents have been read. Employees shall have the right to place their own comments on the form where such space is provided or to append their comments to the form where no space is provided. An employee shall, upon request, receive a copy of the assessment.

# **MERIT INCREASES**

- **"Merit increase"** means an increase in the rate of pay of an employee within the employee's pay range which may be granted in recognition of satisfactory service on the employee's anniversary date.
- 16:02 Subject to Section :03, anniversary dates for employees will be as follows:
  - (a) Employees hired on or after the 2<sup>nd</sup> of a month will have their anniversary date on the first of the month which follows the date on which the employee is employed in a position in the public service.
  - (b) Employees hired on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a month will have their anniversary date as the 1st day of their month of hire, except where the 1st is a statutory holiday, in which case their anniversary date will be on the first of the month which follows.
- 16:03 The anniversary date for an employee receiving a promotion or a transfer resulting in a pay increase equivalent to two or more merit increases shall become the first day of the month that falls on or after the effective date of the promotion or transfer of the employee and the employee shall be eligible for the employee's next merit increase twelve (12) months from the anniversary date established in accordance with this Section.
- 16:04 Where the pay range for an employee's classification permits, an employee shall be eligible for a merit increase twelve (12) months from the employee's anniversary date established in accordance with this Article provided the employee has accumulated 1,008 regular hours of work during that twelve (12) month period. If an employee has not accumulated 1,008 regular hours during that twelve (12) month period and as a result has not received a merit increase, the employee is eligible for a merit increase at the employee's next subsequent anniversary date twelve (12) months hence provided the employee has accumulated 1,008 regular hours during the preceding twenty-four (24) month period. In a similar manner, an employee who has not accumulated 1,008 regular hours over the preceding twenty-four (24) month period is eligible for a merit increase at the employee's next anniversary date following the accumulation of 1,008 regular hours.

- 16:05 Where an employee has been on maternity leave and/or parental leave and as a result of such leave(s) fails to be eligible for a merit increase under Section :04, the employee will be eligible for a merit increase on the first of the month following the date on which the employee accumulates the necessary regular hours of work. The effective date of the increase shall be the first day of the biweekly pay period which includes the first of the month.
- 16:06 Notwithstanding that an employee is appointed to a position at a salary rate higher than the minimum salary applicable to the position, the employee is eligible for a merit increase on the employee's anniversary date.
- 16:07 The effective date for an employee's merit increase shall be the first day of the bi-weekly pay period which includes the employee's anniversary date. An employee must be in the classification on the employee's anniversary date in order that the merit increase shall take effect at the beginning of the bi-weekly period that includes the said anniversary date.
- 16:08 Where a merit increase is not granted to an employee on the employee's anniversary date:
  - (a) the employee shall be notified of the merit increase denial on or before the applicable anniversary date. The employee shall be provided in writing with the reasons the merit increase was denied;
  - (b) the merit increase may be granted to the employee on any subsequent monthly anniversary date which is not less than three (3) months from the employee's anniversary date. The effective date for such a merit increase shall be the first day of the bi-weekly pay period which includes the subsequent monthly anniversary date referred to;
  - (c) the employee may file a grievance at Step 1 of the grievance procedure. No grievance may be initiated where a merit increase is not granted to an employee under Subsection :08(b);
  - (d) the employee is eligible for a merit increase at the employee's next anniversary date notwithstanding that the employee was granted a merit increase under Subsection :08(b).
- 16:09 Employees who qualify for a merit increase under Article 16 or Section 5:12 of Appendix "C" and who meet the following criteria shall be eligible for the Long Service Step identified in the pay plan for each classification:
  - (a) twenty (20) or more years of calendar service; and
  - (b) the employee has been at the maximum step of their pay range for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.
- 16:10 Effective March 23, 2024, employees who meet the following criteria shall be eligible for the 25-year Long Service Step identified in the pay plan for each classification:
  - a) Twenty-five (25) or more years of calendar service; and
  - b) the employee has been at the 20-year Long Service Step for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.
  - c) Eligibility for the 25-year Long Service Step is subject to Article 16 Merit Increases and Appendix "C" Part Time Employees, Section 5:12 Merit Increases for Other Than Departmental Employees.
- 16:11 Employees who do not meet the above criteria in Article 16:10 on March 23, 2024 shall be eligible for the 25-year Long Service Step on the employee's anniversary date in which the employee meets both conditions (a) and (b) outlined in 16:10 above.

# **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- 17:01 An employee shall only be disciplined for just cause.
- 17:02 Where the Employer schedules an investigatory meeting regarding an employee's conduct, the Employer shall advise the employee that his or her conduct is the subject of the investigation. The employee will be provided with reasonable notice of the meeting and advised of his or her right to have a Union representative attend the meeting. It is the employee's responsibility to arrange attendance by a representative of the Union.
- 17:03 Where a meeting is scheduled by the Employer to impose disciplinary action, the employee shall

be advised that the meeting is a disciplinary meeting and shall be provided with reasonable notice of the meeting. The employee shall be advised that he/she has the right to have a Union representative at the meeting. It is the employee's responsibility to arrange attendance by a representative of the Union.

- 17:04 Where the Employer issues disciplinary action in writing, the Employer shall normally meet with the employee to communicate the areas of concern and the remedial action expected. Where the written disciplinary action is provided to the employee in a meeting, the employee shall sign a copy of the document only to confirm receipt of the disciplinary action. All disciplinary actions which are confirmed in writing shall be placed on the employee's file. A copy of the disciplinary action shall also be provided to the employee.
- 17:05 An employee may grieve any disciplinary action according to the grievance procedure.

Grievances concerning demotion, suspension or dismissal shall be initiated at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

- 17:06 The person or board to whom a grievance is made may:
  - (a) uphold the disciplinary action; or
  - (b) vary the disciplinary action; or
  - (c) determine that no disciplinary action is warranted and remove any document pertaining to the disciplinary action from the employee's file(s).
- 17:07 No notice or payment in lieu thereof is required where an employee is dismissed.

# **RESIGNATIONS**

- 18:01 An employee wishing to resign shall provide the employing authority with a written notice of resignation which shall specify the last day upon which the employee will perform the employee's regular duties.
- 18:02 The effective date of a resignation shall be the last day upon which an employee is present at work and performs the employee's regular duties.
- 18:03 Notwithstanding 18:01 and 18:02, an employee who is retiring in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Superannuation Act, may, with the approval of the Employing Authority, be permitted to utilize paid leave in the form of vacation or banked time to be taken immediately prior to the employee's retirement date. In this circumstance, the effective date of resignation shall be deemed to be the last day of the employee's paid leave.
- 18:04 Subject to Sections :05, :06 and :07, where the last day on which an employee who has submitted a notice of resignation performs the employee's regular duties precedes a Friday which, but for the fact that a holiday falls thereon would be a regular working day, the employee shall be deemed to have voluntarily terminated the employee's service on that Friday and shall be eligible for holiday pay for that Friday.
- 18:05 Subject to Section :07 employees shall give written notice of resignation at least two (2) weeks prior to the date on which the resignation is to be effective. Notice of resignation shorter than the required two (2) weeks may only be given with the approval of the employing authority.
- 18:06 An employee may, with the approval of the employing authority, withdraw the notice of resignation at any time before the resignation becomes effective.
- 18:07 Where the employment of an employee terminates at the end of a specific term of employment, or on the completion of a job for which the employee was specifically employed, no notice of resignation is required.
- 18:08 Employees are required to return all materials, equipment, keys etc. belonging to the Employer at or prior to the date of resignation.

# **CONTRACTING OUT**

- 19:01 Where work is to be contracted out which would result in the redundancy of employees in the bargaining unit, then the government will provide the Union with four (4) months' notice.
- 19:02 During the notice period, the Joint Labour Management Consultation Committee in the department shall meet to discuss the reasons and possible alternatives to the proposed contracting out as well as to facilitate potential retraining and/or redeployment opportunities.
- 19:03 Where the contracting out initiative affects more than one department, a central Labour Management Consultation Committee will be created with representatives of departments affected, the Labour Relations Division and the Union.
- 19:04 At the request of either party, the matter shall be discussed at Joint Council.

# **DEVOLUTION AND TRANSFER OF SERVICES**

- 20:01 In the event of the devolution and transfer of government services provided by employees covered by this Agreement to a Crown Corporation, Board, Agency, Commission or other entity established by government, the Union shall be notified no less than four (4) months prior to the transfer of employees. The parties will establish a joint committee to facilitate the orderly transfer of employees who are impacted.
- 20:02 Where the successorship provisions of The Labour Relations Act have been determined to apply, the provisions of the Master Agreement continue in effect for the affected employees until the expiry of the Agreement.
- 20:03 The government and the Union will work together with the successor employer to negotiate a transition agreement respecting the administration and interpretation of the Master Agreement during the period required to negotiate a new collective agreement.
- 20:04 The government will make reasonable efforts and give priority consideration to obtaining employment opportunities:
  - (a) with the new employer for employees who are not being transferred; and
  - (b) within government for employees who do not wish to transfer to the new employer.
- 20:05 Sections :02 and :03 do not apply to devolution and transfers to other levels of governments.
- 20:06 The provisions of this Article do not apply to secondment of employees.

# **TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

- 21:01 The government and the Union recognize that technological change can offer significant improvements in the quality and quantity of government services provided to the public.
- 21:02 For purposes of this Article, "**technological change**" means the introduction of equipment or material into government operations which is likely to affect the security of employment of regular employees or departmental employees who are employed on a full-time, year-round basis.
- 21:03 The government agrees that it will endeavour to introduce technological change in a manner which, as much as is practicable, will minimize the disruptive effects on services to the public and employees.
- 21:04 Where the government intends to introduce technological change, the following procedure will be followed:
  - (a) the government will provide the Union with six (6) months notice prior to the date the change is to be effective;
  - (b) during this period, the parties will meet to discuss the steps to be taken to assist the employees who could be affected;

- (c) where retraining is to be provided, it shall be provided during the employees' normal working hours except where the retraining is not available during the employee's normal working hours;
- (d) at the request of either party, an on-site technological change implementation committee shall be established at the work location(s) affected. The Committee will consist of two (2) worker representatives and two (2) management representatives. The role of the Committee will be to facilitate the implementation of the technological change in a manner consistent with this Article.
- 21:05 The provisions of this Article are intended to assist employees affected by technological change and Sections 83, 84 and 85 of The Labour Relations Act do not apply during the term of this Agreement.

#### **WORK AT HOME**

- 22:01 Work at home arrangements shall be voluntary and may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days notice. Such notice is not required by the employer if the employer has just cause to terminate based on disciplinary concerns.
- 22:02 Government shall supply the necessary equipment and supplies to employees working at home and shall be responsible for the insurance and maintenance costs of such equipment.
- 22:03 Working at home shall not affect the employment status of any employee. A person who would not otherwise be an employee will not become one because they are performing work from an off-site location. Similarly, it will not prevent a person from remaining or becoming an employee if they otherwise would be an employee.
- 22:04 All provisions of the Agreement apply to work at home arrangements except as otherwise agreed by the parties.
- 22:05 Work at home arrangements refers to work performed at an employee's home during regular work hours. The provisions of this Article refer to long term arrangements only.
- 22:06 Government reserves the right to attend at the employee's home/alternate work location with reasonable notice including but not limited to: inspecting and repairing its equipment as necessary.

# **CHANGE OF WORK HEADQUARTERS**

- Where, as a result of a reorganization of a department or part of a department an employee's work headquarters is moved from one (1) city or town to another city or town requiring a change of residence by the employee, the employee shall be given notice of the move three (3) months in advance of the date upon which the move of the employee is to be effected. Such notice shall be provided in writing to the employee by the employing authority.
- 23:02 An employee must accept or reject relocation within four (4) weeks. Where an employee has accepted relocation, the employee may request that the effective date of the relocation be deferred by up to one (1) month for personal reasons such as the impact on school-age children.
- 23:03 The parties recognize that it may be necessary to relocate specific employees based on operational needs and the qualifications required at both locations. Where this is not a factor, the department will seek qualified volunteers at the transferring location. Where there are insufficient volunteers, the notice shall be provided to the most junior qualified employee within the classification and work location from which the relocation is to occur. Notwithstanding this process, the original relocation date as established in Section :01 remains unchanged.
- 23:04 Where such notice has been given to an employee and the employee is unable to relocate, every reasonable effort will be made to place the employee in another suitable position within the civil service.
- 23:05 Where an employee with one (1) or more years of continuous service is unable to relocate, the employee shall be subject to lay-off. If the employee has not been offered another suitable position within one (1) year from the date of lay-off the employee shall be permanently laid-off and shall be

- eligible for severance pay in accordance with Article 25 Severance Pay.
- 23:06 For purposes of interpretation of this Article, where the term "suitable position" is used it means a position which the employee is reasonably qualified for and able to perform and which is in a location that would not require a change of residence by the employee.
- 23:07 Where an employee has accepted relocation involving a change in residence by the employee, the employee shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred due to the relocation in accordance with existing policy respecting "Expenses of Removal on Transfer".
- 23:08 Articles 23:01 to 23:07 inclusive apply to Resources Officers except in situations involving compulsory transfers. In these situations the provisions of the letter of intent "Resource Officers Compulsory Transfers" shall apply.

# **LAY-OFF**

- 24:01 Where by reason of a shortage of work or funds, or the abolition of a position or material changes in duties or organization, an employing authority determines that a lay-off(s) is necessary within a department, the employing authority shall determine the classification(s) from which the lay-off(s) are to take place.
- 24:02 Subject to this Article, the employing authority shall determine the group of employees concerned within each classification from which employees are to be laid-off.
- 24:03 The group of employees concerned shall then be divided, where applicable, into three (3) subgroups as follows:
  - subgroup (1) term employees with two (2) or more years of seniority;
  - subgroup (2) regular employees and non-seasonal departmental employees, with less than four (4) years of seniority;
  - subgroup (3) regular employees and non-seasonal departmental employees, with four (4) or more years of seniority.
- 24:04 Within the group of employees concerned, lay-off of subgroup (1) and (2) employees shall take place in ascending subgroup order. In determining the order of lay-off within a subgroup, seniority shall be the determining factor provided the qualifications of the employees are relatively equal. This Section is subject to the requirement that the employees who are retained must have the qualifications and ability to perform the duties which the remaining employees will be required to perform.
- 24:05 A subgroup (3) employee who is to be laid-off and who elects to exercise the employee's displacement option may displace the most junior employee in the employee's current class and department subject to the following:
  - (a) the employee must have the qualifications and ability to perform the duties which the remaining employees will be required to perform;
  - (b) the employee may only decline the displacement opportunity under Subsection (a) if the position is in a location which would require a change of residence of the employee;
  - (c) If the employee cannot displace the most junior employee under Subsection (a) or declines the displacement opportunity under Subsection (b), the employee may then elect to displace the next most junior employee in the class and department;
  - (d) the process will continue in this manner until the employee is able to displace an employee in the class or there are no displacement opportunities;
  - (e) a subgroup 3 employee who is displaced and is to be laid-off and who elects to exercise the employee's displacement option may displace the most junior employee in the employee's current class and department in accordance with the process in this Section.
- 24:06 A subgroup (3) employee who is to be laid-off and who has no displacement option within the employee's class in the department as a result of Subsection :05(a) or (b) may elect to displace the most junior employee in the department in another class which has the same or lower maximum rate of pay. For this purpose, the rate of pay will be based on the bi-weekly rate of pay in the pay

plan. The displacement process in that class will follow the provisions of Section :05.

- 24:07 Notwithstanding the process required in Sections :05 and :06, the effective date of the lay-off will not change from that initially provided to the subgroup (3) employee. The parties agree to take any steps necessary to expedite the process to ensure that an employee who is to be laid-off as a result of the displacement process, receives as much notice as possible. As a result, employees who elect to exercise their displacement rights must participate in and cooperate fully with the process or forfeit their displacement right.
- 24:08 Where the lay-off(s) of employee(s) in subgroup (3) is necessary, the employing authority shall provide the Union with written notice not less than forty (40) days prior to the date of lay-off(s). The parties shall then meet to discuss the steps to be taken to assist the employees affected.
- 24:09 Except where specifically provided, this Article does not apply to the lay-off of:
  - (a) term employees at the end of a specific term of employment;
  - (b) term employees with less than two (2) years of seniority.
- 24:10 Where an employing authority is laying off an employee, notice of lay-off or pay in lieu thereof will be given in accordance with the following:
  - (a) where a term employee is being laid-off at the end of a specific term of employment or after completion of a job for which the employee was specifically employed, no notice of lay-off is required;
  - (b) four (4) weeks' notice will be provided to:
    - (i) regular employees;
    - (ii) non-seasonal departmental employees;
    - (iii) term employees with one (1) or more years of seniority;
  - (c) two (2) weeks' notice will be provided to term employees with less than one (1) year of seniority.
- 24:11 The Union will be provided a copy of lay-off notices issued to:
  - (a) regular employees:
  - (b) non-seasonal departmental employees;
  - (c) term employees with two (2) or more years of seniority.
- 24:12 For purposes of this Article, "regular employee(s)" refers to full-time and part-time employee(s) and "term employee(s)" refers to full-time and part-time employee(s).
- 24:13 Term employees with less than two (2) years of continuous service shall be considered for lay-off prior to the lay-off of employees in the subgroups specified in Section :03.
- 24:14 Where employees have been laid-off, the department shall not use casual employees to do the work of the laid-off employees except:
  - (a) where the laid-off employees are not available for work; or
  - (b) in emergency situations.
- 24:15 Where an employee, including a term employee, alleges that the employee's lay-off has not been in accordance with this Agreement, the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement shall apply except that the grievance shall be initiated at the second step of the procedure.
- 24:16 For purposes of this Article, "qualifications" refers to education, knowledge, training, skills, experience, aptitude, and competence. "Ability" refers to mental, and physical capability. The employing authority, in making a decision with respect to determining which employees are to be retained and which employees are to be laid-off, shall determine qualifications, and the ability of employees to perform the duties which the remaining employees will be required to perform, in a fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory manner. The onus of proof rests with the employing authority in any dispute over the application of qualifications and ability to perform the duties which the remaining employees will be required to perform.
- 24:17 An employee who is entitled to displace another employee in accordance with the provisions of this Article may have a familiarization period in the new position. The purpose of the familiarization

- period is to allow the employee to become oriented to the specific duties of the position. The familiarization period is not intended to be a period during which an employee acquires the necessary qualifications and ability to enable the employee to displace another employee.
- 24:18 Where the temporary lay-off of an employee in subgroup (3) is necessary, Sections :05, :06 and :07 do not apply. For purposes of this Section a "temporary lay-off" is defined as less than three (3) months duration. Employees shall return to their positions upon expiry of such lay-off. This Section applies only to situations identified in separate Memoranda of Agreement between the parties.
- 24:19 Employees who are laid-off shall be placed on a re-employment list for a period of up to twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of the lay-off.
- 24:20 The Commission shall maintain a re-employment list for all employees covered by this Article who are laid-off on other than a temporary basis. A copy will be provided to the Union on request.
- 24:21 Employees who are placed on a re-employment list shall be called back to their positions in reverse order of lay-off in the classification from which the employee was laid-off.
- 24:22 An employee who is on the re-employment list must:
  - (a) report any change of address to the department without delay;
  - (b) if called back or provided a reasonable re-employment opportunity, respond to the call-back or reasonable re-employment opportunity within seven (7) days of receipt of notification of call-back or reasonable re-employment opportunity. An employee accepting a reasonable re-employment opportunity at a lower rate of pay shall retain their recall rights under Section :21 for the duration of the time they would have remained on the re-employment list;
  - (c) return to work within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notification of call-back or reasonable reemployment opportunity or such other date as may be agreed upon between the employee and the department;
  - (d) except for good and sufficient reasons, accept a call-back or reasonable re-employment opportunity in accordance with this Section or be deemed to have resigned.
- 24:23 A "reasonable re-employment opportunity" is a position which the employee is reasonably qualified for and able to perform and which is in a location which would not require a change of residence by the employee.
- 24:24 A term employee who has been employed in the same position for one (1) or more years of continuous service and who is laid off or whose term expires shall be placed on an employment availability list by the department for a period of one (1) year. During this period, the employee shall be considered for re-employment to the position if it is to be refilled.
- 24:25 Employees on a re-employment list may be offered re-employment to other positions within the service.
- 24:26 An employee who accepts another position may be placed on a trial period of not more than six (6) months duration. The trial period is not intended to be a period during which an employee acquires the necessary qualifications and ability to meet the requirement of Article 24:23. An employee who is found to be unsuitable during this trial period will be returned to the appropriate re-employment list for the greater of six (6) months or the remainder of the employee's twenty-four (24) month period on the re-employment list. An employee found to be unsuitable may grieve the decision commencing at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.
- 24:27 If a regular employee accepts a term position as a result of re-employment, the employee's status as a regular employee shall be maintained. On the expiry of the term, the employee will be permanently laid-off, or remain on the re-employment list for the remainder of the twenty-four (24) month period if applicable.
- 24:28 For purposes of this Article, a **"non-seasonal"** departmental employee is an employee who has been employed by the department concerned for four (4) or more years of continuous service, on a full-time, year-round basis with no break in service involving involuntary lay-off of the employee.

# **SEVERANCE PAY**

- 25:01 Employees with nine (9) or more years of accumulated service whose services are terminated as a result of retirement in accordance with the provisions of The Civil Service Superannuation Act, shall be paid severance pay in the amount of one (1) week's pay for each complete year of accumulated service or portion thereof, but the total amount of severance pay under this Section shall not exceed fifteen (15) weeks' pay. Example: ten (10) years, eight (8) complete months of accumulated service equals ten and eight-twelfths (10 8/12) years of accumulated service for purposes of calculation.
- 25:02 Where an employee in the employee's ninth (9th) year of accumulated service fails to complete nine (9) years' accumulated service as a result of retirement in accordance with the provisions of The Civil Service Superannuation Act, the employee shall be paid severance pay on the basis of nine (9) weeks' pay multiplied by the factor of the number of complete months service completed in the employee's ninth (9th) year divided by twelve (12) months.
- 25:03 In addition to the severance pay set out in Section :01, employees who retire in accordance with the provisions of The Civil Service Superannuation Act will also be eligible for the following severance pay:
  - (a) for employees with twenty (20) or more years of accumulated service, an additional two (2) weeks' pay;
  - (b) for employees with twenty-five (25) or more years of accumulated service, two (2) weeks' pay in addition to the amount in Subsection (a);
  - (c) for employees with thirty (30) or more years of accumulated service, two (2) weeks' pay in addition to the amount in Subsections (a) and (b);
  - (d) for employees with thirty-five (35) or more years of accumulated service, two (2) weeks' pay in addition to the amounts in Subsections (a), (b) and (c).
- 25:04 In the case of employees with nine (9) or more years of accumulated service whose services are terminated as a result of death, the employee's estate shall be paid severance pay in the amount of one (1) week's pay for each complete year of continuous employment or portion thereof, but the total amount of severance pay shall not exceed fifteen (15) weeks' pay. Example: ten (10) years, eight (8) complete months of accumulated service equals ten and eight-twelfths (10 8/12) years of continuous service for purposes of calculation.
- 25:05 Where an employee in the employee's ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) year of accumulated service fails to complete nine (9) years' accumulated service as a result of death, the employee's estate shall be paid severance pay on the basis of nine (9) weeks' pay multiplied by the factor of the number of complete months service completed in the employee's ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) year divided by twelve (12) months.
- 25:06 Employees with one (1) or more years of accumulated service whose services are terminated as a result of permanent lay-off, shall be paid severance pay in the amount of one (1) week's pay for each complete year of continuous employment or portion thereof, but the total amount of severance pay shall not exceed twenty-six (26) weeks' pay.
- 25:07 Where an employee in the employee's first (1<sup>st</sup>) year of accumulated service fails to complete one (1) year's accumulated service as a result of permanent lay-off, the employee shall be paid severance pay on the basis of one (1) week's pay multiplied by the factor of the number of complete months service completed in the employee's first (1<sup>st</sup>) year divided by twelve (12) months.
- 25:08 An employee who is eligible to receive severance pay in accordance with this Article may elect to receive the severance pay in two payments provided both payments occur within the same fiscal year as the effective date of the retirement or permanent lay-off. In the case of severance payable on permanent lay-off, this provision only applies if the employee immediately elects permanent lay-off upon receiving notice of lay-off and waives the right to be placed on the re-employment list.
- 25:09 The rate of pay referred to in this Article shall be determined on the basis of the last regular biweekly rate of pay, excluding allowances, which was in effect for the employee at the time of retirement, permanent lay-off, or death. Subject to Section :11, the rate of pay for hourly rated

- employees shall be determined on the basis of the applicable work week, either thirty-six and one-quarter (36½), thirty-eight and three-quarters (38¾) or forty (40) hours per week.
- 25:10 In the case of employees eligible for severance pay who are on stand-by or temporary lay-off at the time of retirement, permanent lay-off or death, the weekly hours shall be, subject to Section :11, the normal weekly hours of work in effect for the classification of the employees at the time of the retirement, permanent lay-off or death.
- 25:11 In the case of hourly paid employees whose total weekly hours of work vary between summer and winter, the severance pay to be paid shall be based on an average of the normal hours of work over the fiscal year.
- 25:12 There may be certain circumstances where it is reasonable to allow an employee to forego their right to be placed on the re-employment list and pay them Permanent Lay-Off Severance prior to 24 months on the re-employment list based on the factors set out in 25:12 (c). Should these circumstances arise, the Employer may unilaterally offer a permanent lay-off to an employee(s) that is being laid off or is already on the re-employment list.
  - (a) Such an Offer by the Employer may be accepted or rejected by the affected employee. The Offer must identify the date, that, if accepted, the permanent lay-off shall be effective.
  - (b) An Eligible Employee is defined as someone who has received layoff notice within the preceding four (4) week period. An Eligible Employee may request permanent lay-off from the Employer (a 'Request'). A Request must identify the date that, if accepted, the permanent lay-off shall be effective.
  - (c) The Employer shall consider a Request reasonably and when doing so, shall consider some of the factors listed below, which are not exhaustive in nature:
    - i) the Classification(s) from which layoff(s) have occurred or are to take place;
    - ii) the number of Requests received:
    - the number of Eligible Employees in a location which would not require a change of residence by the Eligible Employee(s) to accept a reasonable reemployment opportunity:
    - iv) the reasonable reemployment opportunities the Employer anticipates during the 24 month period outlined in Article 24:19;
    - v) the Employer's potential obligations under the group termination provisions of *The Employment Standards Code*; and
    - vi) the date identified in the Request that if accepted the permanent lay-off shall be effective.
  - (d) The Employer may require a reasonable amount of time to consider a Request. In the interim, an Eligible Employee may be obligated to make certain elections or decisions pursuant to Article 24. A Request made by an Eligible Employee does not suspend the Eligible Employee's obligations to make decisions on displacement, retirement or placement on the reemployment list or reasonable re-employment opportunities.
  - (e) An Eligible Employee may request to withdraw their Request prior to the lay-off date for consideration by the Employer. If approved by the Employer, the employee has forfeited their displacement rights under Article 24, if eligible. If the Employer approves the withdrawal of the Request such decision will not impact the individual processes already completed as outlined in Article 24.
  - (f) If a Request or Offer is accepted, the Eligible Employee's employment with the Employer will be terminated effective the date set forth in the Offer or Request and Permanent Lay-off Severance shall be paid.
  - (g) Provisions under Article 24 and 25 continue to apply.

(h) Seasonal departmental and term employee(s) may not make a Request.

# **HOLIDAYS**

26:01 The following holidays shall be observed in the civil service:

New Year's Day Civic Holiday Louis Riel Day Labour Day

Good Friday National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Easter Monday Thanksgiving Day Victoria Day Remembrance Day Canada Day Christmas Day

**Boxing Day** 

Any other holiday proclaimed by Federal or Provincial Statute

For calculation purposes holidays shall be observed as indicated below:

- (a) for all shift employees, where any of the holidays fall on a Saturday or a Sunday they shall be observed on that day. For purposes of this Article, a shift employee is one whose regular work week is not Monday to Friday inclusive;
- (b) for all non-shift employees, where any of the holidays fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the following Monday. Where holidays fall on both Saturday and Sunday, the holidays shall be observed on the following Monday and Tuesday.
- 26:02 When December 24<sup>th</sup> falls on a Monday through Friday, the following shall apply:
  - (a) all government offices shall be closed at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon;
  - (b) other government work locations may be closed at 1:00 p.m. or operated at reduced staffing levels after 1:00 p.m. at the sole discretion of the employing authority and provided services to the public are not affected;
  - (c) where the employing authority requires an employee to work a full shift, the employee shall be entitled to one-half (½) day of compensatory leave to a maximum of four (4) hours;
  - (d) the day shall be considered a full working day for calculation purposes. Example: an employee on vacation will be deducted one (1) day's vacation credit for the day.
- 26:03 An employee is entitled to the employee's regular pay for a holiday on which the employee does not work provided the employee:
  - (a) did not fail to report for work after having been scheduled to work on the day of the holiday:
  - (b) has not absented himself or herself from work without the consent of the employing authority on the regular working day immediately preceding or following the holiday unless the absence is by reason of established illness.
- 26:04 If an employee who is not entitled to pay for a holiday that falls on a regular working day for reasons as outlined in Section :03(b) does work on the holiday, the employee shall be paid wages equivalent to one and one-half times (1½x) the employee's regular rate for the time worked on that day.
- 26:05 Subject to Section :07, and subject to the call-out provisions as provided in the Components, an employee who is required to work on the holiday when it is observed on the employee's day of rest shall receive, in addition to the regular holiday pay to which the employee may be entitled:
  - (a) if the employee is eligible for premium overtime, overtime compensation based on double time (2x) the employee's regular rate of pay for all overtime worked on the holiday. Such overtime compensation is in lieu of the overtime compensation to which the employee would otherwise be eligible in the appropriate Component;
  - (b) if the employee is not eligible for premium overtime, compensation based on one and one-half times (1½x) the employee's regular rate of pay for all overtime worked on the holiday. Such compensation is in lieu of the compensation to which an employee would otherwise be eligible in the appropriate Component.

- 26:06 Subject to Section :03, where the wages of an employee vary from day to day, the pay for a holiday on which the employee has not worked shall be equivalent to the employee's average daily earnings exclusive of overtime for the days on which the employee worked during the twenty (20) working days immediately preceding the holiday.
- A shift employee who is entitled to pay for a holiday and who works on a holiday when it is the employee's regularly scheduled working day shall, in addition to the regular pay, be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1½x) for all regular hours worked on the holiday, or be granted compensatory leave for such hours worked at the rate of one and one-half (1½x) hours for each additional hour worked. Shift employees shall be entitled to add to their regular annual vacation a maximum of five (5) days accumulated compensatory leave, and any additional compensatory leave shall be granted at the discretion of the employing authority. Any overtime hours worked on the holiday shall be compensated on the same basis as set out in Subsection :05(a) or :05(b).
- 26:08 Subject to Section :09, the accumulated compensatory leave referred to in Section :07 above, shall be taken in the vacation year in which it is earned.
- 26:09 The employing authority may allow accumulated compensatory leave in lieu of statutory holidays to be carried forward to the next vacation year.
- 26:10 In the event that an employee is terminated, the accumulated compensatory leave in lieu of statutory holidays shall be paid out at the final rate in effect for the employee during the year in which the statutory holidays were worked.
- 26:11 An employee who leaves the service, shall receive pay in lieu of the compensatory leave that has not been granted.
- 26:12 Where a holiday falls within the vacation period of an employee, one (1) additional working day shall be added to the employee's vacation entitlement in lieu of the statutory holiday.

# **VACATION**

- 27:01 For purposes of this Agreement, a vacation year is the period beginning on April 1 and ending on March 31 of the next year.
- 27:02 Vacation leave credits are calculated based on accumulated service. In addition, for purposes of calculation of vacation credits only, an employee shall be considered to have earned accumulated service in accordance with the following:
  - (a) where an employee is absent due to injuries or disabilities for which compensation is paid under The Workers Compensation Act, vacation leave shall accumulate as if the employee were not absent, but the extent of such accumulation shall not continue beyond twelve (12) consecutive calendar months from the date the absence, related to the injury or disability, commenced;
  - (b) full-time employees will receive vacation credits during approved leaves of absence without pay up to a maximum of forty (40) hours (8-hour days); thirty-six and one-quarter (36.25) hours (7.25-hour days); or thirty-eight and three-quarter (38.75) hours (7.75-hour days) as applicable in a vacation year.
- 27:03 Under no circumstances can an employee earn more than the maximum vacation credits that can be accumulated in any vacation year; i.e. fifteen (15), twenty (20), twenty-five (25) or thirty (30) vacation credits per vacation year.
- 27:04 Employees shall earn vacation leave credits during each vacation year on the following basis:
  - (a) employees who have completed less than two (2) calendar years of service, shall earn vacation credits at the rate of a maximum of fifteen (15) credits for 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours of accumulated service to be taken in the vacation year following the vacation year in which the vacation is earned:
  - (b) commencing from the beginning of the vacation year in which two (2) calendar years of service will be completed, employees shall earn vacation credits at the rate of a maximum of twenty (20) credits for 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours of accumulated service to be taken in the vacation

- year in which three (3) calendar years of service are completed and yearly thereafter;
- (c) commencing from the beginning of the vacation year in which nine (9) calendar years of service will be completed, employees shall earn vacation credits at the rate of a maximum of twenty-five (25) credits for 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours of accumulated service to be taken in the vacation year in which ten (10) calendar years of service are completed and yearly thereafter;
- (d) commencing from the beginning of the vacation year in which nineteen (19) calendar years of service will be completed, employees shall earn vacation credits at the rate of a maximum of thirty (30) credits for 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours of accumulated service to be taken in the vacation year in which twenty (20) calendar years of service are completed and yearly thereafter:

Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d), employees terminating in their second (2<sup>nd</sup>) calendar year of service shall have their vacation leave credits cashed out at the rate of a maximum of fifteen (15) credits for 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours of accumulated service. Employees terminating in their ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) calendar year of service shall have their vacation leave credits cashed out at the rate of a maximum of twenty (20) credits for 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours of accumulated service. Employees terminating in their nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) calendar year of service shall have their vacation leave credits cashed out at the rate of a maximum of twenty-five (25) credits for 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours of accumulated service.

- 27:05 To calculate the number of vacation hours an employee has earned in a vacation year:
  - (a) determine the number of hours of accumulated service as determined in Section :02 that the employee has earned in a vacation year to a maximum of 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours;
  - (b) divide by 2,080 (2,015) (1,885);
  - (c) multiply by the employee's vacation leave credit accrual rate, i.e. fifteen (15), twenty (20), twenty-five (25), or thirty (30);
  - (d) multiply by the daily hours for the employee's classification, i.e. eight (8) or seven and three-quarters (7¾) or seven and one-quarter (7¼) and round down to the nearest quarter (¼) hour.

Example: An employee has 1,920 hours of accumulated service in the vacation year, the employee's credit rate is fifteen (15) and the employee's classification is an eight (8) hour day classification.1,920  $\div$  2,080 x 15 = 13.846 x 8 = 110.768 rounded down to 110.75 vacation hours eligible to be taken in the following vacation year.

- 27:06 Vacation credits do not accrue when an employee receives a vacation pay cash out in lieu of vacation time taken.
- 27:07 An employee shall accumulate vacation credits from the date of commencement of employment.
- 27:08 (a) Subject to Section :08(e) vacation leave shall be taken in the vacation year following the vacation year in which it is earned. However, with the approval of the employing authority, vacation that has been earned in a vacation year may be taken in that vacation year;
  - (b) under no circumstances shall vacation leave be taken in advance of when it was earned;
  - (c) where operational requirements permit, vacation leave may be taken subject to the approval of the employing authority;
  - (d) the employing authority may authorize vacation to commence on any day;
  - (e) the employing authority may authorize that vacation leave be carried forward to the next following year to supplement the vacation period in that year, but in no case will a vacation carry-over be allowed which comprises more than one (1) previous year's vacation entitlement;
  - (f) the employing authority may authorize an employee to take vacation leave in two (2) or more periods:
  - (g) an employing authority, if it finds it necessary, may require an employee to take vacation leave in two (2) or more periods. Normally any such periods shall not be less than one (1) week in length.
- 27:09 Where an employee dies, the employee's estate shall receive the employee's accumulated vacation credits.
- 27:10 Where an employee is moved from one (1) department to another, the employee's accumulated

vacation leave is a charge against the department to which the employee is moved unless the department to which the employee is moved requires the employee to take the accumulated vacation leave before the date of the move.

- 27:11 The following vacation provisions shall apply only to those designated departmental employees of the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation who have regularly been assigned by the department to work a work week of forty-five (45), fifty/forty (50/40) or fifty-four (54) hours as set out in Subsections 2:02 (a), (b) and (c) of the Trades, Operations and Services Component:
  - (a) eligible employees shall accrue vacation credits based on their accumulated service in the vacation year. Notwithstanding Sections :03 and :04, for the purpose of calculation of vacation credits only, these employees shall be subject to the following maximum number of accumulated service hours in the vacation year:
    - (i) 2,528 hours for fifty-four (54) hour week employees
    - (ii) 2,240 hours for forty-five (45) and fifty/forty (50/40) hour week employees;
  - (b) when taking vacation, these employees shall have their vacation credits reduced by their actual scheduled hours for the day/week of vacation, i.e. based on an eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), or eleven (11) hour day.
- 27:12 The rate of pay for vacation time for daily and hourly paid departmental employees shall be, in general, the current rate for that type of work which the employee would have been doing had the employee not been on vacation, as determined by the supervisor. Where the type of work and/or rate of pay could be expected to vary during the period of vacation, the rate or rates of pay for vacation may also vary, with their distribution during the period being according to the judgement of the supervisor, having in mind the employee's immediately preceding similar period of employment and/or the rate distribution of the substitute employee during the employee's vacation, etc.
- 27:13 Where an employing authority has been unable to schedule part or all of an employee's vacation within the vacation year and as a result finds it necessary to restrict the whole or part of the vacation leave of an employee, the employing authority may authorize payment in lieu of vacation. Such pay shall not be subject to deduction of pension fund contributions or life insurance contributions. An employee whose vacation leave has been restricted may, in lieu of receiving such pay, elect to carry over such vacation leave to the following year.
- 27:14 Subject to the requirements of personnel in a branch of a department, vacation leave shall be rotated regardless of seniority of employment.

# **SICK LEAVE**

- 28:01 It is agreed by both parties that earned sick leave entitlement shall be granted by Workforce Relations where an employee is unable to be at work and perform the employee's regular duties as a result of illness or injury.
- 28:02 The sick leave to which an employee is entitled shall accumulate:
  - (a) during the first four (4) years of calendar service at the rate of 4.0 (3.875) (3.625) hours for each 80 (77.5) (72.5) hours of accumulated service; and
  - (b) after the first four (4) years of calendar service, at the rate of 8.0 (7.75) (7.25) hours for each 80 (77.5) (72.5) hours of accumulated service.
- 28:03 Sick leave with pay up to but not exceeding the net amount of entitlement will be paid to hourly paid employees based on the number of hours they normally would have been scheduled to work on the day they were absent on sick leave.
- 28:04 Subject to Sections :05 and :06, sick leave shall not accumulate beyond two hundred and eight (208) working days (1,664 (1,612) (1,508) hours).
- 28:05 An employee who has been absent on sick leave with pay, upon returning to work, shall continue to accumulate sick leave up to a maximum of two hundred and eight (208) working days (1,664 (1612) (1,508) hours) in accordance with Section :02.

- 28:06 An employee shall accumulate sick leave credits from the date of commencement of employment.
- 28:07 Sick leave shall not be taken in advance of when it is earned.
- 28:08 Sick leave shall not accumulate during periods when an employee is absent on sick leave and/or absent on Workers Compensation for a period of more than ten (10) consecutive working days.
- 28:09 Where an employee is to be absent because of illness, the employee shall endeavour to notify the employee's immediate supervisor of the absence due to illness at least one hour (1) prior to and not more than thirty (30) minutes after the normal hour of beginning work, or as soon thereafter as the means of communication permit.
- 28:10 An employee who has been absent because of sickness for a period of more than three (3) consecutive working days shall furnish, when requested by Workforce Relations and/or the employer, at any time during or after this period of sickness, a medical certificate or sworn statutory declaration certifying that the employee is or was unable to be present at work because of the illness. Where an employee fails to produce a medical certificate or statutory declaration acceptable to Workforce Relations and/or the employer, the employee shall not be entitled to be paid for the period of absence.
- 28:11 An employee who has been absent because of sickness for a period of three (3) working days or less may be required to furnish, when requested by Workforce Relations and/or the employer, either a medical certificate or a sworn statutory declaration as required under Section :12. Failure to produce a certificate or statutory declaration acceptable to Workforce Relations and/or the employer will result in a loss of pay for the period of absence.
- 28:12 Where an employee becomes ill during the period of the employee's scheduled annual vacation, the employing authority may grant sick leave and credit the employee with alternate days vacation equivalent to the number of days approved sick leave providing the illness is over three (3) days and may require hospitalization. The employee will be responsible to provide proof of illness and/or hospitalization satisfactory to the employing authority. The application of this clause to employees subject to Article 9 Vacation in the Social Sciences Component, shall be to a maximum of ten (10) working days.
- 28:13 When an employee is unable to work and is in receipt of an income replacement indemnity (IRI) from the Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) as a result of an injury incurred in a vehicle accident, the employee may elect to be paid an additional amount, which when combined with the IRI benefit, shall ensure the maintenance of net salary consistent as if they were in receipt of regular sick leave. Such additional amount shall be chargeable to the employee's sick leave credits accrued at the time the employee commenced receipt of the IRI and such additional payment shall be payable until the employee's accrued sick leave credits have been exhausted.
- 28:14 Time off for medical and dental examinations or treatments by physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physiotherapists, chiropractors, psychiatrists, psychologists and registered clinical social workers, including reasonable travel time, shall be granted to employees and such time off shall be chargeable against the employees accumulated sick leave credits.

Whenever possible, appointments are to be made on the employee's day off or at a time when the employee is not on duty. If the above is not possible, the employee will endeavour to make the appointment at a time which is least disruptive to the area.

If the employee chooses a practitioner as noted above outside of their community, such time off with pay will be granted to a maximum of three (3) hours. Increased time may be considered by the Employer in extenuating circumstances on an individual basis.

Should it be necessary for an employee to attend a practitioner as noted above outside of their community by reason of non-availability of service in their community, the employee shall be allowed up to one (1) shift off with pay, to the extent that sick leave credits have been accumulated, for the time necessary to attend such appointment to the nearest point of available service. Employees

residing north of the 53rd parallel shall be allowed up to two (2) shifts off with pay.

# **ADDICTIONS**

29:01 The parties recognize that alcohol and drug misuse does occur and that such misuse has the potential to adversely affect an employee's work performance. Subject to government approval, an employee will be granted sick leave to pursue treatment that involves time away from work for participation in residential, in-patient or out-patient services.

# **WORKERS COMPENSATION**

- 30:01 For employees who are on Workers Compensation and who have sufficient sick leave, it is the intention of the parties that the employee's net salary will be maintained as if they were in receipt of regular sick leave. If an employee is absent from work as a result of an injury for which a Worker's Compensation claim has been filed arising from employment with the Province, the following shall apply:
  - (a) the employee will be paid as though on sick leave;
  - (b) if the employee's Workers Compensation claim is approved:
    - (i) the employee will be re-credited with ninety percent (90%) of the sick leave granted while awaiting approval;
    - (ii) any amounts payable to the employee from Workers Compensation shall be remitted directly to the government;
    - (iii) the employee will remain in receipt of regular sick leave, and ten percent (10%) of the employee's absence period shall be chargeable to the employee's sick leave credits for the duration of the Worker's Compensation claim or until the employee's accrued sick leave credits have been exhausted:
  - (c) if the employee's Workers Compensation claim is not approved, then 100% of the absences shall be charged to the employee's accumulated sick leave credits and, if the amount of salary paid exceeds the sick leave credits, resulting in an overpayment, the employing authority can recover that overpayment through payroll deductions, and will provide the employee with a written statement indicating the amount of the overpayment and details regarding recovery options. Other means of repayment may be agreed upon between the employer and the employee.
- 30:02 Upon being advised that a Workers Compensation claim has been filed, the employing authority shall provide the employee a written notice containing the following information:
  - (a) advising the employee of the provisions of Article 30:01;
  - (b) the amount of accumulated sick leave credits that the employee has in their sick leave bank at the time of the injury;
  - (c) advising the employee that if the Worker's Compensation claim is not approved, that an overpayment may occur, which will be recovered by the employing authority in accordance with the Financial Administration Manual directives;
  - (d) advising the employee of the Long Term Disability Income Plan, and the claim procedure for eligibility thereof;
  - (e) advising the employee of the Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefit and the contact information of Service Canada.
- 30:03 Where an employee is absent due to injuries or disabilities for which compensation is paid under The Workers Compensation Act, vacation leave shall accumulate as if the employee were not absent, but the extent of such accumulation shall not continue beyond twelve (12) consecutive calendar months from the date the absence, related to the injury or disability, commenced.
- 30:04 Where an employee is injured on the job and is required to leave for medical treatment and/or is sent home by management due to the injury, the employee shall incur no loss in regular pay and benefits for the day on which the accident occurs.
- 30:05 Transportation to the nearest physician or hospital for employees requiring immediate medical care as a result of an on-the-job accident shall be provided by or at the expense of the department if it is not covered by a medical plan.

30:06 Where an employee is in receipt of Workers Compensation as a result of an injury incurred in the course of the performance of the employee's duties and is absent from work as a result, such absence shall not be considered to be part of the employee's personal absenteeism record.

# **COMPASSIONATE LEAVE**

- 31:01 An employee shall be entitled to compassionate leave of four (4) working days without loss of salary in the event of the death of a parent, step-parent, spouse, child or step-child.
- 31:02 An employee shall be entitled to compassionate leave of three (3) working days without loss of salary in the event of the death of a brother, step-brother, sister, step-sister, ward of the employee, or relative permanently residing in the employee's household or with whom the employee permanently resides.
- 31:03 An employee shall be entitled to compassionate leave of one (1) working day without loss of salary in the event of the death of the employee's grandparent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, aunt, uncle, or grandchild.
- 31:04 An employee who is entitled to compassionate leave under Sections :01, :02 and :03 during vacation leave shall receive vacation credits equal to the number of days of compassionate leave granted.
- 31:05 Provided an employee has not received compassionate leave for the death in question, the employee shall be entitled to compassionate leave up to a maximum of one (1) day without loss of salary for attending a funeral as a pallbearer.
- 31:06 An employee shall be entitled to additional compassionate or special leave up to a maximum of two (2) days without loss of salary, requested for the purpose of attending a funeral at a distance in excess of two hundred and twenty-five (225) kilometres from the employee's home.
- 31:07 An employee who is in travel status shall continue to receive regular salary for travel time to return to the employee's work headquarters, to a maximum of (7.25) (7.75) (8) hours as is applicable, prior to commencing compassionate leave under this Article.

# **FAMILY RELATED LEAVE**

- 32:01 An employee shall be entitled to up to five (5) days of leave with pay in each fiscal year to be granted on the recommendation of the employing authority as follows and charged against the employee's sick leave credits:
  - (a) the leave shall be for the purpose of attending to family responsibilities which are real, immediate and unavoidable and which necessitate the employee's absence from work;
  - (b) the family responsibilities of the employee could not reasonably be accommodated by some other person or in some other way or at some other time;
  - (c) the amount of leave is intended to cover the period until appropriate alternative arrangements can be made.
- 32:02 An employee's sick leave accumulation under Article 28 Sick Leave will not be reduced to less than twelve (12) days per year as a result of the application of this provision.

# **PATERNITY LEAVE**

- 33:01 An employee shall be granted one (1) day's leave with pay, to attend to needs directly related to the birth of his/her child. At the employee's option, such leave shall be granted on the day of, or the day following the birth of his/her child or the day of the birth mother's admission to or discharge from hospital or such other day as may be mutually agreed.
- 33:02 Employees who qualify for Paternity Leave, as per 33:01, are not eligible for Maternity Leave under Article 34 and/or Adoptive Parent Leave under Article 35.

# **MATERNITY LEAVE**

34:01 An employee who qualifies for maternity leave may apply for such leave in accordance with either

Plan A or Plan B but not both.

# PLAN A

- 34:02 In order to qualify for Plan A, a pregnant employee must:
  - (a) have completed seven (7) continuous months of employment for or with the government;
  - (b) submit to the employing authority an application in writing for leave under Plan A at least four(4) weeks before the day specified by her in the application as the day on which she intends to commence such leave; and
  - (c) provide the employing authority with a certificate of a duly qualified medical practitioner certifying that she is pregnant and specifying the estimated date of her delivery.
- 34:03 An employee who qualifies is entitled to and shall be granted maternity leave without pay consisting of:
  - (a) a period not exceeding seventeen (17) weeks if delivery occurs on or before the date of delivery specified in the certificate mentioned in Section :02(c); or
  - (b) a period of seventeen (17) weeks plus an additional period equal to the period between the date of delivery specified in the certificate mentioned in Section :02(c) and the actual date of delivery, if delivery occurs after the date mentioned in that certificate;
  - (c) Treasury Board may vary the length of maternity leave upon proper certification by the attending physician, and recommendation by the employing authority.
- 34:04 Effective January 3, 2021, an employee who has been granted maternity leave shall be permitted to apply up to a maximum of five (5) days of her accumulated sick leave against the Employment Insurance waiting period.

An employee who has been granted maternity leave shall also be permitted to apply up to an additional five (5) days of her accumulated sick leave:

- (a) in the week immediately following the discontinuation of payments of Employment Insurance Maternity benefits if the employee does not receive Employment Insurance Parental Benefits; or
- (b) in the week immediately following the discontinuation of payments of Employment Insurance Parental benefits, if the employee receives Employment Insurance Parental benefits immediately following the discontinuation of Employment Insurance Maternity benefits.

Should an employee not be required to serve any waiting period before the commencement of Employment Insurance benefits, she will be permitted to apply up to ten 10 days of her accumulated sick leave as in paragraph (a) or (b) above.

Should the employee not return to work following her maternity leave for a period of employment sufficient to allow for re-accumulation of the number of sick days granted, the employee shall compensate the employer for the balance of the outstanding days at the time of termination. Approved sick leave with pay granted during the period of return shall be counted as days worked.

# **PLAN B**

- 34:05 In order to qualify for Plan B a pregnant employee must:
  - (a) have completed seven (7) continuous months of employment for or with the government;
  - (b) submit to the employing authority an application in writing, for leave under Plan B at least four (4) weeks before the day specified by her in the application as the day on which she intends to commence such leave;
  - (c) provide the employing authority with a certificate of a duly qualified medical practitioner certifying that she is pregnant and specifying the estimated date of her delivery;
  - (d) provide the employing authority with proof that she has applied for Employment Insurance benefits and that Service Canada has agreed that the employee has qualified for and is entitled to such Employment Insurance benefits pursuant to Section 22, Employment Insurance Act.
- 34:06 An applicant for maternity leave under Plan B must sign an agreement with the employing authority providing that:

- (a) she will return to work and remain in the employ of the government on a full time basis for at least six (6) months following her return to work; and
- (b) if she does not take parental leave as provided in Article 36 Parental Leave, she will return to work on the date of the expiry of her maternity leave; and
- (c) if she does take parental leave as provided in Article 36 Parental Leave, she will return to work on the date of the expiry of her parental leave; and
- (d) should she fail to return to work as provided above, she is indebted to the government for the <u>full</u> amount of pay received from the government as a maternity allowance during her entire period of maternity leave.
- (e) Should she return to work as provided above but fail to complete her return service commitment, she is indebted to the government for a pro-rated amount based on the number of months she has remaining on her return service commitment, rounded to the nearest full week.
- 34:07 At the employee's request the employing authority may authorize an employee who has received maternity leave under Plan B to return to work on a part-time basis for a period of twelve (12) months.
- 34:08 An employee who qualifies is entitled to a maternity leave consisting of:
  - (a) a period not exceeding seventeen (17) weeks if delivery occurs on or before the date of delivery specified in the certificate mentioned in Subsection :05(c); or
  - (b) a period of seventeen (17) weeks plus an additional period equal to the period between the date of delivery specified in the certificate mentioned in Subsection :05(c) and the actual date of delivery, if delivery occurs after the date mentioned in that certificate;
  - (c) treasury Board may vary the length of maternity leave upon proper certification by the attending physician, and recommendation by the employing authority.
- 34:09 Effective January 3, 2021, during the period of maternity leave, an employee who qualifies is entitled to a Supplement to Employment Insurance (EI) Maternity Benefits as follows:
  - (a) An employee shall receive ninety-three percent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay during the one week Employment Insurance waiting period;
  - (b) For up to a maximum of fifteen (15) additional weeks, payments equivalent to the difference between the Employment Insurance benefits the employee is eligible to receive and ninety-three percent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay:
  - (c) For the week immediately following the discontinuation of payments of Employment Insurance Maternity benefits, an employee shall receive ninety-three percent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay provided the employee does not receive Employment Insurance Parental Benefits immediately following the exhaustion of the Employment Insurance Maternity Benefits.

If the employee receives Employment Insurance Parental Benefits immediately following the exhaustion of Employment Insurance Maternity Benefits, the employee shall receive ninety-three percent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay for the week immediately following the discontinuation of payments of Employment Insurance Parental Benefits.

Should an employee not be required to serve any waiting period before the commencement of Employment Insurance benefits, the benefits under paragraph (a) above will be paid in the week following payment in paragraph (c).

- (d) all other time as may be provided under Section :08 shall be on a leave without pay basis.
- 34:10 Plan B does not apply to term employees or employees who normally are subject to seasonal lay-off.
- 34:11 During the period of maternity leave, benefits will not accrue. However, the period of maternity leave will count as service towards eligibility for long service vacation and long service sick leave entitlement.
- 34:12 Where an employee's anniversary date falls during the period of maternity leave under Plan A or B, the employee shall be eligible to receive a merit increase effective the date upon which she returns to her position of employment.
- 34:13 Section 57 and Sections 60(1) through 60(4) inclusive of the Employment Standards Code respecting maternity leave shall apply "mutatis mutandis".

# **ADOPTIVE PARENT LEAVE**

35:01 An employee shall be granted one (1) day's leave with pay to attend to needs directly related to the adoption of the child. At the employee's option such leave shall be granted on the day of or the day following the adoption or such other day as may be mutually agreed.

# **PARENTAL LEAVE**

- 36:01 In order to qualify for parental leave, an employee must:
  - (a) be the natural parent of a child; or
  - (b) adopt a child under the law of a province.
- 36:02 An employee who qualifies under Section :01 must:
  - (a) have completed seven (7) continuous months of employment and
  - (b) submit to the employing authority an application in writing for parental leave at least four (4) weeks before the day specified in the application as the day on which the employee intends to commence the leave.
- 36:03 An employee who qualifies in accordance with Sections :01 and :02 is entitled to parental leave without pay for a continuous period of up to sixty-three (63) weeks.
- 36:04 Subject to Section :05, parental leave must commence no later than seventy-eight (78) weeks after the date of the birth or adoption of the child or the date on which the child comes into the actual care and custody of the employee.
- 36:05 Where an employee takes parental leave in addition to maternity leave, the employee must commence the parental leave immediately on expiry of the maternity leave without a return to work unless otherwise approved by the employing authority.

# **BRIDGING OF SERVICE**

- 37:01 A regular employee who resigns as a result of the employee's decision to raise a dependent child or children, and is re-employed, upon written notification to the employing authority shall be credited with the length of service accumulated up to the time of resignation for the purposes of sick leave and long service vacation entitlement benefits as defined in this Agreement and based on service seniority. The following conditions shall apply:
  - (a) the employee must have accumulated at least four (4) years of calendar service at the time of resigning;
  - (b) the resignation itself must indicate the reason for resigning;
  - (c) the break in service shall be for no longer than six (6) years, and during that time the employee must not have been engaged in remunerative employment for more than three (3) months;
  - (d) the previous length of service shall not be reinstated until successful completion of the probationary period;
  - (e) upon successful completion of the probationary period, the employee will be credited with the accumulated sick leave credits at the time of the resignation up to a maximum of twenty-six (26) days of credits.

# LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL EFFECTS

- 38:01 Where an employee, because of the action of an inmate, patient or client of government, suffers damage to, or loss of, eye-glasses, false teeth, a watch or other personal effects usually carried to work by the employee in the performance of the employee's duties including clothing but not including underwear, the employee shall be reimbursed at:
  - (a) full replacement cost provided that the item that is lost or damaged beyond repair has been purchased within six (6) months of the incident;
  - (b) If the item has been purchased within six (6) months to two (2) years of the incident, at eight-five percent (85%) of the replacement cost;
  - (c) at seventy-five percent (75%) of the replacement cost in all other cases.

In calculating replacement cost, proof of purchase must be submitted and Provincial Sales Tax

- (PST) and Goods and Services Tax (GST) are included.
- 38:02 Where a workshop operated by the government is available to make repairs to personal effects damaged as mentioned in Section :01, the repairs shall be made in the workshop at no cost to the employee. Costs of other repair shall be reimbursed to the employee.
- 38:03 All incidents of loss of, or damage to personal effects as mentioned in Section :01, shall be reported in writing by the employee whose personal effects are lost or damaged to the employing authority within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.
- 38:04 Each incident respecting loss of, or damage to, personal effects as mentioned in Section :01 shall be assessed separately, and the employing authority shall recommend the amount of compensation that should, in the employing authority's opinion, be paid in respect of each incident.
- 38:05 Employees are responsible for any personal effects which are brought to their place of work and are not specifically required in the course of their employment; and no claim for compensation will be considered for loss or theft of or damage to personal effects or clothing other than damage to clothing that occurs as a result of an accident, normal wear and tear excepted.
- 38:06 Employees suffering loss of, theft of, or damage to tools, equipment, personal effects or clothing incurred when they are away from their normal place of work while on a business or field trip may claim compensation only for such items as are necessary in day-to-day living in the course of their employment away from their normal place of work.
- 38:07 Employees whose occupation requires them to provide and use their own tools, equipment or personal effects in the course of their employment, should safeguard such tools, equipment or personal effects against loss, theft or damage; and no claim for compensation for loss, theft or damage to such tools, equipment or personal effects may be made under this subsection except where such tools, equipment or personal effects are handed over or delivered to a supervisor or responsible officer where this is practical and the receipt thereof is acknowledged by the officer.
- 38:08 Where employees are required to provide, commandeer or "rent without fee" from any person or firm, tools, equipment or personal effects which are to be used in the course of their employment and which are not readily available from government sources, claims for compensation may be made for the loss or theft or damage to such tools, equipment or personal effects.
- 38:09 Where compensation is available from an employee's personal insurance or otherwise for the loss or theft of or damage to the employee's tools, equipment or personal effects or for luxury items, the deductible portion may be claimed.
- 38:10 Every claim for compensation made pursuant to Sections :05, :06, :07 and :08 will be considered by the employing authority, who will submit recommendations to Treasury Board Secretariat for approval, and the claim shall indicate:
  - (a) the name of the claimant, position classification, normal place of work and type of work the position entails;
  - (b) identification as to category loss, theft, damage and full particulars as to when, and how the loss, theft or damage took place, with any other relevant particulars;
  - (c) justification for the claim in accordance with Sections :05, :06, :07 or :08;
  - (d) a certification by the claimant that all items lost, stolen or damaged are not covered by any form of insurance, or if they are covered, the amount of the deductible for which reimbursement is being claimed under this Article.
- 38:11 Claims approved by Treasury Board Secretariat shall be paid in accordance with Section :01.

# **REMOTENESS ALLOWANCE**

39:01 The government shall provide remoteness allowances as shown in Appendix "B" which is attached hereto and which forms part of this Agreement.

#### **DENTAL PLAN**

- 40:01 The parties agree to the continuation of the Dental Services Plan with the following changes:
  - (a) the basis for payment for covered services shall be the Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) Fee Guide;
  - (b) effective April 1, 2012, the current MDA Fee Guide shall be in effect on April 1 of each year;
  - (c) dental coverage will continue for the first seventeen (17) weeks of Maternity Leave effective the first of the month following the date of signing and limited to maternity leaves commencing on and after that date;
  - (d) effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period following the date of signing part-time employees are eligible for family coverage based on sixty percent (60%) of the annual maximum per claimant.

### **VISION CARE PLAN**

- 41:01 The parties agree to the continuation of the Vision Care Plan with the following changes:
  - (a) the basis for payment for covered services shall be the 2009 Optometric or Ophthalmological Fee Guide:
  - (b) the 2012 and 2013 Fee Guides will be implemented effective April 1 of each respective year;
  - (c) changes to the Dental Plan respecting eligibility during Maternity Leave and pro-rated family coverage for part-time employees will also apply to the Vision Care Plan;
  - (d) effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period following the date of signing part-time employees are eligible for family coverage based on sixty percent (60%) of the annual maximum per claimant.

#### **DRUG PLAN**

- 42:01 The parties agree to the continuation of the Drug Care plan as follows:
  - (a) eligibility requirements for employees and dependents are the same as the Dental Services Plan:
  - (b) co-insurance based on 80% reimbursement;
  - (c) effective April 1, 2023, the maximum payment per contract (family) to nine hundred dollars (\$900) per year;
  - (d) effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period following the date of signing, part-time employees are eligible for family coverage based on sixty percent (60%) of the annual maximum per claimant.
- 42:02 The Employer agrees to implement a Blue Net Card with a target date of April 1, 2016 or as soon as possible.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- 43:01 The government and the Union recognize that safety, accident prevention and the preservation of health are of primary importance in all civil service operations and that these activities require the combined efforts of the government, employees, and the Union.
- 43:02 The government will continue to provide its employees with safe working conditions, equipment and materials, and will continue to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken.
- 43:03 The Union will continue to make every effort to obtain the cooperation of each employee within the bargaining unit in the observation of all reasonable safety rules, practices and procedures.
- 43:04 Every employee shall take all reasonable precautions and follow all reasonable safety rules, practices and procedures in order to protect the employee's safety and health and the safety and health of any other persons who may be affected by the employee's acts or omissions at work.
- 43:05 The parties recognize the importance of establishing Workplace Health and Safety Committees to enhance the ability of employees and managers to resolve health and safety concerns. It is recognized that the initiative in requesting the establishment of a Workplace Health and Safety Committee may come from management of the department and/or the employees in the workplace and/or the Union.
- 43:06 The parties agree to the establishment of Workplace Health and Safety Committees in workplaces where it is deemed necessary having regard for:
  - (a) the number of employees in the workplace;
  - (b) the type of work performed in the workplace and the degree of hazard involved;
  - (c) the complexity of the workplace operations, and the size, location and nature of the workplace.
- 43:07 Where it is not deemed appropriate to establish a Workplace Health and Safety Committee in a workplace the parties may agree to the designation of a Workplace Health and Safety representative who may, in conjunction with a management representative, perform the duties of a committee.
- 43:08 Where it is deemed appropriate to establish a Workplace Health and Safety Committee in a workplace, the following shall apply:
  - (a) the size of the committee shall be determined taking into account the factors listed in Section :06. The number of employee representatives should not be less than two (2) or more than six (6). The number of management representatives may be less than or equal to the number of employee representatives on a committee;
  - (b) each party shall elect or appoint its representatives to a committee freely and without interference;
  - (c) committee members shall have a term of office of one (1) year and members are eligible for re-election or re-appointment:
  - (d) committees shall have two (2) co-chairpersons, one (1) chosen by and from the management representatives and one (1) chosen by and from the employee representatives. The co-chairpersons shall alternate the function of chairing the meetings of the committee and may participate fully in the deliberations and discussions of the committee;
  - (e) committees shall meet regularly at intervals to be determined by the committee but normally not less than once in each calendar quarter;
  - (f) except for the calling of special meetings, there shall be at least seventy-two (72) hours prior notice of the calling of committee meetings;
  - (g) efforts should be made to schedule committee meetings, functions or duties during the employees' work time but if this is not possible, meetings may be held during an employee's off duty hours. Employee representatives who are members of a Workplace Health and Safety Committee and who are scheduled to meet during off duty hours shall be deemed to be at work and compensated at regular or premium pay, as is applicable, or at the employee's option be granted time off in lieu for time spent in such meetings, functions or duties;
  - (h) the quorum for meetings shall consist of one-half (½) of the management members and one-half (½) of the employee members;
  - (i) each department shall provide a prominent place where information relating to health and safety subjects may be posted. Information posted shall include:

- i) the names of all committee members and their terms of office;
- ii) the scheduled meeting dates of the committee;
- iii) the agenda for each meeting;
- iv) the minutes of the previous meeting;
- v) informational and educational materials which have specific relevance to the safety and health of employees in that workplace;.
- (j) minutes of all committee meetings are required. Minutes shall consist of matters relating to the receipt and disposition of safety and health concerns. The minutes shall be signed by both chairpersons. Where there is disagreement as to the accuracy or content, either party may so note the disagreement and place their comments on the minutes prior to signing. When the minutes are signed by both co-chairpersons, the management co-chairperson shall retain the original for the records of the committee, forward a copy to the Workplace Safety and Health Branch, post a copy as provided in Subsection (i) above and forward a copy to members of the committee:
- (k) any material addressed to the committee shall be distributed as soon as practicable by the person receiving same to the other committee members.
- 43:09 The objectives of Workplace Health and Safety Committees include:
  - (a) assisting employees to identify, record, examine, evaluate and resolve health and safety concerns in the workplace;
  - (b) developing practical procedures and conditions to help achieve health and safety in the workplace;
  - (c) promoting education and training programs to develop detailed knowledge of health and safety concerns and responsibilities in each individual workplace.
- 43:10 The parties agree to the establishment of a Central Workplace Health and Safety Committee to be composed of two (2) members appointed by each party. The government agrees that one (1) of the members appointed by the Union shall be on a time off with pay basis. The sole purpose of the Committee shall be to:
  - (a) assist in the establishment of Workplace Health and Safety Committees where employees in more than one (1) department are involved and/or where a complex workplace exists;
  - (b) assist in resolving disputes as to the establishment of a committee or the number of representatives to be placed on a committee.
- 43:11 Where a supervisor knows that any condition exists at a workplace that is unusually dangerous to the safety or health of an employee, the supervisor shall not require or permit an employee to engage in, carry on or continue to work in that workplace under that condition.
- 43:12 (a) Where an employee has reason to believe, and does believe, that a condition exists that is dangerous to the employee's safety or health in the performance of the employee's work, the employee shall report that condition to the employee's supervisor:
  - (b) the supervisor upon being notified under (a) above shall inspect the condition with the employee and discuss the employee's reasons for believing the condition to be dangerous. Where there is a health and safety committee at the workplace, the co-chairpersons may be asked to participate;
  - (c) if the employee is unsatisfied with the supervisor's decision or if the supervisor refuses to inspect the condition, the employee shall contact, in writing or by telephone, the Workplace Safety and Health Branch without delay:
  - (d) if the employee refuses to work because of the employee's belief that the condition is dangerous, the employee must be available to perform other work assigned.
- 43:13 Where an employee has refused to perform work in accordance with Section :12, no other employee shall be assigned the particular work unless such employee is notified of the refusal and the reasons for the refusal, if known.
- 43:14 Nothing in this Article prevents the doing of any work or thing that may be necessary in order to remedy the dangerous condition described in Sections :11 and :12.
- 43:15 Disciplinary action shall not be taken against an employee solely for the reason that the employee:

- (a) made a report under Section :12; and
- (b) refused to work or continue to work under the conditions described under Section :12 provided a safety and health officer has reported in writing that the employee had reasonable and probable grounds for believing that those conditions were dangerous to the employee's safety or health.
- 43:16 Where an employee wilfully takes unfair advantage of the provisions described in Section :12, the employee may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or dismissal.

### **UNIFORMS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

- 44:01 Where the employer determines that uniforms and protective clothing are required in the performance of the employee's duties, such uniforms and protective clothing shall be provided to the employee.
- 44:02 Where uniforms and protective clothing are supplied, the employer agrees to furnish, replace or repair such clothing when damaged in the performance of the employee's duties.
- 44:03 Where an employee is required, as a condition of employment, to provide and wear approved safety footwear during the course of the employee's regular duties, the employee will be eligible for an allowance once per fiscal year, to help offset the cost to the employee of purchasing approved safety footwear. The allowance of one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) is increased as follows:
  - (a) effective April 1, 2012 one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.00);
  - (b) effective April 1, 2013 one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)
- 44:04 The allowance will be paid under the following conditions:
  - (a) the safety footwear purchased must be approved by the Canadian Standards Association; and
  - (b) satisfactory proof of purchase must be provided by the employee; and
  - (c) the employee must have purchased safety footwear specifically for employment with the government; and
  - (d) to be eligible to receive the allowance an employee must work five (5) consecutive work days.
- Where an employee who has worked for a fiscal year and has not claimed the allowance in that fiscal year, purchases safety footwear in the next fiscal year, the employee is eligible to claim up to twice the maximum allowance in that next fiscal year.
- 44:06 The policy on uniforms and protective clothing as specified in the General Manual of Administration shall be applicable to this Agreement. Where the provisions of the General Manual of Administration conflict with this Article, this Article shall prevail.
- 44:07 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, where an employee disputes the provision of protective clothing and footwear in accordance with this Article the employee may file a grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure. The decision at Step 2 shall be final for such grievances.

#### **UNION BUSINESS**

- 45:01 Leave of absence to attend to Union business may be granted to employees under the following conditions:
  - (a) requests for leave shall be made in writing by the Union by providing the employee with a letter of request. The employee shall submit the letter to the employee's immediate supervisor who shall forward the request to the employing authority for approval. The Union will also provide a copy of the written request to the Director of Human Resources of the department concerned;
  - (b) requests for leave shall be made with reasonable advance notice and shall be granted where operational requirements permit. Where special or unusual circumstances prevent three (3) working days notice being given, the request will be considered. No request will be unreasonably denied;
  - (c) where such leave of absence has been granted the Union shall reimburse the government one hundred percent (100%) of the wages paid to such employees during the approved absence.

- 45:02 For time spent with government representatives during negotiations of the Master Agreement, the Union will be allowed to have no more than nine (9) employees present at each bargaining session on a time-off with pay basis.
- 45:03 Prior to the commencement of negotiations, the Union shall supply the government with a list of employee representatives for the Master Agreement. Dependent upon operational requirements, requested leave for such employees shall not be unreasonably denied.
- Subject to the mutual agreement of the parties, the total number of employees referred to in Section :02 above may be changed provided any additional employees are on leave without pay or on wage recovery as per Subsection :01(c).
- 45:05 Union staff members shall not visit employees at their place of work unless prior approval has been obtained from the employee's supervisor.
- 45:06 The government agrees to allow the Union use of space on existing bulletin boards for the purpose of posting official Union information relating to business affairs, meetings, and social events provided the information does not contain anything that is adverse to the interests of the employer. The employing authority or designate shall have the right to refuse to post or remove the posting of any information.
- 45:07 Upon request, a Union representative shall be provided with the opportunity to meet with newly hired employees for up to twenty (20) minutes during regular working hours. The time shall be established by agreement subject to operational requirements.

## **RIGHTS OF STEWARDS**

- 46:01 **"Steward"** means an employee elected or appointed by the Union who is authorized to represent the Union, an employee or both.
- 46:02 The government recognizes the Union's right to select stewards to represent employees.
- 46:03 The Union shall determine the number of stewards and the jurisdiction of each steward having regard to the plan of organization, the distribution of employees at the workplace, and the administrative structure implied by the grievance procedure.
- 46:04 The Union agrees to provide the government with a list of stewards and any subsequent changes for each work location by department, area, and Component. The Union shall provide appropriate identification for stewards.
- 46:05 Stewards and employees shall not conduct Union business during their working time except as provided in Section 45:07.
- 46:06 The duties of the stewards shall be to investigate complaints of an urgent nature and to investigate and present grievances in accordance with the grievance procedure.
- 46:07 For complaints of an urgent nature, a steward shall first obtain the permission of the steward's immediate supervisor before leaving work to investigate such complaint with the employee and supervisor or departmental official concerned. Such permission shall not be unreasonably sought or withheld. On resuming the steward's normal duties, the steward shall notify the steward's supervisor.
- When it is necessary for a steward to investigate a complaint or grievance during working hours, no deduction in salary shall be made from the steward or employee concerned, provided that each has obtained approval from their supervisor(s) for the time required to deal with the complaint or grievance. On resuming their duties, the steward and employee shall notify their supervisor(s).

46:09 The Government recognizes the Union has instituted a chief steward program and that the Union will be discussing time off arrangements under Section 45:01 with departments, which will allow for chief stewards to perform their duties.

## **UNION SECURITY**

- 47:01 During the term of this Agreement, employees covered by this Agreement, whether members of the Union or not, shall pay to the Union, by payroll deduction, an amount equal to the bi-weekly membership dues determined by the Union. For new employees, the payroll deduction of the amount as set out above shall become effective on the first day of the bi-weekly pay period, following the date the employee is covered under the terms of this Agreement.
- 47:02 The government shall forward to the Union the amount of the dues deducted under Section :01 above on a bi-weekly basis per each applicable bi-weekly pay period system.
- 47:03 The government shall provide the Union on a bi-weekly basis per each applicable bi-weekly pay period system, the names of the employee from whose wages dues have been deducted showing opposite each employee's name, the amount of dues deducted for that employee.
- 47:04 The Union agrees to indemnify and save the government harmless against any claim or liability arising out of the application of this Article except for any claim or liability arising out of an error committed by the government.
- 47:05 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the government shall not later than ninety (90) days preceding the expiry date of this Agreement, furnish in written form to the Union the following, shown by Component and by classification groupings:
  - (a) the name of each employee;
  - (b) the classification of each employee;
  - (c) the current rate of pay of each employee.

# **JOINT COUNCIL**

48:01 The Joint Council shall consult on any suggestions or requests made by the Executive Council or the Union with respect to working conditions applicable to employees generally or to any particular class of employees.

#### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- 49:01 The parties to this Agreement recognize the desirability for prompt resolution of grievances through an orderly process without stoppage of work or refusal to perform work.
- 49:02 A "grievance" is defined as a complaint in writing concerning:
  - (a) the application, interpretation, or alleged violation of an Article of this Agreement or The Public Service Act or a signed Memorandum of Understanding or a signed Memorandum of Agreement between the parties;
  - (b) the dismissal, suspension, demotion, or written reprimand of an employee.

The above categories of grievances can be processed up to and including Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

49:03 Notwithstanding Section :02, an employee may complain or grieve on any unsatisfactory working condition up to and including Step 2 of the grievance procedure. The decision at Step 2 shall be final for such grievances.

- 49:04 Where a grievance has been initiated and the nature of the grievance is such that it has or potentially could have widespread application affecting a number of employees in more than one (1) department; and where as a result the Union deems it impractical that each affected employee grieve separately, the Union shall have the right to present a group grievance on those matters as defined in Subsection :02(a). A group grievance shall be presented directly to the assistant deputy minister of Labour Relations within twenty (20) working days following the date upon which the employee(s) were notified orally or in writing, or on which the employee(s) first became aware of the action giving rise to the grievance.
- 49:05 Where either party to this Agreement disputes the general application, interpretation or alleged violation of an Article of this Agreement or of The Public Service Act or a signed Memorandum of Understanding or a signed Memorandum of Agreement between the parties, either party may initiate a policy grievance. Where such a grievance is initiated by the Union and involves employees in more than one (1) department it shall be presented to the assistant deputy minister of Labour Relations, and where it involves employees in one (1) department it shall be presented to the deputy minister of the department. Where such a grievance is initiated by the government it shall be presented to the President of the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union. In all cases the grievance shall be presented within twenty (20) working days from the date of the action giving rise to the grievance.
- 49:06 Where the parties fail to resolve a grievance under Section :04 or :05, either party may refer the grievance to Step 3 of the grievance procedure. It is agreed and understood that grievances which have been submitted and dealt with as individual grievances may not subsequently be submitted as a policy grievance.
- 49:07 Notwithstanding Section :09, a grievance filed under Section :05 shall not require the signature of an employee.
- 49:08 If an employee or the Union fails to initiate or process a grievance within the prescribed time limits, the grievance will be deemed to be abandoned and all rights of recourse to the grievance procedure for that particular grievance shall be at an end. If Management fails to reply to a grievance within the prescribed time limits, the employee or the Union may process the grievance to the next step. Either party may request an extension of the time limits providing such extension is requested prior to the expiry of the time allowed. An extension, if requested, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 49:09 Wherever possible, the grievance shall be presented on the Official Grievance Form. A written description of the nature of the grievance and the redress requested shall be sufficiently clear and if the grievance relates to an Article of the Agreement, such Article shall be so stated in the grievance. The grievance shall be signed by the employee and may be clarified at any step providing its substance is not changed. A form authorizing the Union to act on the employee's behalf will accompany the grievance. Except for failure to meet the time limits, a grievance shall not be deemed to be invalid if it is not written on the Official Grievance Form or for failure to quote the Article in dispute.
- 49:10 It is mutually agreed that an effort shall be made to resolve complaints through discussion before a written grievance is initiated. The aggrieved employee shall have the right to have a representative present at such a discussion. When a grievance cannot be presented in person at any step, it may be transmitted by registered mail.
- 49:11 An employee has the right to representation by a Union representative at any step of the grievance procedure.

#### 49:12 **Step 1**:

(a) Within twenty (20) working days after the date upon which the employee was notified orally or in writing, or on which the employee first became aware of the action or circumstances giving rise to the grievance, the employee shall present the grievance with the redress requested to the director or designate;

- (b) the director or designate shall sign for receipt of the grievance and if the nature of the grievance is such that the director or designate is authorized to deal with it, the director or designate shall issue a decision in writing to the employee and to the Union within fifteen (15) working days;
- (c) the director or designate may hold a hearing to discuss the grievance with the employee and the employee's representative before giving a decision on the grievance;
- (d) if the nature of the grievance is such that a decision cannot be given below a particular level of authority, the director or designate shall forward the grievance to the appropriate authority at the appropriate step of the grievance procedure and so inform the employee and the Union. The time limits and the procedures of the appropriate step shall then apply;
- (e) where the director or designate at Step 1 is a steward or officer of the Union, the grievance shall automatically be referred by the Director or designate to Step 2.

#### 49:13 Step 2:

- (a) If the grievance is not resolved satisfactorily at Step 1, the employee shall submit the same grievance and the redress requested to the deputy minister or designate within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of the decision at Step 1;
- (b) the deputy minister or designate shall sign for receipt of the grievance and issue a decision in writing to the employee and to the Union within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of the grievance.
- (c) For those grievances defined in accordance with Section :02, the deputy minister or designate may hold a hearing to discuss the grievance with the employee and the employee's representative before giving a decision on the grievance. For those grievances concerning unsatisfactory working conditions as defined in Section :03, the deputy minister or designate shall hold a hearing to discuss the grievance with the employee and the employee's representative before giving a decision on the grievance.

## 49:14 **Step 3:**

A decision of the deputy minister or designate may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with Article 50 – Grievance Arbitration Procedure. The decision of the single arbitrator shall be final and binding for all such grievances. Union approval is required to submit any grievance to arbitration.

- 49:15 Grievances concerning demotion, suspension, dismissal or the selection of an employee for a position within the bargaining unit shall be initiated at Step 2 of the grievance procedure within twenty (20) working days of the date that the employee became aware of the action.
- 49:16 Subject to Section :07 of Article 13 Probation and Assessment, the rejection of an employee on probation is not appealable or arbitrable.
- 49:17 Subject to Section :13 Step 2, an employee or the Union may withdraw a grievance at any step of the grievance/arbitration procedure by giving written notice to the department concerned. An employee may abandon a grievance by not processing it within the prescribed time limits.
- 49:18 Classification disputes shall not be channelled through Steps 1 and 2 of the grievance procedure.

## **GRIEVANCE ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

- 50:01 Unresolved grievances or disputes concerning only those matters set forth below shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the procedure set forth in this Article:
  - (a) grievances concerning the application, interpretation or alleged violation of an Article of this Agreement;
  - (b) grievances concerning the application, interpretation or alleged violation of a signed Memorandum of Understanding or a signed Memorandum of Agreement between the parties;
  - (c) grievances concerning dismissal, suspension, demotion or a written reprimand of an employee.
- 50:02 The procedure for arbitrating grievances shall be the procedure as set forth in this Article.
- 50:03 Where a difference arises between the parties hereto relating to a subject matter as outlined in Section :01, either of the parties may, within twenty (20) working days from the receipt of the

decision at Step 2, notify the other party in writing of its desire to submit the difference or allegation to arbitration. Such notification, when initiated by the Union, shall be made directly to the Labour Relations Division, and shall set forth the issue in dispute for referral to a single arbitrator.

- 50:04 Where the party initiating the arbitration proceedings wishes to request arbitration by a single arbitrator, the notice referred to in Section :03 shall so state:
  - (a) the parties will attempt to reach agreement on the selection of a single arbitrator within ten (10) working days;
  - (b) where the party who receives the notice rejects the request for a single arbitrator or where the parties have failed to reach agreement on the selection of a single arbitrator within ten (10) working days, the party initiating the arbitration proceedings may submit the name of its appointee to the board in accordance with Section :06 within ten (10) working days;
  - (c) a single arbitrator shall be considered to be an Arbitration Board for purposes of this Article.
- 50:05 By mutual agreement between the parties, the grievance matter may be referred to a mediator chosen by the parties or the parties may appoint the single arbitrator, chosen in accordance with 50:04 as a mediator/arbitrator.

If referred to a mediator, the arbitration hearing date shall be established independent of the mediation process. The mediation must be completed prior to the commencement of the arbitration.

If the single arbitrator is appointed as a mediator/arbitrator, the matter shall be heard as a mediation/arbitration.

- 50:06 Where the party initiating the arbitration proceedings wishes to request arbitration by a three (3) person board, the notice referred to in Section :04 shall contain the first party's appointee to the Arbitration Board. The following procedure will then apply:
  - (a) the party who receives the notice shall within ten (10) working days of receiving the notice, name an appointee to the Arbitration Board and notify the other party in writing of such appointee;
  - (b) the two (2) members of the Arbitration Board named by the parties shall, within ten (10) working days of the appointment of the second of them, appoint a third member of the Arbitration Board who shall be the Chairperson thereof:
  - (c) if either party fails to appoint its member to the Board as provided above or where the two (2) appointees of the parties fail to agree on the appointment of a third member within the time specified, the Chief Justice for the Province of Manitoba, or in the Chief Justice's absence, the Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, upon the request of a party to the Agreement, shall nominate a member on behalf of the party failing to make an appointment or shall nominate the third member and Chairperson, as the case may be, and where the case requires, may nominate both, and where such nomination has been made, the Minister of Labour shall appoint that person as member or Chairperson or both, as the case may be;
  - (d) the Chairperson and one (1) other member are a quorum; but, in the absence of a member, the other members shall not proceed unless the absent member has been given reasonable notice of sitting.
- 50:07 Where the matter is submitted to the Arbitration Board, the Arbitration Board shall commence hearings within ten (10) working days of the matter being submitted to the Board and shall hear evidence and argument submitted by or on behalf of the parties relevant to the matter submitted and shall make a decision thereon in the form of an award of the Arbitration Board.
- 50:08 The Arbitration Board shall hear and determine the difference or allegations and shall issue a decision, which decision shall be final and binding and enforceable upon the parties and upon any employee or employees affected by it.
- 50:09 The Arbitration Board may summon before it any witnesses and require them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, and to produce such documents and evidence as the Arbitration Board deems requisite to the full investigation and consideration of the matters referred to it.
- 50:10 The Arbitration Board shall submit a report on the findings and the decision of the Board within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the hearing to the parties.

- 50:11 Any of the time limits referred to above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.
- 50:12 In the case of a three (3) person Arbitration Board the decision of the majority shall be the decision of the Arbitration Board. If there is no majority, the decision of the Chairperson shall be the decision of the Board.
- 50:13 The Arbitration Board shall not have the power to add to, subtract from or modify or alter in any way the provisions of the Master Agreement or any Component or a signed Memorandum of Understanding or a signed Memorandum of Agreement between the parties.
- 50:14 The Arbitration Board shall expressly confine itself to the issue submitted to the Board, and shall have no authority to make a decision and/or recommendation on any other issue not so submitted to the Board.
- 50:15 Where the Arbitration Board determines that an employee has been dismissed or otherwise disciplined by an employing authority for cause, and provided the collective agreement does not provide a specific remedy or penalty for the cause of the dismissal or disciplinary action, the Arbitration Board may substitute such other penalty or remedy in lieu of dismissal or the disciplinary action as the Board deems just and reasonable under the circumstances.
- 50:16 The expenses incurred by and in respect of an Arbitration Board shall be paid as follows:
  - (a) the parties to the arbitration shall each pay an equal portion of the remuneration and expenses of the chairperson of the Arbitration Board;
  - (b) each party to the arbitration shall pay the remuneration and expenses of the member of the Arbitration Board named or appointed by or on behalf of that party;
  - (c) each party to the arbitration shall pay the fees and expenses of witnesses called by that party to give evidence before the Arbitration Board;
  - (d) each party to the arbitration shall pay the fees and expenses of any counsel appearing before the Arbitration Board on behalf of that party;
  - (e) the parties to the arbitration shall each pay an equal portion of other costs and expenses incurred by the Arbitration Board in conducting the arbitration.
- 50:17 The parties hereto agree that an employee of the government and a staff member of the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union shall not be eligible for appointment as a member of the Arbitration Board or to act as a member of the Arbitration Board.

#### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

- 51:01 The parties recognize that the problem of sexual harassment may exist. However, the parties agree that sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the workplace or in connection with the workplace.
- 51:02 Where an employee is of the opinion that the employee has been or is being sexually harassed by another employee, the employee may forward a written complaint directly to the deputy minister or human resources director of the department concerned. Where this is not possible, the complaint may be forwarded to the Public Service Commission. The complaint shall be marked "Personal and Confidential".
- 51:03 The deputy minister or designate will endeavour to resolve the matter in an expeditious and confidential manner.
- 51:04 The alleged offender shall be entitled to notice of the complaint and shall be given the opportunity to respond to the complaint.
- 51:05 The deputy minister or designate, after investigating the complaint, shall have the authority to:
  - (a) dismiss the complaint; or
  - (b) determine the appropriate discipline; and/or
  - (c) take any action which in the deputy minister's opinion may be necessary.
- 51:06 Where the deputy minister or designate determines that a complaint has been made for frivolous,

or vindictive reasons, the deputy minister shall have the authority to:

- (a) take disciplinary action against the complainant; and/or
- (b) take any action against the complainant which in the deputy minister's opinion may be necessary.

#### **CIVIL LIABILITY**

- 52:01 If an action or proceeding is brought against any employee covered by this Agreement for an alleged tort committed by the employee in the performance of the employee's duties, then:
  - (a) the employee, upon being served with any legal process, or upon receipt of any action or proceeding as hereinbefore referred to, being commenced against the employee shall advise the government through the deputy minister of the department of any such notification or legal process;
  - (b) the government shall pay any damages or costs awarded against any such employee in any such action or proceedings and all legal fees; and/or
  - (c) the government shall pay any sum required to be paid by such employee in connection with the settlement of any claim made against such employee if such settlement is approved by the government through the deputy minister before the same is finalized; provided the conduct of the employee which gave rise to the action did not constitute gross negligence of the employee's duty as an employee;
  - (d) upon the employee notifying the government in accordance with Subsection :01(a) above, the government and the employee shall forthwith meet and appoint counsel that is mutually agreeable to both parties. Should the parties be unable to agree on counsel that is satisfactory to both, then the government shall unilaterally appoint counsel. The government accepts full responsibility for the conduct of the action and the employee agrees to co-operate fully with appointed counsel.

#### **EMPLOYEE FILES**

- 53:01 Upon the written request of an employee, the departmental file of that employee shall be made available for the employee's full examination. Such examination shall be in the presence of a representative of the Commission or a representative of the department as the case may be. The employee has the option to have a representative present.
- 53:02 An employee may request a copy of specific documents on the employee's departmental file. This provision shall not be unreasonably requested or denied.
- 53:03 Upon written request of an employee, an employee shall have the right to examine and request a copy of the content of any file, held by the employee's Supervisor, which contains personal information regarding the employee, except for material which contains personal information about any other person.
- 53:04 With respect to any unsatisfactory report contained in the departmental file for an employee, the employee shall have the right to append his/her comments to the document and have it form part of the file.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY INCOME PLAN

- 54:01 The parties agree that the government shall provide an employer paid Long Term Disability Income Plan for eligible employees. The regulations governing this plan will be agreed upon in a separate Memorandum of Agreement.
- 54:02 Coverage under the Dental Plan, Drug Plan, Vision Care Plan and Health Spending Account shall be maintained during any unpaid leave required to satisfy the one-hundred and twenty (120) day elimination period or date of initial decision, whichever is later, for the LTD plan.

#### **SENIORITY**

55:01 **"Seniority"** means the length of service with the Government of Manitoba as defined in this Article provided such service has not been broken by termination of the employee.

- 55:02 Seniority shall include only the following:
  - (a) accumulated service;
  - (b) periods of workers compensation;
  - (c) periods of maternity leave and/or parental leave and/or compassionate care leave;
  - (d) period of unpaid leave for reservist;
  - (e) approved educational leave to a maximum of one (1) year;
  - (f) any sick leave without pay necessary to satisfy the elimination period of the Long Term Disability Plan:
  - (g) any other approved leaves without pay to a maximum accumulation of 160 (155) (145) hours in a calendar year
  - (h) periods of leave while on the Long Term Disability Plan.
- 55:03 An employee will lose all seniority when the employee:
  - (a) resigns;
  - (b) retires:
  - (c) is dismissed and not reinstated;
  - (d) dies;
  - (e) is permanently laid-off;
  - (f) is terminated at the expiry of the employee's term of employment. However, this Subsection does not apply to a term employee who has been employed on a full-time basis for twenty-four (24) continuous months and who is re-employed within twelve (12) months of the expiration of the employee's term of employment.
- 55:04 Separate seniority lists will be prepared by April 1 by each department based on service up to and including December 31 of the previous year. The lists will be posted at work locations as determined by the department.
- 55:05 Seniority lists will be prepared for the following types of employees by classification groupings in order of seniority:
  - (a) regular;
  - (b) term;
  - (c) departmental.
- 55:06 Departmental employees whose classification varies between Labourer and Operator will be categorized as "Labourer/Operator" for seniority purposes.
- 55:07 Grievances concerning the calculation of seniority must be filed at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure within twenty (20) working days of the date the employee became aware of the seniority calculation. Such grievances shall be restricted to the calculation of seniority in the calendar year immediately prior to the year in which the seniority list is posted.

#### **PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

56:01 The calculation of benefits for part-time employees covered by this Agreement will be as set out in Appendix "C" - Application of Benefits to Part-time Employees.

#### AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL SEMI-PRIVATE PLAN

57:01 The government agrees to the continuation of the Ambulance and Hospital Semi-Private Plan (AHSP).

# **OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

58:01 The parties recognize the desirability of providing employees who work overtime the option of being compensated by pay or time off in lieu in accordance with the provisions of the Components. However, the parties also recognize that there are circumstances in which this may not be appropriate due to factors such as budgetary restrictions or fluctuations in workload. In these situations the provisions of this Article may apply.

- 58:02 The existing Component provisions on overtime will apply to all overtime credits earned up to eighty (80) hours per fiscal year.

  Note: Forty (40) hours overtime worked at double time (2x) equals eighty (80) overtime credits.
- 58:03 For any overtime credits earned beyond eighty (80) hours in the fiscal year the following provisions of this Article will apply.
- 58:04 All overtime worked by employees shall be banked.
- 58:05 The employing authority shall consult with the employee in an effort to reach agreement on whether the employee will be granted pay or time off in lieu for banked overtime.
- 58:06 Where agreement is not reached, the employing authority shall determine whether pay or time off will be granted.
- 58:07 Where banked time is to be taken, the employing authority shall consult with the employee in an effort to reach agreement on when the time off is to be taken.
- 58:08 Where agreement is not reached, the employing authority shall determine when the time off is to be taken.
- 58:09 Where an employing authority determines when the time off is to be taken under Section :08, the employee will receive two (2) weeks' notice of the time off and the following conditions shall apply:
  - (a) the minimum period of time off will be five (5) days provided the employee has sufficient banked time available. In order to meet the five (5) day requirement, time off in lieu of overtime may be combined with holiday and/or vacation time and/or reduced work week days;
  - (b) where the employee has less than five (5) days banked, then these days may be scheduled by the employing authority.
- 58:10 Nothing in Section :09 restricts the employing authority and employee from agreeing to alternative arrangements.

### **SHIFT PREMIUM**

- 59:01 An employee who works a shift where one-half (½) or more of the hours are worked between 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. shall receive a shift premium for the shift in addition to the employee's regular pay. The shift premium is:
  - (a) effective March 25, 2023 thirteen dollars and seventy cents (\$13.70).
- 59:02 The shift premium shall not be included in the calculation of overtime payments, superannuation, group life insurance, sick leave payments, vacation pay, or any other employee benefits.
- 59:03 For employees in the Trades, Operations and Services Component, an employee who works a twelve (12) hour shift where half or more of the hours are worked between 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. shall receive a shift premium in addition to the employee's regular pay. The shift premium is:

  (a) effective March 25, 2023 twenty dollars and ten cents (\$20.10).

#### **WEEKEND PREMIUM**

- 60:01 An employee shall receive weekend premium for all regular hours of work or portions thereof on a Saturday or Sunday. The weekend premium is:
  - (a) effective March 25, 2023 one dollar and seventy five cents (\$1.75).
- 60:02 The weekend premium shall not be included in the calculation of overtime payments, superannuation, group life insurance, sick leave payments, vacation pay, or any other employee benefits.

#### **STAND-BY**

- 61:01 An employee, who has been designated by the employing authority or authorized supervisor to be available on stand-by during off duty hours on a regular working day, shall be entitled to payment for each eight (8) hour period of thirty dollars (\$30.00).
- 61:02 For stand-by on a day of rest or on a paid holiday that is not a working day, the payment for each eight (8) hour period shall be thirty-three dollars (\$33.00).
- 61:03 To be eligible for stand-by payment, an employee designated for stand-by duty must be available during the period of stand-by at a known telephone number or by another method of communication as mutually agreed between the supervisor and the employee, and must be available to return for duty as quickly as possible if called.
- 61:04 The stand-by payment includes the responsibility to respond to phone calls and other forms of electronic communications which do not involve a return to work. If such calls individually or in total exceed one-half (½) hour, the employee is entitled to claim overtime for the period beyond one-half (½) hour at the applicable overtime rate. The Component provisions respecting minimum call out do not apply in these circumstances.
- 61:05 An employee on stand-by who is called back to work shall be compensated in accordance with callout provisions of the applicable overtime Article in addition to stand-by pay.

### **DEFERRED SALARY LEAVE PLAN**

- 62:01 Employees may apply to the employing authority to elect to defer salary to be paid during a period of leave of absence, in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Deferred Salary Leave Plan.
- 62:02 The implementation of the Deferred Salary Leave Plan will become effective the first bi-weekly pay period following the date of notice of a positive tax ruling from Revenue Canada.

#### **COURT LEAVE**

- 63:01 An employee who is summoned for jury duty or who receives a summons or subpoena to appear as a witness in a court proceeding, other than a court proceeding occasioned by the employee's private affairs, shall be granted a leave of absence with pay for the required period of absence and all witness fees received by the employee shall be remitted to the government.
- 63:02 For employees in the Corrections and Health Components, should an employee be summoned or subpoenaed for matters occasioned by the employee's work during the employee's off duty hours, or while the employee is on vacation, the employee shall receive applicable overtime rates in accordance with the overtime provisions of the Component if applicable. An employee's lost vacation time will not be re-accredited.

## **ACTING STATUS**

- Where an employing authority or designate directs an employee employed in one (1) position to temporarily take over the duties and responsibilities of some other position having a higher grade of pay, and provided the employee takes over and continues to perform for ten (10) or more consecutive working days the duties and responsibilities of that other position, the employee shall be appointed temporarily to that other position with acting status and shall be paid at the rate of pay for that other position from the date of taking over the duties and responsibilities of that other position until the temporary appointment is revoked; and upon the temporary appointment being revoked the employee shall, unless appointed or promoted to some other position, revert to the employee's original position and be paid at the rate of pay for the employee's original position that the employee would be paid if the employee had never held the temporary appointment.
- 64:02 For purposes of interpretation of this Article, "duties and responsibilities" means the duties and responsibilities that would have been performed by the incumbent during the period in which the incumbent had been replaced.

- 64:03 Where an acting status appointment to a position within the bargaining unit will exceed twelve (12) continuous months, the department will notify the Union of the reasons. A meeting may be held to discuss the matter at the request of the Union. The employee who is in acting status may attend at the request of either party.
- 64:04 Section :03 does not apply where an employee is replacing an employee who is absent for any reason.
- 64:05 In the application of 64:01 where the temporary appointment is to a position which normally has a modified work week consisting of more than eight (8) hours per day, the threshold for qualifying for Acting Status shall change from continuing to perform the duties for ten (10) consecutive working days to continue to perform the duties for the equivalent of eighty (80) consecutive working hours.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

65:01 Employees requiring accommodation shall be advised of their right to have a union representative present by the employer. It is the employee's responsibility to arrange attendance by a representative of the Union. An accommodation refers to the protected characteristics identified within the Human Rights Code.

In witness whereof the Honourable Minister charged with the administration of *The Public Service Act* has hereunto set his hand for, and on behalf of, His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of Manitoba, and the President of the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union has hereunto set his hand for, and on behalf of, the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union.

	Original signed by the Honourable Adrien Sala
Witness	Minister
	Original signed by Kyle Ross
Witness	President of the Manitoba Government and General
	Employees' Union

#### **APPENDIX "A"**

## **EXCLUSIONS FROM THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT**

The bargaining unit shall comprise all employees as defined in this Agreement except those employees in positions mutually agreed to between the parties as managerial and/or confidential exclusions.

Guidelines to be considered in negotiating exclusions shall be position classifications the incumbents of which are employed:

- (a) for the purpose of performing management functions primarily;
- (b) in a confidential capacity in matters relating to labour relations.

The exclusion of incumbents of new classifications established by the government shall be determined by mutual agreement unless specifically excluded by virtue of their being covered by another bargaining unit as specified in Article 4 – application of Agreement.

#### GENERAL EXCLUSIONS FROM THE AGREEMENT

Senior Officers and Equivalents - including Deputy Ministers (DR 1-3), Assistant Deputy Ministers or Equivalents (EX 1-3), Senior Managers (XM1-3), Senior Officers (Senior Officer 1-8), Senior Engineering Managers (EM 1-3), Senior Legal Officers (LE1-4), Senior Medical Officers (MX1-2) Staff of the Executive Council

Special Assistant/Executive Assistants/Administrative Assistants/Secretaries to Ministers (including AYM, EXA and SPA)

Executive Assistants/Administrative Assistants/Secretary to Leader of the Opposition

Executive Assistants/Administrative Assistants/Secretary to Deputy Ministers (including AYD, EXA and SPA)

Secretaries/Administrative Assistants/Executive Assistants to Assistant and Associate Deputy Ministers (including AYD, EXA and SPA)

Secretaries/Administrative Assistants/Executive Assistants to Directors of Administration/Chief Financial Officers (including AYD and EXA)

Staff of the Treasury Board Secretariat

Staff of the Public Service Commission

Staff of Elections Manitoba

Investigators in the Independent Investigations Unit, Department of Justice

Chief Financial Officers, Special Operating Agencies

Financial Officers 6, 7 (FI6 – FI7)

Information Technologist 5, 6 (IS5 - IS6)

Health and Social Development Specialists 7 (HS7)

Hospital Administrator 1, 2 (HA1 – HA2)

Nurse 4, 5 (NN4 -NN5)

Nurse Institutional Mental Health 4 (NM4)

Assessment Officer 6, 7 (A6S – A7S)

Chief Pilot (CHP)

Chief Veterinary Officer (VT6)

Corrections Deputy Superintendent 1 – 2 (DU1 –DU2)

Corrections Superintendent 1 -2 (SU1 -2)

Mechanical Supervisor Winnipeg (MSW)

Municipal Services Officer (MSO)

Planner 6 (LP6)

Registrar Record Librarian (RL1)

Registrar Court Appearance (RCA)

Supervisor Municipal Accounting (SMP)

Professional Officer 1-10 (P1 –P10)

Auditors 1, 2, 3 and 4

Senior Departmental Accountant

**Directors of Communications** 

Members of Department Executive Committees classified as Planning Consultant or Planning and Program Analyst 4

**New Careerists** 

NOTE 1: Where two (2) or more titles in the exclusion listing have been combined for administrative purposes, the number in brackets following the title indicates the number of titles which have been so combined. Example: in the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, Secretary, Highway Traffic Board and Secretary, Motor Transport Board have been combined into Board Secretary (2).

NOTE 2: (BA) is the Business Administration Unit in SAP electronic files.

## Agriculture (BA03)

Policy Assistant to Deputy Minister

## Justice (BA 04)

Chief Judges Secretary Manager Judicial Support King's Bench Director of Administration, Legal Aid Director (5) **Director Judicial Support Executive Director and Chief Sheriff Executive Assistant to Chief Justices** Manager Administrative Services Regional Manager, Regional Courts

Registrar (2)

Departmental Security Officer - Criminal Justice

Director, Justice of the Peace Services Chief Financial Officer, Civil Legal Services

Community Safety Division

Comptroller

Area Directors (8)

Administrative Assistant to Associate Deputy Minister, Community Safety Chief Corrections Psychologist

## Finance (BA 07)

Central Payroll Systems Analyst Assistant Director (2) Central Payroll Manager/Supervisor (2) Staff of Insurance and Risk Management Staff of the Federal-Provincial Relations and Research Division

#### Families (BA 09)

Coordinator (2)

Director

Manager, Finance, Administration and Program Budgeting

Area Directors

Senior Analyst, Program Budgeting and Reporting

Supervisor (4)

Chief Financial Officer

Senior Manager, Information Systems

Office Manager, Service Delivery Support

## Manitoba Developmental Centre

Coordinator (2) Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer Policy Analyst

# **Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources (BA 10)**

Director (4) Regional Manager (6) Manager (4)

## **Labour & Immigration (BA 11)**

Director (3)

### **Environment and Climate Change (BA 12)**

Program Area Section Managers (2)
Divisional Administrative Officer
Manager, Pineland Forest Nursery
Secretary, Clean Environment Commission

## **Municipal and Northern Relations (BA 13)**

Executive Director of Financial Services Manager, Operations Assessment Policy Analyst, Westman Cabinet Office Executive Assistant, Westman Cabinet Office

### Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism (BA 14)

Agency Relations Manager

### **Transportation and Infrastructure (BA 15)**

Aboriginal Liaison, Executive Committee Comptroller, Air Services Manager (6) Project Managers Board Secretary Winter Roads Manager Strategic Initiative Manager

# **Education and Early Childhood Learning (BA 16)**

Assistant Director (2)
Coordinators
Director (2)
Planning & Program Analyst
Principal, School for the Deaf
Director

## Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care (BA 21)

Administrative Officer (4)
Coordinator
Director (3)
Manager (6)
Senior Manager, Integrated Health Information Systems
Administrator – Manitoba Health Review Board

# Office of the Auditor General (BA 38)

Controller Audit Manager Audit Supervisor Project Manager

### **Entrepreneurship Manitoba (BA 78)**

Controller

## Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency VEMA (BA 83)

Mechanical Supervisors Mechanical Supervisors Shop Operations Manager (VEMA)

## **Materials Distribution Agency (BA 84)**

Finance and Information Technology Manager

## Merlin (BA 90)

**ICT** Manager

## **Manitoba Securities Commission (BA 91)**

Deputy Director Finance and Administration

#### **APPENDIX "B"**

## **REMOTENESS ALLOWANCE**

- 1:01 Remoteness allowances shall be paid to employees subject to the eligibility criteria and conditions laid down in this Article.
- 1:02 **Eligibility claim:** a notarized eligibility claim, in a standard format to be determined by the government in accordance with the provisions of this Article for the payment of dependant's or single rate of allowances shall be submitted to the employing authority when first requesting the allowance, and renewed not less frequently than annually thereafter, normally prior to the fiscal year or where any change in dependents claimed arises.
- 1:03 **Single or dependant's allowance:** subject to Section :05, the single allowance will be paid to employees that have established a residence and maintain a home in a location designated as a remote location and who are eligible for the payment of a remoteness allowance. Claims for dependant's allowance will be subject to Sections :04 and :05 and to the following criteria and conditions:

The employee shall be supporting one (1) or more dependents where a dependent includes:

- (a) marital partner living with and dependent on the employee for main and continuing support;
- (b) an unmarried child under eighteen (18) years of age;
- (c) an unmarried child over eighteen (18) years but under twenty-one (21) years if in full time attendance at school or university or similar educational institution;
- (d) an unmarried child of any age who is infirm (i.e. has impairment in physical or mental function), provided such a child is dependent on the employee for support.
- 1:04 There is a presumption of marriage evidenced by co-habitation. If a marriage contract is not in existence, a common-law arrangement between the marital partners must have been in existence for at least one (1) year prior to the application for dependant's rate.
- 1:05 Where both marital partners are employees of the Government of Manitoba in any department, board, agency or commission to which this Agreement applies, but subject to Section :06 that follows, the dependent rate shall be paid to one (1) partner only and the other partner will not receive either the dependent or single rate of remoteness allowance.
- 1:06 Where both marital partners are employees of the Government of Manitoba in any department, board, agency or commission to which this Agreement applies, the dependent rate will be paid to the permanent employee, if the other partner is temporary or departmental, or the first employee to be hired on a permanent basis, otherwise to the first employee hired. Where specially requested by both employees in writing, the dependant's rate may be divided and equal amounts (to the nearest cent) paid to each employee.

### 1:07 Locations and Residence

The remoteness allowance applicable to the location at which the employee has established the employee's residence and maintains a family home is normally that which prevails; since the residence would be within normal daily travel distance to the employee's headquarters. Where there is doubt as to whether the employee's residence is established in relation to the employee's headquarters the location for remoteness allowance shall be determined by the employing authority. Where there is no community in relation to which the employee has a residence, for which an allowance can be established, the nearest community to the designated employee's workplace shall be considered to be the location for the allowance.

## 1:08 Hourly Rated Personnel & Employees Hired on an "If, As and When" Basis

Remoteness allowances are to be determined separately from hourly wage rates. Except for employees hired on an "if, as and when" basis, remoteness allowances are to be considered on a daily basis, i.e. one-tenth (1/10<sup>th</sup>) of the bi-weekly rate, up to the maximum amount for the bi-weekly period, for the following conditions:

- (a) for each day the employee is at work irrespective of the number of hours worked; or
- (b) for each day that the employee is recognized as being on "stand by".

In order to qualify for the daily rate, an employee hired on an "if, as and when" basis is required to work one-half (1/2) or greater of the normal working hours, i.e. seven and one-quarter  $(7\frac{1}{4})$  or eight (8) hours in any one day.

1:09 Section :08 applies to all part-time employees on staff as of August 10, 2000. For all other part-time employees, remoteness allowances will be pro-rated based on the number of hours an employee works. Example: if an employee works fifty percent (50%) of the hours of a full time employee, the employee will receive fifty percent (50%) of the remoteness allowance.

#### 1:10 **Limitations**

The remoteness allowances for the various communities, for single or dependant's as indicated, represent a maximum bi-weekly allowance relative to paid employment. They are payable during paid holidays and vacations taken during continued employment, during authorized paid sickness leave during continued employment, and as limited in Section :08 above for hourly-rated employees. They are not payable during periods of absence without pay. They are not included as part of regular earnings.

#### 1:11 Rates

The bi-weekly remoteness allowances relative to each location at single and dependent rates are attached. Communities in an eligible area for which no allowance has been established may be added to the list in accordance with the government formula.

#### 1:12 **Geographic Eligibility**

No location will be included for remoteness allowance that is two hundred and fifty (250) kilometres or less from the centre of the metropolitan area of the City of Winnipeg or the City of Brandon, unless that location is a distance of sixty-five (65) kilometres or more by the most direct road to a provincial trunk highway or paved provincial road, and the aggregate distance to the highway or paved road and then to Winnipeg or Brandon totals two hundred (200) or more kilometres. No location having road access and situated south of the fifty-third (53rd) parallel of latitude will be included unless the criterion concerning off-highway access was met.

### 1:13 Bunk-houses or Similar Accommodations

(a) In areas where a remoteness allowance has been established, or can be established in relation to a specific community, where employees are provided with living quarters but are not provided board, such employees shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the remoteness allowance applicable to that community. In lieu of the twenty-five percent (25%) of the remoteness allowance, employees in the listed locations will receive the following:

#### Remoteness Bunkhouse Rates

	Year 1 Effective 3/25/2023	Year 2 Effective 3/23/2024	Year 3 Effective 3/22/2025	Year 4 Effective 3/21/2026
Bissett	30.39	31.23	32.17	33.14
God's Lake Narrows	64.73	66.51	68.51	70.57
Island Lake/Garden Hill	62.54	64.26	66.19	68.18
Norway House	53.89	55.37	57.03	58.74

- (b) where such employees are to be stationed under such conditions in a remote location on a semi-permanent basis, i.e. for a period of three (3) months or more, they shall receive in addition twenty-five percent (25%) of the remoteness allowance applicable to that community;
- (c) the rates shall be based on the community closest to the location where accommodation is supplied;
- (d) employees stationed in a remote area who are provided with room and board shall not receive any form of living or remoteness allowance;
- (e) this section does not apply to employees who are eligible for Remoteness Allowance.
- 1:14 A full time employee eligible for remoteness allowance as provided in this schedule shall be eligible, in each fiscal year (April 1 to March 31), to receive up to a maximum of two (2) days of Special Northern Leave without loss of regular pay.

	Year 1 Effective	Year 2 Effective	Year 3 Effective	Year 4 Effective
	3/25/2023	3/23/2024	3/22/2025	3/21/2026
Berens River				
Dependent	317.99	326.73	336.53	346.63
Single	182.31	187.32	192.94	198.73
Bissett				
Dependent	210.98	216.78	223.28	229.98
Single	124.72	128.15	131.99	135.95
Bloodvein River				
Dependent	322.73	331.61	341.56	351.81
Single	185.39	190.49	196.20	202.09
Brochet				
Dependent	379.84	390.29	402.00	414.06
Single	218.72	224.73	231.47	238.41
Churchill				
Dependent	307.08	315.52	324.99	334.74
Single	186.30	191.42	197.16	203.07
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Cormorant	470.20	404.24	100.74	405.40
Dependent	179.28	184.21	189.74	195.43
Single	114.34	117.48	121.00	124.63
Cranberry Portage				
Dependent	153.63	157.85	162.59	167.47
Single	96.78	99.44	102.42	105.49
Crane River				
Dependent	189.25	194.45	200.28	206.29
Single	137.49	141.27	145.51	149.88
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Cross Lake				
Dependent	341.91	351.31	361.85	372.71
Single	197.66	203.10	209.19	215.47
Dauphin River (Anama Bay)				
Dependent	212.09	217.92	224.46	231.19
Single	150.51	154.65	159.29	164.07
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Easterville				
Dependent	156.83	161.14	165.97	170.95
Single	99.02	101.74	104.79	107.93
Flin Flon				
Dependent	132.92	136.58	140.68	144.90
Single	82.70	84.97	87.52	90.15
Gillam				
Dependent	273.16	280.67	289.09	297.76
Single	165.27	169.81	174.90	180.15
God's Lake Narrows				
Dependent	376.76	387.12	398.73	410.69
Single	216.58	222.54	229.22	236.10
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God's River				
Dependent	381.66	392.16	403.92	416.04
Single	219.92	225.97	232.75	239.73
<b>Grand Rapids</b>				
Dependent	152.48	156.67	161.37	166.21
Single	94.26	96.85	99.76	102.75
Ilford	400.44	440.22	424.04	444.07
Dependent	408.11	419.33	431.91	444.87
Single	233.60	240.02	247.22	254.64
Island Lake/Garden Hill				
Dependent	351.00	360.65	371.47	382.61
Single	200.50	206.01	212.19	218.56
Jen Peg				
Dependent	249.29	256.15	263.83	271.74
Single	149.00	153.10	157.69	162.42
Lac Brochet				
Dependent	413.95	425.33	438.09	451.23
Single	237.47	244.00	251.32	258.86
Leaf Rapids	240.05	246.65	222.45	226.6
Dependent	210.85	216.65	223.15	229.84
Single	130.87	134.47	138.50	142.66

Little Grand Rapids				
Dependent	338.28	347.58	358.01	368.75
Single	191.84	197.12	203.03	209.12
Single	191.04	197.12	203.03	209.12
Lynn Lake				
Dependent	217.75	223.74	230.45	237.36
Single	131.83	135.46	139.52	143.71
Manigotagan				
Dependent	210.98	216.78	223.28	229.98
Single	124.72	128.15	131.99	135.95
Matheson Island				
Dependent	215.07	220.98	227.61	234.44
Single	152.50	156.69	161.39	166.23
Moose Lake				
Dependent	227.70	233.96	240.98	248.21
Single	140.78	144.65	148.99	153.46
Negginan/Poplar Point				
Dependent	323.31	332.20	342.17	352.44
Single	185.94	191.05	196.78	202.68
Nelson House				
Dependent	232.80	239.20	246.38	253.77
Single	142.17	146.08	150.46	154.97
Norway House				
Dependent	304.11	312.47	321.84	331.50
Single	173.90	178.68	184.04	189.56
Oxford House				
Dependent	369.57	379.73	391.12	402.85
Single	211.41	217.22	223.74	230.45
Pikwitonie				
Dependent	298.15	306.35	315.54	325.01
Single	178.60	183.51	189.02	194.69
Pukatawagan				
Dependent	245.69	252.45	260.02	267.82
Single	150.92	155.07	159.72	164.51

Red Sucker Lake				
Dependent	374.78	385.09	396.64	408.54
Single	214.99	220.90	227.53	234.36
St. Therese Point				
Dependent	351.00	360.65	371.47	382.61
Single	200.50	206.01	212.19	218.56
Shamattawa				
Dependent	401.11	412.14	424.50	437.24
Single	232.91	239.32	246.50	253.90
Sherridon				
	242.00	240.49	356.06	264.67
Dependent	242.80	249.48	256.96	264.67
Single	148.93	153.03	157.62	162.35
Snow Lake				
Dependent	182.40	187.42	193.04	198.83
Single	113.40	116.52	120.02	123.62
Single	113.10	110.32	120.02	120.02
Southern Indian Lake				
Dependent	386.36	396.98	408.89	421.16
Single	222.85	228.98	235.85	242.93
Split Lake				
Dependent	401.95	413.00	425.39	438.15
Single	229.44	235.75	242.82	250.10
Tadoule Lake				
Dependent	420.28	431.84	444.80	458.14
Single	241.92	248.57	256.03	263.71
The Pas	42474	420.47	422.02	425.00
Dependent	124.74	128.17	132.02	135.98
Single	76.25	78.35	80.70	83.12
Thicket Portage				
Dependent	297.51	305.69	314.86	324.31
Single	178.12	183.02	188.51	194.17
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Thompson				
Dependent	198.60	204.06	210.18	216.49
Single	139.54	143.38	147.68	152.11

Wabowden				
Dependent	254.91	261.92	269.78	277.87
Single	173.94	178.72	184.08	189.60
Waterhen				
Dependent	157.50	161.83	166.68	171.68
Single	98.49	101.20	104.24	107.37
York Landing				
Dependent	405.45	416.60	429.10	441.97
Single	236.16	242.65	249.93	257.43

#### APPENDIX "C"

## **APPLICATION OF BENEFITS TO PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1:01 "part-time employee" means an employee who normally works less than the full normal daily, weekly or monthly hours of work, as the case may be, and whose work follows an ongoing, predetermined schedule of work on a regular and recurring basis.
- 1:02 "casual employee" means an employee who normally works less than the full normal daily, weekly or monthly hours of work, as the case may be, and whose work is irregular, or non-recurring or does not follow an ongoing predetermined schedule of work on a regular and recurring basis. Notwithstanding the foregoing, casual employees may be employed for a short duration to replace employees who are absent for any reason.
- 1:03 "accumulated service" means the equivalent length of service acquired by the employee in accordance with the following:
  - (a) accumulated service is calculated based on all hours for which an employee has received regular pay. This includes regular hours worked and approved leaves of absence from the Government of Manitoba where regular pay is maintained;
  - (b) accumulated service does not include overtime hours or any leaves of absence without pay or with partial pay including but not limited to suspensions without pay, worker's compensation and other leave situations;
  - (c) accumulated service must be continuous service;
  - (d) one year of accumulated service for employees in eight (8) hour per day classifications equals 2080 hours of accumulated service. For seven and three-quarter (7¾) hour per day employees one (1) year of accumulated service equals 2015 hours of accumulated service. For seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day employees one year of accumulated service equals 1885 hours of accumulated service. The figures for seven and three-quarter (7¾) hour per day classifications and seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day classifications are shown in brackets after the figures for the eight (8) hour per day classifications (e.g. 2,080 (2,015) (1,885) hours):
  - (e) when an employee converts from a seven and three-quarter (7¾) hour per day classification or a seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day classification to an eight (8) hour per day classification or vice-versa, the employee's accumulated hours of service at the time of conversion will be converted to accumulated years of service. Example: A seven and one-quarter (7¼) hour per day employee works for six (6) months during the year and acquires 942.5 hours of accumulated service. The employee then moves into an eight (8) hour per day classification. The employee's hours are converted as follows:
    - 942.5 hours ÷ 1885 hours = .50 years of accumulated service.
    - The employee then accumulates service in the eight (8) hour per day classification for the remainder of the year;
  - (f) an employee can only receive a maximum of one (1) year of accumulated service in any twelve (12) month period.
- 1:04 "calendar service" means the length of continuous service from the employee's most recent date of hire to the present. Periods of lay-off, while not affecting the continuity of service, are not included in the calculation of calendar service.

### **APPLICATION**

- 2:01 The Master Agreement applies only to part-time and term employees who fall within the scope of this collective agreement as outlined in Article 4:01.
- 2:02 The Master Agreement applies to part-time employees effective the first of the bi-weekly pay period following the attainment of 336 (325½) (304) hours of accumulated service.

2:03 Management will determine whether an employee is part-time or casual in accordance with Sections :01 and :02. The parties agree to meet in an effort to resolve any problems which may occur as to whether an employee is part-time or casual. The matter may be referred to Joint Council for resolution. The decision of Joint Council shall be final.

### **CONVERSIONS**

- 3:01 A part-time employee who is converted to casual is no longer covered by the provisions of the collective agreement except for those relating to casual employees.
- 3:02 A casual employee who is converted to part-time status must complete the service requirement set out in Article 2 Application but receives no credit for calendar or accumulated service as a casual employee.
- 3:03 Where a part-time employee who has been covered by the collective agreement has been converted to casual employment and is subsequently reconverted to part-time employment with no break in service, the period of casual employment shall be treated as a period of leave of absence. While this does not affect the continuity of employment, the period of casual employment does not count as calendar or accumulated service for purposes of benefit determination.

#### **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- 4:01 Where a benefit is to be pro-rated for a part-time employee it will be calculated so that if two (2) part-time employees were sharing a full time position the total cost to government of that benefit is no greater than the cost of having the position filled by a full-time employee.
- 4:02 In pro-rating a benefit, the factor used shall be determined by totalling the number of regularly scheduled hours the employee has worked in the preceding eight (8) weeks and dividing by 320 (310) (290), i.e. 8 hours x 8 weeks x 5 days:

number of regularly scheduled hours the

Pro-rating factor = employee worked in the preceding eight (8) weeks

320 (310) (290)

## **BENEFITS**

5:01 Part-time employees will only be eligible for the benefits specifically identified in this Section.

#### 5:02 Holidays

- (a) An employee will be eligible for pay for a holiday on which the employee does not work provided the employee:
  - i) did not fail to report for work after having been scheduled to work on the day of the holiday;
     and
  - ii) has not absented himself or herself from work without the consent of the employing authority on the employee's regular working day immediately preceding or following the holiday unless the employee's absence is by reason of established illness.
- (b) Where an employee is eligible for holiday pay or time in lieu the employee shall receive an amount calculated by multiplying the regular daily working hours for the employee's classification times the pro rating factor.
- (c) Where the employing authority requires an employee to work a full shift, i.e. seven and three-quarter (7¾) or seven and one-quarter (7¼) or eight (8) hours as a regular work day on December 24th when that day falls on Monday through Friday inclusive, such employee shall be entitled to one-half (½) day of compensatory leave with pay to a maximum of four (4) hours.

### 5:03 Vacation

Vacation shall be calculated in accordance with Article 27 – Vacation.

## 5:04 Sick Leave

(a) Sick leave shall be calculated in accordance with Article 28 – Sick Leave.

## 5:05 Compassionate, Court, Paternity, Adoptive Parent, Parental and Family Related Leaves

- (a) These types of paid leave will be pro-rated by multiplying the number of days the employee would qualify for by the pro rating factor;
- (b) in the case of parental leave without pay, an employee is eligible for the full calendar time benefit, i.e. thirty-seven (37) weeks.

# 5:06 Maternity Leave

- (a) Regular part-time employees are eligible for maternity leave Plan A or Plan B;
- (b) to qualify for maternity leave, calendar service is used, i.e. seven (7) months;
- (c) an employee who qualifies is eligible for the full calendar time leave provided under the Agreement, i.e. seventeen (17) weeks;
- (d) for Plan A, the application of ten (10) days sick leave towards the Employment Insurance waiting period will be calculated by multiplying the number of days accumulated sick leave the employee has(up to ten (10) days) by the pro-rating factor;
- (e) for Plan B, government payments will be based on the difference between the percentage of weekly earnings covered by Employment Insurance and ninety-three percent (93%) of the weekly earnings. Weekly earnings will be as determined by Service Canada.

# 5:07 Workers Compensation

An employee who is eligible for Workers Compensation may use accumulated sick leave to supplement Workers Compensation in accordance with Article 30 - Workers Compensation.

#### 5:08 **Bridging of Service**

Calendar service shall be the basis for determining eligibility for this benefit, i.e. four (4) years.

## 5:09 **Severance Pay**

Severance pay shall be calculated in accordance with Article 25 – Severance Pay.

### 5:10 Remoteness Allowance

Refer to Appendix "B" Section 1:08 and 1:09.

## 5:11 Notice of Lay-off, Resignation or Termination

- (a) The period of notice required to be given by the employee or the employer is the same as that applicable to full-time employees;
- (b) pay in lieu of notice shall be calculated by multiplying the number of weeks notice by the prorating factor.

#### 5:12 Merit Increases for Other Than Departmental Employees

Eligibility for merit increases will be based on calendar service provided the employee has received pay for at least 416 (403) (377) hours exclusive of overtime.

### 5:13 **Overtime**

- (a) Daily overtime is only payable when the employee has worked beyond the normal daily hours for that classification, i.e. eight (8) or seven and three-quarter (7¾) or seven and one-quarter (7¼) hours:
- (b) overtime on a day of rest is only payable when an employee has worked at least five (5) days in a week, i.e. a part-time employee only has two (2) "days of rest" per week;
- (c) certain shift configurations may require working more than five (5) days per week without payment of overtime.

## 5:14 **Shift Premium**

An employee must work an entire eight (8) or seven and three-quarter  $(7\frac{3}{4})$  or seven and one-quarter  $(7\frac{1}{4})$  hour shift in order to qualify for shift premium.

# 5:15 **Qualification Pay**

Qualification pay shall be calculated by multiplying the pay an employee is eligible for by the prorating factor.

# 5:16 **Probation**

The period of probation is based on calendar service. Notwithstanding any provision of the collective agreement, this period may be extended by the employing authority for any reason provided twelve (12) months probation is not exceeded.

#### 5:17 **Seniority**

Seniority shall be calculated in accordance with Article 58 – Seniority.

### 5:18 **Lay-off**

Seniority is used for purposes of lay-off.

### 5:19 **Dental Plan, Vision Care & Drug Plan**

Effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period following the date of signing, part-time employees are eligible for family coverage based on sixty percent (60%) of the annual maximum per claimant as identified in 40:01(d), 41:01(d) and 42:01(d).

#### **APPENDIX "D"**

### **CASUAL EMPLOYEES**

- 1:01 The only provisions of this Agreement which apply to casual employees are as follows:
  - Article 1 Interpretation
  - Article 4 Application
  - Article 7 No Discrimination
  - Article 8 Management Rights
  - Article 10 Retroactive Wages
  - Article 14 Conduct of Employees
  - Article 17 Disciplinary Action
  - Article 26 Holidays
    - . provisions respecting 1½x for time worked on the listed holidays only
    - . all other provisions in accordance with Employment Standards Code
  - Article 38 Loss or Damage to Personal Effects
  - Article 44 Uniforms and Protective Clothing
    - . Sections :01, :02 and :07 only
  - Article 47 Union Security
  - Article 49 Grievance Procedure limited to the provisions in this Article
  - Article 50- Grievance-Arbitration Procedure limited to the provisions of this Article
  - Article 51 Sexual Harassment
  - Article 52 Civil Liability
  - Article 53 Employee Files
  - Article 59 Shift Premium
  - Article 60 Weekend Premium
  - Health Component Section 7 Responsibility Allowance

Appendix B – Remoteness Allowance – 1:08 Hourly Rated Personnel & Employees Hired on an "If, As and When" Basis

# 1:02 Overtime

- (a) Daily overtime is only payable when the employee has worked beyond the normal daily hours for that classification, i.e. eight (8) or seven and three-quarter (7¾) or seven and one-quarter (7¼) hours;
- (b) overtime on a day of rest is only payable when an employee has worked at least five (5) days in a week, i.e. a casual employee only has two (2) "days of rest" per week;
- (c) certain shift configurations may require working more than five (5) days per week without payment of overtime.
- 1:03 There is no obligation for the employing authority to offer work to a casual employee or for a casual employee to accept work that is offered.
- 1:04 A casual employee who has not worked for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days may be terminated at the sole discretion of the employing authority. If an employee who has been terminated in accordance with this section is rehired as a casual employee within twelve (12) months, the employee will receive credit for the employee's previous casual service for purposes of the one hundred and sixty (160) hour period set out in Subsection :01 (f) of Article 4 Application of Agreement.
- 1:05 A casual employee who is working in a second job with government must meet the requirements of Section 4:01(f) with respect to accumulated service in the second job. The same requirements will also apply to any subsequent jobs.

- 1:06 Where casual employees are employed within positions for which there is no appropriate civil service classification, the classes and pay ranges of the employees will be deemed to be part of the Agreement pay plan and the employees will be paid at those rates plus any general pay increases until revised classes and pay ranges are negotiated by the parties. There shall be no retroactivity with respect to such revised classes and ranges. The rate of pay shall not be less than the lowest rate of pay set out in the appropriate component pay plan except as may be provided in a separate Memorandum of Agreement between the parties.
- 1:07 The parties agree that the foregoing provisions do not affect persons employed on the Casual Firefighter payroll in the Department of Conservation and persons employed on the MSSP payroll in the Departments of Family Services and Health.

#### APPENDIX "E"

### **PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES**

# 1:01 Reimbursement Rates

An allowance for the use of a privately owned vehicle, for travel on government business, when authorized by a branch head, shall be paid.

The following formula shall be utilized to calculate the value of the allowances:

Base Rate = 41.0¢/km based on a price of \$1.00/litre of regular gasoline, (south of the 53rd) and 45.4¢/km (north of the 53rd parallel).

The kilometer rates shall be adjusted based on the following ratio:

- effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period following the date of signing, for every full 7.0¢ increase/decrease in the price per litre of regular gasoline from the base rate of \$1.00/litre, there shall be a 1.0¢/km increase/decrease in the private vehicle kilometer reimbursement rates from the base rate of 41.0¢/km and 45.4¢/km respectively.
- o for a privately owned motorcycle the same formula shall apply however the base rate shall be 22.2¢/km and 24.5¢/km respectively.

The private vehicle kilometer rates shall be determined based on the previous six (6) months average of regular gasoline prices in Winnipeg. A semi-annual review, for April 1 to September 30, and October 1 to March 31, will be conducted. Any increase or decrease resulting from a review shall be effective October 1 and April 1 respectively. The first potential adjustment would be scheduled to occur October 1st or April 1st, whichever occurs first, following the date of signing.

For Employees Resident

South of 53 North of 53 as per above formula

(a) privately owned vehicle rates:

(b) the use of a privately owned motorcycle, when authorized by a branch head, shall be reimbursed at the following rates: as per above formula

1:02 The above allowance covers all costs relative to the operation of the vehicle except bridge, ferry or highway tolls and parking, as authorized, which may be claimed as incurred.

### 1:03 Residence to Work Location

- (a) Transportation of an employee between the employee's residence and headquarters may not be claimed except where the employee has been called back to return to work:
  - outside of the employee's normal hours on the employee's regular working day or shift; or
  - ii) on the employee's day of rest;
- (b) where an employee is assigned to a beat, patrol area, territory or work location which is outside the headquarters area to which the employee would otherwise relate, the additional distance to travel to that beat, patrol area, territory or work location over that which would otherwise be incurred in travel from the employee's residence to the employee's headquarters may be claimed.

#### 1:04 Special Areas

When authorized by a branch head, the use of a privately owned vehicle for travel on government

business in the vicinity of towns which are in those areas covered by remoteness allowances and which also do not have road access to a provincial trunk highway, will be paid \$19.34 per day plus  $29.4 \, \phi/km$ 

Note: For the purposes of the rate adjustments to the above allowance rate on April 1st and October 1st of each year the base rate is 27.4 c/km.

1:05 The official rates throughout these Articles are those expressed in kilometres and cents per kilometre (¢/km). An employee converting mileage to kilometres for the purpose of filing a claim should multiply the total number of miles at the end of the month or expense claim period by one and six-tenths (1 6/10). The resultant figure should be rounded to the nearest kilometre.

## **SERVICE USE**

## 2:01 Service Use Rates

When authorized by a branch head, an employee requested to provide a vehicle for its service use will be paid at the following rates according to the type of vehicle supplied and the area of use:

		For Employees Resident		
		In Other Areas of the Province	In Areas Covered by Remoteness Allowance	
(a)	Automobiles	\$15.72/day plus 25.0¢/km	\$19.34/day plus 29.4¢/km	
(b)	Trucks up to and including one (1) ton or vans	\$17.77/day plus 27.3¢/km	\$21.23/day plus 31.5¢/km	

Note: For the purposes of the rate adjustments to the above allowance rates on April 1st and October 1st of each year the base rate is 23  $\phi$ /km and 27.4  $\phi$ /km respectively for automobiles and 25.3  $\phi$ /km and 29.5  $\phi$ /km respectively for trucks.

2:02 "Service Use" means the use of a vehicle on field construction projects where the vehicle is primarily used to transport significant amounts of materials, equipment and staff on the project site. A claim may not be made for Service Use on the same day and a claim under Section 1 or the above Section, i.e. Option A or B.

### 2:03 Stand-by for Emergency Use

Service use rates may be authorized by the branch head for stand-by for emergency purposes in field situations, Example: fire tower emergency vehicles, and will be considered to include payment for up to sixteen (16) kilometres (10 miles) per day of use on government business.

### VEHICLES REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT

- 3:01 Where an employee is required as a condition of employment to provide a personal vehicle for use in carrying out the employee's duties on behalf of government, then the provisions of this Article shall apply.
- 3:02 By March 1 of each year, the employee shall select one of the following methods of compensation of vehicle expenses which will apply to the employee for the following fiscal year from April 1 to March 31.
  - (a) Option A compensation in accordance with Section 1:01 Rates;
  - (b) Option B when authorized by the branch head, an employee required to provide a vehicle as a condition of employment will be paid for each day of use of the vehicle at the following rates based on the type of vehicle supplied:
    - i) Automobiles: \$7.14 plus 32.0¢/km

ii) Trucks: \$7.69 plus 35.3¢/km

The truck rate will only apply when a truck is specifically required for the work.

Note: For the purposes of the rate adjustments to the above allowance rates on April 1st and October 1st of each year the base rates are  $30\phi/km$  for automobiles and  $33.3\phi/km$  for trucks.

#### Appendix "F"

#### **MEALS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**

#### **MEALS - ELIGIBILITY FOR CLAIMS**

- 1:01 Breakfast an employee is expected to have had breakfast before the start of the day's work, even though some travel may be necessary before the recognized starting time. Exceptions occur to this pattern and cost of breakfast may be claimed when:
  - (a) the employee is in travel status; or
  - (b) the employee has been travelling for more than one (1) hour on government business before the recognized time for the start of the employee's day's work.
- 1:02 Luncheon an employee is expected to make arrangements to provide or purchase luncheon, or the mid-day or mid-shift meal. For many employees, either because of lack of facilities in the area of work or for general convenience or economy, luncheon is carried to work rather than purchased. Exceptions to this pattern, when cost of luncheon may be claimed, occur when:
  - (a) the employee is in travel status; or
  - (b) the employee is away from the employee's normal place of work and <u>outside the headquarter</u> <u>area</u> which would cause the employee to disrupt the employee's normal mid-day or mid-shift meal arrangements.

The inability of the employee to return to the employee's home or residence does not constitute grounds for claim for the cost of a purchased meal.

- 1:03 Dinner an employee may only claim for the cost of a dinner meal when:
  - (a) the employee is in travel status; or
  - (b) the employee has been travelling on government business and not expected to arrive back to the employee's residence before 7:30 p.m. were a meal break not taken.

Any extension of working hours at the normal place of work is covered under Article 3 - Meal Allowances During Overtime Work. No other meal claims except as provided in this Article shall be paid.

#### **MEAL EXPENSES - TRAVEL WITHIN THE PROVINCE**

2:01 An employee who is eligible may claim the actual cost of purchased meals up to the following maximum amounts:

		<u>Individual Meals</u>			
		Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Per Diem
(a)	in areas covered by remoteness				
	allowance				
	April 1, 2007	\$7.35	\$9.35	\$16.90	\$33.60
	April 1, 2012	\$7.85	\$9.85	\$17.40	\$35.10
	April 1, 2013	\$8.35	\$10.35	\$17.90	\$36.60
	1st Bi-weekly after DOS	\$9.19	\$11.39	\$19.69	\$40.27
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/L-\	in all other areas				
(b)	in all other areas				
	April 1, 2007	\$6.85	\$8.85	\$15.70	\$31.40
	April 1, 2012	\$7.35	\$9.35	\$16.20	\$32.90
	April 1, 2013	\$7.85	\$9.85	\$16.70	\$34.40
	1 <sup>st</sup> Bi-weekly after DOS	\$8.64	\$10.84	\$18.37	\$37.85

2:02 For each full day in travel status an eligible employee may claim the Per Diem Allowance in lieu of individual meal claims to cover the cost of purchased meals.

- 2:03 Where no overnight accommodation is involved only the appropriate individual expenses under Section :01 may be claimed.
- 2:04 Where a single price or flat rate is charged for meals by the supplier and no other reasonable alternative in the location is available (which may occur in some remote or isolated communities), actual meal expenses exceeding the above maxima may be claimed if supported by a receipt.

#### MEAL ALLOWANCES DURING OVERTIME WORK

## 3:01 Extension of Working Day

Where an employee's working day has been extended beyond the standard working day or shift at the normal place of work by EITHER -

- (a) at least two (2) hours, exclusive of a dinner or supper break, a meal allowance shall be paid at \$4.80 effective April 1, 2007, \$5.30 effective April 1, 2012, \$5.80 effective April 1, 2013 and \$6.38 effective 1<sup>st</sup> Bi-weekly after DOS.
- (b) at least three and a half (3½) hours, exclusive of a dinner or supper break, an allowance equivalent to that payable for "Luncheon" in the appropriate area as shown in Article 2 Meal Expenses Travel Within The Province, shall be paid.
- 3:02 To qualify for the above, employees in the category of office personnel and classroom teachers must have been at work on the day for which the allowance is claimed for a total (exclusive of lunch or dinner/supper periods) of not less than:
  - (a) nine and one-quarter (91/4) hours; or
  - (b) ten and three-quarters (10¾) hours.
- 3:03 An employee in travel status is not entitled to either of the above allowances.

## 3:04 **Special Emergencies**

Where special circumstances arise, i.e. flood control, fire duties, etc. and an employee is required to work extended hours in connection with that emergency, with the authority of the branch head, the employee may claim the cost of purchased meals appropriate to the period worked, as provided for under Article 2 - Meals Expenses - Travel Within The Province.

#### **MEAL ALLOWANCES FOR FIELD OPERATIONS**

- 4:01 Where an employee is engaged on field or construction operations outside the employee's headquarters area and provided that:
  - (a) the employee is not supplied with rations; or
  - (b) a meal or meals is not supplied at a charge or otherwise from a field kitchen or similar facility; or
  - (c) arrangements have not been made by the department or agency for group meals or meals by contract at a restaurant, cafe or other facility:

an allowance to cover the cost of preparing meals away from home or taking prepared meals shall be paid as follows:

		<u>Individual Meals</u>		
	<b>Breakfast</b>	Lunch	Supper	Per Diem
In areas covered by remoteness	allowance			
April 1, 2007	\$6.00	\$6.65	\$10.15	\$22.80
April 1, 2012	\$6.50	\$7.15	\$10.65	\$24.30
April 1, 2013	\$7.00	\$7.65	\$11.15	\$25.80
1 <sup>st</sup> Bi-weekly after DOS	\$7.70	\$8.42	\$12.27	\$28.39
In all other areas				
April 1, 2007	\$5.75	\$6.30	\$9.55	\$21.60
April 1, 2012	\$6.25	\$6.80	\$10.05	\$23.10

April 1, 2013	\$6.75	\$7.30	\$10.55	\$24.60
1 <sup>st</sup> Bi-weekly after DOS	\$7.43	\$8.03	\$11.61	\$27.07

4:02 The above allowance will universally be used where the department provides cooking or eating facilities in a caboose, trailer or other suitable accommodation. Where no such cooking or eating facilities are available, and provided that commercial facilities for purchase of cooked meals are in the vicinity of the field or construction operations, such employee is eligible to claim individual meal expenses as provided under Article 2 - Meal Expenses - Travel Within The Province.

#### **INCIDENTALS ALLOWANCE**

- 5:01 An employee who is in travel status may claim an incidentals allowance for each night of:
  - (a) commercial accommodation four dollars and sixty cents (\$4.60)
  - (b) non-commercial accommodation three dollars and twenty cents (\$3.20).
- 5:02 The incidentals allowance covers reimbursement for all incidental expenses except as provided in Article 6 Miscellaneous Expenses During Travel.

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES DURING TRAVEL

#### 6:01 Gratuities

No gratuities may be claimed. Allowance is made for these in either the individual meal allowances, the per diem allowances, or as part of the claim for meals during travel outside the province.

## 6:02 Laundry

- (a) Laundry charges must be supported by receipts and may only be claimed where the employee is travelling on government business and overnight away-from-home accommodation is involved for a period in excess of four (4) consecutive nights:
- (b) no claim may be made where special reimbursement arrangements have been made, such as a weekly or monthly allowance for living costs.

#### 6:03 Parking

- (a) An employee may claim parking expenses as follows:
  - i) short-term parking, when the employee is away from the workplace; and
  - ii) overnight parking where it is not provided with accommodation;
- (b) parking at an airport or other transportation terminal will only be allowed where the parking cost and the transportation costs to and from the terminal are less than the normal allowable transportation costs, i.e. limousine, taxi or bus, as available.

#### 6:04 **Telephone**

- (a) Charges for telephone calls necessary for business purposes may only be claimed when they are supported by a listing of the person telephoned and the city or town involved;
- (b) an employee is entitled to claim the cost of long distance telephone calls up to a maximum of four dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$4.78) for each period of three (3) consecutive nights away from the employee's residence on government business and overnight accommodation is involved.

#### TRAVEL STATUS - RETURN HOME OVER A WEEKEND

7:01 Provided that work schedules permit, an employee in travel status may return home over a weekend and shall be reimbursed travel expenses in an amount not exceeding the cost of maintaining the employee in travel status over the weekend.

7:02 If travel is by government vehicle this cost should be evaluated at the per kilometre rate applicable for personal distance travelled for that class of vehicle.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- 8:01 Employees travelling on government business are entitled to standard hotel room accommodation with a bath when available.
- 8:02 The type, standard and cost of accommodation, and the period for which such costs may be allowed shall, in the opinion of the branch head, be reasonable considering all relevant circumstances.
- 8:03 No accommodation expenses are claimable when the government provides a caboose, trailer or other suitable accommodation.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 9:01 **"travel status"** means absence of the employee from the employee's headquarters area on government business involving travel and accommodation with the approval of the branch head.
- 9:02 "headquarters area" means:
  - (a) a metropolitan or urban area of not less than twenty-four (24) kilometres (15 miles) in diameter;
  - (b) a patrol area or territory of comparable size to a metropolitan area;
  - (c) In all other cases, an area twenty-four (24) kilometres (15 miles) around the employee's headquarters.
- 9:03 **"employee's headquarters"** means the workplace where the employee is normally stationed or required to use as the employee's base of operations on a continuing basis in relation to which the employee has established a residence.
- 9:04 "field operations" means activities carried out away from a permanent work location.

#### **MEMORANDUM OF INTENT #1**

SUBJECT: JOB SHARING

Job sharing is an alternative work arrangement whereby the duties and responsibilities of a full-time position may be restructured in a manner that would accommodate the employment of two (2) or more employees on a part-time basis.

The Civil Service Commission will endeavour to inform the Union of existing job share situations within the bargaining unit within sixty (60) days of the signing of this Agreement.

The Civil Service Commission will inform the Union of new job share arrangements within the bargaining unit as they are brought to its attention.

It is also agreed that The Civil Service Commission will consult with the Union during the life of this collective agreement on the subject of job sharing and its impact on the bargaining unit.

Original Signed by Jenifer Galbraith	March 1, 2024
Director, Employee and Labour Relations	Date

#### **MEMORANDUM OF INTENT #2**

SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE PAID PARKING

The employer commits that the central serviced parking rate (currently \$40.00/month) shall not be adjusted by more than \$2.00/month effective March 17, 2007; \$2.00/month effective March 15, 2008 and \$2.00/month effective March 14, 2009. All other parking rates shall be adjusted on a pro-rated basis and rounded to the nearest 25¢. The Employer further commits that there will be no further rate adjustments to the parking rates during the life of the collective agreement.

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## SUBJECT: JOINT EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A Joint Employee Assistance Program Committee will be established consisting of up to four (4) representatives appointed by each party to the Agreement

Leave without loss of pay will be granted to up to three (3) representatives of the Union to attend Committee meetings.

The committee shall meet to explore opportunities and provide recommendations for considerations prior to October 31, 2021.

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#### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #2**

## **SUBJECT:** RIOT, HOSTAGE TAKING, ASSAULT

In the event of a riot, hostage taking or physical assault upon an employee by an inmate, patient or client of government, the Government shall take the following considerations into account if an employee advises that the employee is unable to return to work in the employee's previous position:

- 1) The degree of injury or trauma suffered by the employee as a direct result of involvement in the incident.
- 2) Whether the injury or trauma required hospitalization or extensive medical or psychiatric treatment as determined by a medical practitioner.
- 3) The availability of existing compensation provisions (such as workers' compensation, long term disability), statutory benefits and assistance programs to address the period of injury or trauma affecting the employee's ability to return to the employee's former position.

Based upon these considerations, the government, in consultation with the Union, shall make every reasonable effort to find a suitable alternate position with the government within a reasonable period of time. The employee has the option to have a Union representative present at any meeting with the government. The parties agree to meet to discuss and review the impact of any major disturbance with a view to finding improved solutions, should such an incident occur during the term of the Agreement.

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## SUBJECT: JOINT LABOUR MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION COMMITTEES

- 1:01 The government and the Union acknowledges the importance of a positive working relationship. They will continue to work towards establishing and maintaining such a relationship and to solve jointly identified problems during the term of the Agreement. It is recognized that while not all problems may be satisfactorily resolved, the parties will seek resolution in good faith.
- 1:02 The parties are committed to the maintenance and enhancement of high quality public services that improve the quality of life of Manitobans and to provide these services in an efficient, effective and affordable manner. The Government recognizes that employees and their union have a significant role to play in this process.
- 1:03 In order to meet these objectives, the parties agree to establish Joint Labour Management Consultation (JLMC) Committees in the following departments:

Advanced Education and Training Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern

Relations

Agriculture Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer Protection and Justice

Government Services - Corrections

Economic Development, Investment and Trade Labour and Immigration

Education and Early Childhood Learning Mental Health and Community Wellness

Environment and Climate Municipal Relations

Families Natural Resources and Northern

Francophone AffairsGender Equity Manitoba

Manitoba Developmental Centre
 Finance
 Seniors and Long-term Care

Health Sport, Culture and Heritage

Transportation and Infrastructure

Should departmental restructuring occur during the life of this agreement, the Departmental list may be updated by mutual agreement between the parties.

- 1:04 A Department JLMC Committee may decide to establish additional committees:
  - (a) on an ongoing basis in a particular region of the province or section of the organization:
  - (b) on an ad hoc basis, to address jointly identified issues requiring more detailed review.
- 1:05 The following guidelines will apply to JLMC Committees unless otherwise agreed:
  - (a) equal representation of the Union and department;
  - (b) the Union and the department will select their representatives in a manner which provides appropriate representation of various areas in the department. The method of selection of their representatives shall be solely determined by the respective parties:
  - (c) meetings are to be co-chaired.
- 1:06 The Committees will refer any issues which would involve changes to the Agreement to the Union and the Workforce Relations Division of the Public Service Commission.
- 1:07 Committee members shall be granted time off work without loss of pay to attend Committee meetings and to attend to Committee mandated business.

1:08 Where a Committee meeting is scheduled on an employee's day of rest, the employee will be granted compensatory time off at straight time rates for time spent attending the meeting up to a maximum of one (1) day.

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SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL FEES

The parties agree that the Employer will reimburse professional fees up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year based on statute, class specification and position requirement, as approved by the Employer, effective April 1, 2008.

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#### **QUALIFICATION PAY - FLEET VEHICLES** SUBJECT:

1. This memorandum applies to employees of the Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency, in the following classifications:

Garage Works Supervisor (GWS) Automobile Equipment Mechanic (AEM) Storekeeper 1 and 2 (ST1, 2)

- 2. Eligible employees shall be entitled to qualification pay for successful completion of examination levels and maintenance of certification as administered through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). The qualification pay shall be up to a maximum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour calculated as follows:
  - (a) Garage Works Supervisor (Mechanical) and Automobile Equipment Mechanics (Mechanical) shall be entitled to thirty-four cents (34¢) per hour for every level of certification successfully completed:
    - Level 1 Engine Repair
    - Level 2 Automotive Transmission
    - Level 3 Manual Drive Train and Axles
    - Level 4 Suspension and Steering
    - Level 5 Brakes
    - Level 6 Electrical/Electronic Systems
    - Level 7 Heating and Air Conditioning
    - Level 8 Engine Performance
  - (b) Garage Works Supervisor (Body shop) and Automobile Equipment Mechanics (Body shop) shall be entitled to forty-four cents (44¢) per hour for every two (2) levels of certification successfully completed up to Level 8 and forty-four cents (44¢) per hour for completion of Level 9:
    - Level 1 and 2 Painting and Refinishing
    - Level 3 and 4 Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair
    - Level 5 and 6 Structural Analysis and Damage Repair
    - Level 7 and 8 Mechanical and Electrical Components
    - Level 9 Damage Analysis and Estimating
  - (c) Storekeeper 1 (ST1) and Storekeeper 2 (ST2 Supervisor) shall be entitled to forty-four cents (44¢) per hour for every level of certification successfully completed:
    - Level 1 Automobile Parts Specialist
    - Level 2 Medium/Heavy Truck Dealership Parts Specialist
    - Level 3 Medium/Heavy Truck Aftermarket Parts Specialist (Brakes)
    - Level 4 Medium/Heavy Truck Aftermarket Parts Specialist (Suspension and Steering)
    - Level 5 General Motor Parts Consultant
- 3. Eligible employees shall receive qualification pay effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period after proof of successful completion of certification is provided to the employee's immediate supervisor.
- 4. All employees must maintain certification requirements as established by ASE in order remain eligible to receive qualification pay.

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#### SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

The parties acknowledge and endorse the principle of Employment Equity in the civil service.

In factoring Employment Equity into the Recruitment and Appointment process, the following principles shall apply:

- 1. Employment Equity shall be applied as a factor in competitions for which there is inadequate representation of one or more of the four under-represented groups or for which there is a bona fide organizational need.
- 2. The weighting afforded Employment Equity shall be no greater than that applied to the highest weighted essential selection criterion.
- 3. The rating applied to Equity candidates shall be the same as that applied to the "meets standard" rating for the essential selection criteria.
- 4. Employment Equity candidates must be qualified in all other essential selection criteria.
- 5. The rating for Employment Equity shall be applied only once in the selection process.

The Employer and the Union agree to establish an "Employment Equity Task Force", consisting of an equal number of representatives appointed by the Employer and by the Union, to discuss issues of diversity and employment equity.

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#### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #7**

#### **SUBJECT: WORKPLACE HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

The parties recognize that the health of a person affects how they perform at work, at home and in the community. Health is much more than the absence of disease, it is a combination of physical, mental and social well being. It is believed that workplace practices and policies could be beneficial to the Employer and employees by having:

- Employees who become sick less often;
- Employees who work more effectively and efficiently:
- Employees who are less prone to accidents;
- Employees who are better able to manage stress.

The Government and the Union agree to establish a committee with equal representation to examine health and wellness initiatives that could be undertaken in the workplace.

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#### SUBJECT: HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT (HSA)

The Employer shall maintain the current Health Spending Account for permanent full and part-time employees and the current eligibility requirements subject to the following parameters:

- The current maximum claim benefit shall be increased from eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850)/year to nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950)/year per full-time employee and from four hundred and twenty five dollars (\$425)/year to five hundred and seventy dollars (\$570)/year per part-time employee.
- There is no carryover of HSA dollars from one year to the next, but an employee can carry forward claims for up to one year. i.e. a full-time employee had \$150 in claims in the first year. The employee can claim the \$120 and carry forward the additional \$30 in claims for up to one year.
- Employees can apply for reimbursement once claims total \$100 (i.e. the "trigger point").
- Reimbursement for claims is once every two months.
- An employee must file a claim.
- Employees to receive annual statements.
- The plan shall use Revenue Canada's definition of dependent (i.e. an employee can pay HSA eligible expenses for anyone for whom they can claim a tax deduction).
- Plan coverage and administration is to be determined by the Employer.

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## SUBJECT: WORKLOAD MANAGEABILITY

It is acknowledged that, in some areas of the government, the manageability of excessive workload may be of concern to a group of employees, the Union and the Employer.

In situations where both the Union and the Employer are in agreement that discussions may be beneficial to resolving workload concerns, the two parties agree to discuss possible areas of concern and options for consideration to try and resolve these concerns.

By mutual agreement, the Union and the Employer may include employee representatives in these discussions.

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## **SUBJECT:** EMPLOYMENT SECURITY (GREEN TEAM)

The hiring of persons in the Green Team will not result in the lay-off, reduction of hours or dismissal of any current employees or replace employees who have previously been laid-off or dismissed.

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## SUBJECT: NORTHERN PREMIUM

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Resource Officer 1

- 1. Northern Premium shall be paid to employees subject to the eligibility criteria and conditions outlined in this Article.
- Northern Premium will be paid to employees that have established a residence and maintain a home in a location designated as a remote location as outlined in Appendix 'B', remoteness allowance and who are eligible for the payment of a remoteness allowance.
- 3. The Northern Premium is applicable only to the following classifications and at the following rates per hour:

#### **Northern Premium Rates** Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 **Effective Effective Effective Effective** 3/25/2023 3/23/2024 3/22/2025 3/21/2026 CC3 Clerk of the Court 3 1.68 1.73 1.78 1.83 CC4 Clerk of the Court 4 1.73 1.78 1.83 1.68 CHN Chaplain 2.15 2.21 2.28 2.35 CWC Community Corrections Worker 2.47 2.41 2.55 2.63 EO1 **Environmental Officer 1** 2.43 2.58 2.37 2.51 EO2 **Environmental Officer 2** 2.72 2.79 2.87 2.96 EO3 **Environmental Officer 3** 3.21 3.30 3.40 3.50 EO4 **Environmental Officer 4** 3.32 3.41 3.51 3.62 EO5 **Environmental Officer 5** 2.64 2.72 2.80 2.88 M2S Mechanical Equipment Mechanic 2 SRT 1.67 1.72 1.77 1.82 MC 1.73 Machinist 1.59 1.63 1.68 ME2 Mechanical Equipment Mechanic 2 1.68 1.73 1.59 1.63 PB1 **Probation Officer 1** 1.71 1.76 1.87 1.81 PB2 **Probation Officer 2** 1.99 2.04 2.10 2.17 PB3 **Probation Officer 3** 2.48 2.28 2.34 2.41 SH1 Sheriff 1 2.60 2.53 2.68 2.76 SH2 Sheriff 2 2.71 2.79 2.87 2.63 SH3 Sheriff 3 2.85 2.93 3.02 3.11 SMC Machinist SRT 1.67 1.72 1.77 1.82 SO1 Sheriffs Officer 1 2.25 2.06 2.12 2.18 SO2 Sheriffs Officer 2 2.50 2.57 2.65 2.43 SO3 Sheriffs Officer 3 2.72 2.79 2.87 2.96 SO4 Sheriffs Officer 4 2.88 2.96 3.05 3.14 SP1 Social Service Worker 1 1.51 1.55 1.59 1.64 SP2 Social Service Worker 2 1.62 1.66 1.71 1.77 SP3 Social Service Worker 3 1.92 1.97 2.03 2.09 SP4 Social Service Worker 4 2.28 2.34 2.41 2.48 SP5 Social Service Worker 5 2.56 2.63 2.71 2.79 SP6 Social Service Worker 6 2.78 2.85 2.94 3.03 SWL Welder SRT 1.67 1.72 1.77 1.82 WL Welder 1.59 1.63 1.68 1.73

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RO2	Resource Officer 2	1.19	1.22	1.26	1.30
RO3	Resource Officer 3	1.72	1.77	1.82	1.87
RO4	Resource Officer 4	1.91	1.96	2.02	2.08
RO5	Resource Officer 5	2.23	2.29	2.36	2.43

- 4. Temporary Northern Assignment / Accommodations
  - a) where employees are to be stationed in a remote location on a semi permanent basis, i.e. for a period of three (3) months or more, they shall receive the applicable northern premium noted in this memorandum:
  - b) employees stationed in a remote area who are provided with room and board shall not receive any form of northern premium;
  - c) this section does not apply to employees who are eligible for Remoteness Allowance or Northern Premium.
- 5. An employee shall receive Northern Premium for all regular hours of work. Northern Premium shall not be included in the calculation of overtime payments, superannuation, group life insurance, sick leave payments, vacation pay, or any other employee benefits.

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#### SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE TO OPTIMIZE PUBLIC SERVICES

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Manitoba Government to ensure that quality public services are delivered to Manitobans through a system which is, to the fullest extent possible, sustainable, accessible, cost effective, efficient and effective;

AND WHEREAS employees of the Civil Service are a fundamental component of the delivery of those public services in communities throughout the province, and have a mutual obligation for the provision of client centered, efficient, quality public service to Manitobans;

AND WHEREAS the Employer is responsible for the provision of quality public services for Manitobans, and as such wishes to create a system which will retain and attract qualified staff to work as part of the delivery of those public services;

AND WHEREAS all Parties recognize that it is in the best interest of the Province of Manitoba to work together towards these goals, and the Parties wish to enter into this Memorandum of Agreement to commit to the achievement of these goals through cooperative discussions to improve and optimize public service practices:

The Parties do hereby agree to form a committee during the term of the Collective Agreement to discuss public service delivery and make recommendations that will improve and enhance the delivery of public services and ensure a sustainable system of public services that will effectively serve Manitobans and meet the needs of employees of the Civil Service.

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## SUBJECT: ENHANCING PUBLIC SERVICES

#### Preamble

- 1.1 The Employer and the Union share a commitment to ensuring that the citizens of Manitoba receive quality public services delivered in an effective and professional manner by the Civil Service employees. The parties agree to explore options to improve and enhance the delivery of public services and that new services offered meet the highest possible standard.
- 1.2 The parties further agree to ensure that public services in Manitoba are provided in an accountable, transparent and efficient manner to all members of the public.

#### Notification

- 2.1 The Employer agrees that it will notify the Union prior to any proposals being acted on by departments which are part of this collective agreement that would involve the transfer, conveyance, disposition or sale of an undertaking, all or part of a business, enterprise, institution, program, project or work currently carried out by members of the Civil Service.
- 2.2 The Employer further agrees that the Union will be given an opportunity to provide an option in lieu of the transfer, conveyance, disposition or sale of an undertaking, all or part of a business, enterprise, institution, program, project or work currently carried out by members of the Civil Service. The Employer will consider the option if it provides the service to the public in an accountable, transparent and efficient manner.
- 2.3 If there is a transfer or conveyance, disposition or sale of an undertaking that proceeds, the Devolution and Transfer provisions of Article 20 of the Agreement will apply.

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#### **SUBJECT:** RECLASSIFICATION

#### **Exclusivity of Process**

- 1. While this Memorandum of Agreement (the "Agreement") is in effect, all disputes pertaining to the classification of an employee's position shall be commenced under, and resolved by, the process outlined in this Agreement rather than the grievance and arbitration process set forth in the collective agreement.
- 2. This Agreement shall become effective on the date of execution and shall continue in effect up to and including the expiry date of the collective agreement set forth in Article 2.01 and shall remain in force and effect from year to year thereafter unless written notice to negotiate a renewal, or revision and renewal of the collective agreement is given by either party at least forty-five (45) days prior to but not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiry date of the collective agreement. During the period required to negotiate a renewal, or revision and renewal of the collective agreement, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without change.

#### Reclassification Request and Decision

- 3. An employee who is of the opinion that their position is improperly classified, may submit a request for re-classification to the Compensation Services Compensation Services Branch, Labour Relations Division of the Public Service Commission ("Compensation Services"), along with (a) a current position description with the corresponding organization chart approved by the manager with employing authority; (b) the job classification being requested and reasons why that classification is appropriate; (c) any other information the employee wishes Compensation Services to consider in support of the request.
- 4. Compensation Services will provide the requesting employee a written response to that request within sixty (60) working days (the "Decision") from date of receipt of the information required in Point 3.
- 5. Within thirty (30) working days of receiving the Decision, the requesting employee may directly contact a Compensation Services to better understand the rationale for the Decision. Within thirty (30) working days of receiving that request, Compensation Services shall respond to the employee verbally or in writing and may share additional detail and disclose supporting material where applicable.

#### Disputing the Decision - First Stage Review

- 6. Within twenty (20) working days of the Decision being communicated to the employee, the Union may dispute it by providing Compensation Services with a written statement indicating the Decision is being disputed and the reason(s) for not accepting the Decision.
- 7. Compensation Services, the employee, and the Union shall meet within a reasonable and mutually agreeable timeframe to discuss the disputed Decision. During this meeting, Compensation Services shall share with the Union the rationale used to support the Decision and the employee and Union shall put forward the rationale for disputing the Decision.
- 8. The parties may agree to further meetings to further discuss the Decision and they may gather and present additional information in support of their respective positions.
- 9. The dispute may be advanced to the Second Stage at the union's request by providing Compensation Services with written notice indicating resolution at this First Stage is not possible and setting forth the remaining reason(s) that the employee and/or union is continuing to challenge or support the Decision (the "Second Stage Notice").

#### Joint Review Panel - Second Stage Review

- 10. Within a reasonable time period following receipt of the Second Stage Notice, the parties shall convene the two-person panel consisting of a Union representative and an Employer representative, both of whom shall be previously trained in job evaluation (the "Panel"). The Union and Compensation Services shall present the Panel with the rationale they rely upon to support or challenge the Decision.
- 11. The Panel may, if both the Union and Employer representative agree, compel the parties to appear in front of them on another occasion(s) for the purposes of presenting rationale relied upon to support or challenge the Decision.
- 12. If either member of the Panel notifies the parties, and the other Panel member, that no further appearances before the Panel will assist in resolving the Dispute, the Panel members shall, within a reasonable time period, provide the parties with a written statement of their conclusions and the rationale. If the Panel members' conclusion(s) are unanimous, the parties shall be bound by those conclusions.
- 13. If the Panel members' conclusions are not unanimous, either party may refer the dispute to the Final Stage by providing the other party and the Panel Members with notice of their decision to do so within fourteen (14) days of receiving the Panel members' conclusions (the "Final Stage Notice").

#### Independent External Review - Final Stage

- 14. Within a reasonable time period of receiving the Final Stage Notice, the parties shall retain an independent third party proficient in point rated, factor comparison, grade description and whole job comparison job evaluation tool(s) used by the Province of Manitoba (the "Third Party") for the purposes of resolving the dispute in accordance with the process outlined in the following paragraphs.
- 15. The Third Party shall determine the dispute in the manner set forth in the parties' retainer letter, or in the absence of such a process, in the manner the Third Party deems most appropriate in the circumstances as they develop. Should the Third Party ask either party to provide further information or rationale, that party shall make its best efforts to provide such information in an efficient manner.
- 16. Within a reasonable period of time, the Third Party shall provide the parties with a written decision settling the dispute. That written decision shall be final and binding on the parties unless both parties agree that it is fundamentally flawed in which case the parties may, by agreement, within twenty (20) days of receiving the Third Party's decision, either remit the matter to the Third Party for revaluation, or refer the matter to an alternate third party for review (either option hereinafter referred to as the "Reassessment Request").
- 17. Should the Reassessment Request take the form of a referral to an alternate third party, paragraph 15 shall apply equally to the retention of that alternate third party.
- 18. The person receiving the Reassessment Request shall provide the parties with a decision within a reasonable time. That decision shall be final and binding on the parties and shall not be subject to any further appeal or review.

## **Extension of Timelines and Costs**

- 19. All timelines contemplated in this Memorandum of Agreement may be extended by agreement of the parties.
- 20. The Union and the Employer will each be responsible for fifty percent (50%) of any invoice(s) tendered by the Third Party, or a person hired to respond to a Reassessment Request, that was retained pursuant to this Agreement.

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## SUBJECT: LEGAL INDEMNIFICATION

#### 1. Criminal Liability

If an employee covered by this Agreement is charged with an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada or The Highway Traffic Act (Manitoba), or any other federal or provincial statute of a quasi-criminal nature, which arises out of such employee's actions while in the good faith performance of their duties and provided such actions do not constitute a gross disregard or neglect of their duties as an employee, then:

- (a) the employee, upon being charged with a criminal offence, or upon receipt of notification of the commencement of any criminal proceeding being commenced against them or upon the Highway Traffic offence being commenced against them, shall advise the government through the deputy minister of the department, of any such proceedings as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (b) the government shall pay all reasonable legal fees and disbursements of defending the employee against the criminal charge or Highway Traffic offence; and/or
- (c) the government shall pay any sum required to be paid by such employee as a fine or penalty in connection with the resolution of a Highway Traffic offence if resolution is approved by the government through the deputy minister before the same is finalized; and
- (d) the employee shall have the sole right to instruct private legal counsel. Upon the employee notifying the government in accordance with Clause 1(a) above, the government and the Union and employee shall forthwith meet and appoint counsel that is mutually agreeable to all parties, the reasonable legal fees and disbursements for which shall be funded by the Government.
- (e) Should the parties be unable to agree upon counsel that is satisfactory to all parties, then the employee may unilaterally appoint legal counsel subject to the following conditions:
  - i. the legal counsel must be entitled to practice law in the Province of Manitoba and be in good standing with the Law Society of Manitoba;
  - ii. the legal counsel must be qualified and competent to practice law in the area of criminal defence;
  - iii. reasonable legal fees and disbursements shall be paid by the Employer subject to the conditions below:
    - (a) prior approval of the Employer shall be sought, and shall not be unreasonably withheld, for disbursements including but not limited to fees for transcripts, travel expenses for counsel and/or witnesses, or the services of experts;
    - (b) reasonable legal fees and disbursements shall be determined by having regard for the principle that expenditure of public money should not exceed what is reasonably required to achieve a fair trial;
    - (c) no legal fees and disbursements shall be paid for appeals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an appeal is successful in that the employee is found not guilty of the offence, the Employer shall refund the employee's reasonable legal fees and disbursements.

#### 2. Fatality Inquest or Commission of Inquiry

If a Commission of Inquiry or Fatality Inquest is commenced, and an employee covered by this Agreement is required by subpoena and/or otherwise required by the government to participate arising out of such employee's actions and/or observations while in the good faith performance of

their duties and provided such actions do not constitute gross disregard or neglect of their duties as employees, then:

- (a) the employee, upon receipt of notification of their participation in any Commission of Inquiry or Fatality Inquest, shall advise the government through the deputy minister of the department of any such Commission of Inquiry or Fatality Inquest;
- (b) the government shall pay all reasonable legal fees and disbursements incurred by the employee in connection with their participation in the Commission of Inquiry or Fatality Inquest; and
  - the legal counsel must be entitled to practice law in the Province of Manitoba and be in good standing with the Law Society of Manitoba;
  - ii. the legal counsel must be qualified and competent to practice law in the area of criminal defence:
  - iii. reasonable legal fees and disbursements shall be paid by the Employer subject to the conditions below:
    - (a) prior approval of the Employer shall be sought, and shall not be unreasonably withheld, for disbursements including but not limited to fees for transcripts, travel expenses for counsel and/or witnesses, or the services of experts;
    - (b) reasonable legal fees and disbursements shall be determined by having regard for the principle that expenditure of public money should not exceed what is reasonably required to achieve a fair trial;
    - (c) no legal fees and disbursements shall be paid for appeals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an appeal is successful in favour of the employee, the Employer shall refund the employee's reasonable legal fees and disbursements.

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#### SUBJECT: PERSONAL WELLNESS LEAVE

An employee shall be entitled to up to two (2) days of leave with pay in each fiscal year as follows and charged against the employee's sick leave credits:

- a) the leave shall be for personal wellness;
- b) the two (2) days of leave can be used consecutively, but shall not be used contiguous with a vacation leave; and
- c) these two (2) days are not carried forward from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Where an employee wishes to use a personal wellness day(s), the employee shall endeavour to notify the employee's immediate supervisor of the absence due at least one hour (1) prior to and not more than thirty (30) minutes after the normal hour of beginning work, or as soon thereafter as the means of communication permit. An employee's sick leave accumulation under Article 28 – Sick Leave will not be reduced to less than twelve (12) days per year as a result of the application of this provision.

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#### SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL WORKERS

Within 60 days of ratification, the Parties will commence discussions to explore the feasibility of repealing or amending the MOA dated July 6, 2005 to align with the terms and conditions of employment set out in the GEMA. Any joint recommendations will be made on or before June 1, 2024. Should negotiations be required, they will commence on or before June 30, 2024.

It is agreed that either party may refer any difference arising from the implementation of this Memorandum to a mutually agreed mediator who shall mediate the difference(s) between the parties. In the event that the parties cannot reach a mutually agreeable resolution of the difference(s), then the mediator shall have the power to make a binding decision. The mediator's jurisdiction shall be confined to matters arising out of the implementation of this MOA, and the repealing and/or amending of the MOA dated July 6, 2005. The mediator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from or modify or alter in any way the provisions of the Master Agreement or any Component or a signed Memorandum of Understanding or a signed Memorandum of Agreement between the parties.

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HOURS OF WORK FOR EMPLOYEES OCCUPYING AGRI-FOOD INSPECTOR (EO2) SUBJECT: - MEAT HYGIENE AND REGIONAL INSPECTORS SUPERVISOR (EO4)

Within 90 days of ratification, the Parties will commence discussions to explore the feasibility of repealing or amending the MOA dated September 5, 2013 to address shift durations and the ability to claim overtime. Any joint recommendations will be made on or before June 1, 2024.

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## **SUBJECT:** Medical Technologist (MG1–5) – Professional License at Veterinary Laboratory

The Employer will reimburse Medical Technologist employees for professional license or professional association membership fees applicable to the 2023/24 and 2024/2025 licensure years.

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## **FLEXIBLE HOURS GUIDELINES**

The government policy regarding flexible hours for "office" employees shall apply for the duration of this Agreement and is attached for informational purposes only.

A division or branch within a department may, subject to the approval of the employing authority, determine the most suitable arrangements of hours of work for "office" employees in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (a) the office must remain open during the hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an extension to 5:00 p.m. where it is deemed necessary to provide service to the public;
- (b) variations in employees' hours of work may occur as a result of staggered starting or finishing times or an alteration in the time allowed for lunch:
- (c) the earliest starting time is 7:30 a.m., the latest finishing time is 6:00 p.m. and the minimum allowable lunch period is forty-five (45) minutes;
- (d) varied starting or finishing times must comprise a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to or after established office hours;
- (e) service to the public must not be downgraded by the change in hours;
- (f) employees must work seven and one-quarter (7¼) hours per work day and thirty-six and one-quarter (36¼) hours per week exclusive of lunch periods.
- (g) All employees must be present at work during a core period of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., less lunch periods.
- (h) The normal work week continues to be Monday to Friday inclusive.

#### SECONDMENTS WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE

The following guidelines respecting secondments within the Civil Service are attached for information purposes only.

"Secondment" means the temporary assignment or loan of employees within their staff year to another branch or department of the Manitoba Government. Secondments may be used to staff a special program, to utilize expertise to perform a certain function and/or for staff development.

"Seconded Employee" means an employee who has temporarily changed assignments due to a secondment. A seconded employee shall sign a secondment agreement that sets out the specific terms of the secondment including the classification and pay arrangements.

Upon completion of the secondment:

- a) the employee shall return to the employee's former position and classification or to a comparable position and classification; or
- b) the current secondment may be extended by the Employer.

In the event that during the term of the secondment, the employee's position is abolished, the employee shall be notified in accordance with the terms of Article 24 - Lay Off and the terms and conditions of this article shall apply.

#### **ADMINISTRATION COMPONENT**

#### **APPLICATION**

1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule exclusively.

#### **HOURS OF WORK**

- 2:01 All employees within this Component shall work seven and one-quarter (7¼) consecutive hours per work day exclusive of meal periods and thirty-six and one-quarter (36¼) hours per week. Normal office hours shall be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from Monday to Friday inclusive; but where it is necessary to provide service to the public on Saturday, sufficient staff for that purpose shall be maintained at the discretion of the employing authority.
- 2:02 Where the nature of the work, the exigencies of the service or existing regulations are such that it is not possible to observe the hours prescribed in Section :01, the employing authority, with the approval of Treasury Board Secretariat, may set different hours.
- 2:03 The number of daily and weekly hours as described in Section :01 may only be varied by mutual consent of the parties hereto.
- 2:04 Employees will be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day at such time as may be specified by the head of the department.
- 2:05 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to initiate such exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.
- 2:06 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives his/her regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has no banked time, his/her regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.

#### **OVERTIME**

- 3:01 An employing authority or other supervisory official authorized to do so by the employing authority may require employees under his or her authority to work beyond normal hours.
- 3:02 This Article dealing with compensation for overtime shall apply only to those employees who are in the classifications listed in below:

Administrative Officer 1, 2, 3 Audit Accountant 1 Financial Officer 1, 2, 3 Information Technologist 1 Purchasing Agent 1, 2 Student Auditor 1, 2, 3, 4 Systems Analyst 1, 2, 3

3:03 At the employee's option, authorized overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all hours worked at the applicable overtime rate or by granting the employee applicable time off in lieu.

- 3:04 An employee who is required to work beyond seven and one-quarter (7¼) hours on the employee's scheduled work day is entitled to compensation at time and one-half (1½x) for all hours worked.
- 3:05 An employee who is required to work on the employee's first day of rest is entitled to compensation at time and one-half (1½x) for the first four (4) hours of overtime and double time (2x) for all time worked thereafter.
- 3:06 An employee who is required to work on the employee's second day of rest is entitled to compensation at double time (2x) for all hours worked. Second in this context means the second day in a series of consecutive calendar days of rest.
- 3:07 All time off in lieu shall be granted at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 3:08 Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu, arrangements in respect thereof shall be completed to the mutual satisfaction of the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official within sixty (60) days following the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked. Where mutual agreement cannot be reached within the sixty (60) day period, the employee shall receive payment based on the rate at which the employee was being paid when the overtime was worked.
- 3:09 An employee entitled to overtime compensation, if called out or scheduled to work additional hours, shall receive for the work a minimum payment equivalent to three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.

#### **COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

- 4:01 Where an employee not eligible for premium overtime as set out in this Component has been designated by an authorized supervisory official to work overtime, such employee shall accumulate compensatory leave at the rate of one (1) hour for each hour worked.
- 4:02 By mutual agreement between the employee and the employing authority, accumulated compensatory leave shall be granted on the basis of either:
  - (a) equivalent time off without loss of pay; or
  - (b) payment at straight time hourly rates.
- 4:03 Time off under Subsection :02(a) shall be at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the authorized supervisory official.
- 4:04 Where arrangements under Section :02 are not made within sixty (60) days from the start of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked, the employee shall receive payment at straight time hourly rates based on the rate of pay at which the employee was being compensated when the overtime was worked.
- 4:05 Where an Information Technologist 2, 3 or 4 is called out or scheduled to work overtime, the employee shall receive for the work a minimum of three (3) hours compensatory leave provided that the period of overtime worked is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity. This provision does not apply to phone calls received at home ie. the employee must be called "out" to work.

#### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

5:01 The parties recognize the desirability of ongoing staff development; and educational leave practices shall be as set forth from time to time in policy. Revisions to education leave policy shall occur with thirty (30) days' written notice to the Union.

# **QUALIFICATION PAY**

6:01 Effective March 25, 2022, employees shall be granted, in addition to their normal salary, a premium of two dollars (\$2.00)/hour for actual hours worked while actively engaged in wildfire suppression as authorized by the Employer.

#### **CLERICAL COMPONENT**

## **APPLICATION**

1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule exclusively.

#### **HOURS OF WORK**

2:01 All employees, except where otherwise specified within the provisions of this Component shall work thirty-six and one-quarter (361/4) hours per week.

#### 2:02 Regular Work Day and Regular Work Week

Employees shall work seven and one-quarter (7½) consecutive hours per work day exclusive of meal periods and thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per work week. Alterations to the foregoing shall only be by written mutual consent of both the parties to this Collective Agreement. This provision does not relate to the times of work in Section :03, or the days of work in Section :04.

#### 2:03 Times of Work

Normal office hours shall be between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except for Storekeepers and Stores Clerks. Where the necessity to provide service to the public creates a need to set different times of work, the department, through the Labour Relations Division, after meaningful consultation with the Union, may set different times of work. This provision does not relate to the work day and work week in Section :02, or the days of work in Section :04.

#### 2:04 Days of Work

The days of work shall be Monday to Friday inclusive except where it is necessary to provide service to the public on Saturdays, when sufficient staff may be maintained at the discretion of the department.

- 2:05 Normal hours of work for Storekeepers and Stores Clerks shall be determined by operational requirement, subject to the provisions of Sections :02 and :04.
- 2:06 Employees will be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day at such times as may be specified by the head of the department, or the employees' immediate supervisor.
- 2:07 Switchboard Operators shall, where necessary, be assigned shift duties to cover operations up to twenty-four (24) hours per day and seven (7) days per week.
- 2:08 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to initiate such exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.
- 2:09 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives his/her regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has

no banked time, his/her regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.

#### **OVERTIME**

- 3:01 An employing authority or other supervisory official authorized to do so by the employing authority may require employees under his or her authority to work overtime.
- 3:02 Every reasonable effort shall be made to ensure that all overtime work is distributed equitably amongst employees who are able to perform the required duties.
- 3:03 An employee who is required to work overtime on the employee's regular work day shall receive compensation at time and one-half (1½x) for all overtime worked.
- 3:04 An employee who is required to work on the employee's day of rest shall receive compensation at double time (2x) for all time worked.
- 3:05 An employee, if called out or scheduled to work additional hours, shall receive for the work a minimum payment equivalent to three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 3:06 At the employee's option, overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all time worked at the applicable rate or by granting the employee equivalent time off in lieu thereof.
- 3:07 All time off in lieu thereof shall be granted at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 3:08 Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu, arrangements in respect thereof shall be completed to the mutual satisfaction of the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official within sixty (60) calendar days following the end of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked. Where mutual agreement has not been reached within this sixty (60) day period, the employee shall receive payment based on the rate at which he was being paid when the overtime was worked.

#### **QUALIFICATION PAY**

- 4:01 Employees shall be granted a premium in addition to their normal salary as set out in the following:
  - (a) while actively engaged in wildfire suppression as authorized by the Employer, employees shall receive two dollars (\$2.00)/hour for actual hours worked.

#### **CORRECTIONS COMPONENT**

## APPLICATION

1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule.

#### **HOURS OF WORK**

- 2:01 All employees shall come within forty (40) hours of work per week.
- 2:02 Employees shall work a regular work day of eight (8) consecutive hours exclusive of meal periods and a regular work week of forty (40) hours. Such meal periods shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes in duration.
- 2:03 Where an employee is designated to be on duty to supervise inmates/youth during the employee's meal period, or where an employee is required to remain in the correctional institution for security reasons during the employee's meal period, such time shall form part of the employee's work day. Such employee shall be entitled to receive a meal free of charge.
- 2:04 Any variations to a work day or work week other than those described in Section :02 shall only be instituted by mutual consent of both of the parties hereto.
- 2:05 Employees shall be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day, at such time as may be specified by the head of the department.
- 2:06 Days of rest shall be scheduled on a consecutive basis except where operational requirements do not permit.
- 2:07 The parties agree to the following terms and conditions with respect to the changing of a regularly scheduled employee's posted shift by the employer at Provincial Correctional Institutions:
  - (a) shift schedules shall be posted at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the starting date of the new schedule in order to provide an employee with reasonable notice as to the shift he or she will be working. No time off requests will be submitted, altered or considered by the Employer one (1) week prior to the posting of the schedule. Time off requests shall not be unreasonably denied.
  - (b) where changes are necessary in a regularly scheduled posted shift, an employee who is affected by such change shall be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The foregoing, however, shall not apply to instances of personnel replacement due to sick leave nor to emergency situations beyond the control of the employer;
  - (c) should an employee not receive at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of a change of a regularly scheduled posted shift except as provided in (b) above, then such affected employee shall be paid at time and one-half (1½x) for all hours worked for the first shift which varies from the posted schedule;
  - (d) a prescheduled employee who is called into work shall not have his scheduled shift in the same biweekly pay period changed or cancelled unless by mutual agreement;
  - (e) notwithstanding the above, in addition to the notice required under 2:07 (b), employees shall be given as much reasonable notice as possible of any shift change required to accommodate training;
  - (f) where the Employer schedules changes to employees' shifts or shift patterns, in conjunction with the annual staffing review, employees shall be provided three (3) months notice of such change.

- (g) requests from employees to switch shifts, within a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice, will be reviewed and approved subject to operational requirements and provided that there is no additional cost to the Employer.
- 2:08 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to initiate such exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.
- 2:09 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.
  - Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives their regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has no banked time, their regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.
- 2:10 Each Correctional Institution shall designate specific and equal periods of the vacation year for the purposes of scheduling vacation. Accordingly, vacation scheduled shall be administered as follows:
  - (a) employees who desire to take vacation in any one period of the vacation year shall notify the Correctional Institution eight (8) weeks in advance of the start of the designated period of the fiscal year.
  - (b) four (4) weeks prior to the start of the first shift cycle in each period of the vacation year, the Correctional Institution shall schedule vacation for each period of the vacation year in accordance with both the requests of the employees and operational requirements.
  - (c) Nothing in Section 2:10 affects the rights of the Employer or employees under Section 27 of the G.E.M.A.

#### 2:11 Definitions to be included:

- (a) Shift refers to the duration of the work unit, including the specific start and end times.
- (b) Shift Pattern refers to the pre-determined configuration of the regular and recurring shift across a bi-weekly pay period.
- (c) Post refers to a specific work assignment which includes information regarding Shift, Shift Pattern and specific work location.
- 2:12 The Employer will consult with the Union prior to establishing any new shifts or shift patterns. In establishing new shift patterns, other than a four on/four off, the employer will endeavor to schedule every second weekend (Saturday and Sunday) off.
- 2:13 The Union wishes to ensure that shift rotations/assignments are done in a transparent fashion.

## **OVERTIME**

- 3:01 For the purpose of this Agreement, "overtime" shall mean in the case of:
  - (a) a full-time employee, authorized time worked in excess of the employee's regular work day or regular work week;
  - (b) a part-time employee, all authorized time worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or forty (40) hours in a week.

3:02 When overtime is required a volunteer may be sought to do such work.

Wherever reasonable and practicable the supervisor will attempt to obtain a volunteer.

A supervisor authorized to do so, may require an employee under the supervisor's authority to work overtime.

3:03 The sections of this Component dealing with compensation for overtime shall apply to those employees who are in a classification listed below:

Correctional Services Officer 1, 2
Correctional Officer 1, 2, 3, 4

Correctional Trades Instructor 1, 2, 3
Juvenile Counsellor 1, 2, 3, 4

- 3:04 An employee who works overtime on the employee's regular work day shall be compensated at time and one-half (1½x) for all such time worked.
- 3:05 An employee who works on a day of rest shall be compensated at double time (2x) for all time worked on that day.
- 3:06 An employee, if called out or scheduled to work overtime shall receive for the work, compensation for a minimum of three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's regular work day. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 3:07 At the employee's option, overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all time worked at the applicable overtime rate or by granting the employee the equivalent time off in lieu of payment.
- 3:08 (a) Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu of overtime payment, such time off shall be granted at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and a supervisor authorized to grant such time off. Such time off shall be scheduled and taken within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days following the end of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked. If time off is not scheduled and taken within the one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days, the accumulated overtime may be paid out. Such mutual agreement between the employee and the authorized supervisor shall not be unreasonably withheld.
  - (b) Where an employee grieves the unreasonable withholding of mutual agreement with respect to Sub-section :08 (a), the employee may file such grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure. No payment for the overtime period in question shall be made pending disposition of the grievance.
- 3:09 Where mutual agreement has not been reached within this one hundred twenty (120) calendar day period, the employee shall receive payment and such payment shall be made at the rate of pay in effect for the employee at the time when the overtime was worked.
- 3:10 Overtime shall be paid at the appropriate step within the employee's pay range attached to the employee's classification excluding any extra qualification payments.
- 3:11 (a) Where an employee is required, as a general condition of employment to take a course upgrading the employee's qualifications, and where successful completion of such a course qualifies the employee for additional pay if, due to the existing shift schedule, the employee is required to attend classes on the employee's day(s) of rest, the employee may be compensated for such days through time off at straight time.
  - (b) Where an employee is required to attend a training program on the employee's day of rest, such employee shall be given, subject to operational requirements, as much notice as reasonable.

### **COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

- 4:01 Where an employee not eligible for premium overtime as set out in this Component has been designated by an authorized supervisory official to work overtime, such employee shall accumulate compensatory leave at the rate of one (1) hour for each hour worked.
- 4:02 Where an employee referred to in Section :01 above is called out or scheduled to work overtime, such employee shall receive for the work of a minimum of three (3) hours compensatory leave provided that the period of overtime worked is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 4:03 At the option of the employing authority, accumulated compensatory leave shall be granted on the basis of either:
  - (a) equivalent time off without loss of pay; or
  - (b) payment at straight time hourly rates.
- 4:04 Time off under Sub-section :03 (a) shall be at a time agreed to by the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 4:05 Where arrangements under Section :03 are not made within one (1) year from the start of the biweekly pay period in which the overtime was worked, the employee shall receive payment at straight time hourly rates based on the rate of pay at which the employee was being compensated when the overtime was worked.
- 4:06 (a) "Muster", for the purposes of this Article, shall mean an assembly of Correctional Officers or Juvenile Counsellors who are required to receive information, prior to the commencement of their shift from employees who are on duty.
  - (b) Employees who muster prior to the commencement of their shift, where there is no shift overlap, shall receive ten (10) minutes straight time per shift to be taken as compensatory time off.

Each correctional facility shall determine, based upon operational requirements, whether or not a muster is required.

# **SUPERVISORY PAY**

- 5:01 Where a Correctional Officer 1, 2, or 3 or a Juvenile Counsellor 1, 2 or 3 is temporarily assigned the supervisory duties of a higher classification in the absence of the incumbent in that position in a correctional institution for four (4) hours or more, such Correctional Officer or Juvenile Counsellor shall be paid at the rate of pay for the higher classification from the date of such temporary assignment of supervisory duties until such temporary assignment is revoked.
- 5:02 A Correctional Officer or a Juvenile Counsellor who is receiving supervisory pay shall not be eligible to receive acting status pay as described in Article 66 Acting Status in the Master Agreement.

# **PAYMENT OF MONIES**

6:01 Monies owed to employees for overtime, call-back, and standby, shall be calculated and paid as expeditiously as possible.

# **JOINT CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**

- 7:01 A joint consultation committee will be established and maintained in each of the permanent correctional institutions. Each committee shall consist of no more than four (4) representatives of the government and four (4) representatives of the Union which shall include the local negotiator, vice president or designate. Except by mutual agreement, this committee shall meet once each month for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual concern, and which either party considers appropriate for discussion by the committee.
- 7:02 The committee may make recommendations to the Union and the government with respect to its discussion and conclusions, but it shall not have jurisdictions over wages, or any matter of collective bargaining including the administration of the Master Agreement or this Component. The committee shall not supersede the activities of any committee of the Union or of the government and it does not have the power to bind either the Union or its members of the government to its decisions or conclusions. Specific terms of reference of the committee are as mutually agreed.

# **STANDBY - EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

8:01 A Correctional Officer who has been designated by the employing authority or authorized supervisor to be available on standby during off duty hours, and who is a member of an emergency response team, shall be entitled, to payment equal to Article 63, Stand-By.

# CORRECTIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM ALLOWANCES

9:01 A Correctional Officer or Juvenile Counsellor who has completed the Correctional Emergency Response Unit (CERU) or Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) training and is an active member of a designated CERU or CNT team shall receive an allowance of forty dollars (\$40.00) bi-weekly.

### **TERM EMPLOYEES**

10:01 Where an employee covered by the Corrections Component is hired as a term employee, that employee shall receive a letter of offer at the time of hire which provides the specific details of the employee's term employment.

# **DIVISIONAL TRAINING**

11:01 All employees of the Correctional Component shall be scheduled for the mandatory training as prescribed by the Division policy.

### **INCIDENT REPORTS**

- 12:01 A list of all incident report numbers shall be accessible to each of the Union Workplace Health and Safety co-chairs at each Institution, and each of the Union representatives at each Institution.
- 12:02 The Union agrees to provide the Employer with the name of each Union Institutional Workplace Health and Safety co-chair, and each Union Institutional Representative detailed above, and any changes to same.

### **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

13:01 The Employer will not use closed circuit television (CCTV) as a replacement for supervising employees.

#### SUBJECT: **PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

- 1. Overtime shall mean for part-time Correctional Officers who work a twelve (12) hour shift all authorized time worked in excess of a twelve (12) hour shift in a day or all authorized time worked in excess of eighty-four (84) hours in a bi-weekly pay period; notwithstanding Sub-section 3:01 (b) of the Corrections Component Agreement.
- 2. Where a part-time employee works more than eighty (80) hours and less than eighty-four (84) hours in a pay period the employee may bank the difference between eighty-four (84) and eighty (80) hours at straight time rates.
- 3. Management will fill regular full-time Correctional Officer and Juvenile Counselor positions on an institutional basis within ninety (90) days of being advised of a vacant position, in accordance with the following:
  - subject to Section: 05 of Article 11 Recruitment and Appointment, part-time employees (a) with more than three (3) years of accumulated service will be given first consideration provided they meet the core competencies; and
  - (b) seniority will be the determining factor.
- Where a part-time employee is ill for a length of time which extends beyond the posted shift 4. scheduled period, the sick leave payable shall be based upon the average of the hours worked in the preceding eight (8) weeks prior to the commencement of sick leave.
- Where sick leave usage is used as a standard in accordance with 3. (c), such usage shall be 5. calculated on a daily, not hourly, basis, e.g. a part-time employee ill for one (1) twelve (12) hour shift and a part-time employee ill for one (1) eight (8) hour shift shall both be considered absent due to illness for one (1) day for purposes of 3. (c).
- 6. Part-time Correctional Officers and Juvenile Counsellors shall be allowed to bank all prorated time earned when not required to work on the holiday.
- 7. Where a part-time employee is placed on a regular, reoccurring shift, such employee may elect for payroll purposes, to be converted to auto pay.
- 8. Days of rest shall be scheduled on a consecutive basis except where operational requirements do not permit.
- 9. Part-time Correctional Officers and Juvenile Counsellors, when eligible, will be pre-scheduled for some shifts based on their assigned colour pattern, unless operational requirements do not permit. When Part-Time Correctional Officers and Juvenile Counsellors are not pre-scheduled on their assigned colour pattern, they are expected to be available for all shifts that fall on the assigned colour pattern or shadow shift and must be available as quickly as possible, within sixty (60) minutes if called or contacted.

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# SUBJECT: FULL-TIME WORKFORCE

If the Employer plans to implement a full-time workforce versus the current workforce composed of full-time and part-time employees, the Employer will meaningfully consult with the Union.

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# **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #3**

### SUBJECT: INTEREST ARBITRATION

The parties agree that the following terms and conditions shall apply to the renewal of the 2023-2027 Corrections Component Agreement of the Government Employees' Master Agreement:

- Members of the Corrections Component bargaining unit shall be allowed a separate ratification vote on both the renewal of the 2023-2027 Master Agreement and the Corrections Component Agreement.
- 2. The issues to be bargained at the Corrections Component table shall consist of only those issues unique to the Corrections Component and shall not include:
  - (a) any proposal discussed or submitted by either party in negotiations with respect to the renewal of the 2023-2027 Government Employees Master Agreement;
  - (b) any proposal which is the subject of an Article or Memorandum contained in the 2023-2027 Government Employees Master Agreement, e.g. vacations, sick leave, etc.
- 3. In the event that the Corrections Component Agreement is not ratified by the members of the Corrections Component bargaining unit, the issues that remain in dispute at the conclusion of bargaining at the Corrections Component table may be referred to interest arbitration To be clear, the issues that may be so referred include issues related to working conditions and/or compensation, unique to the Corrections Component.
- 4. The interest arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator. The parties will attempt to agree on the arbitrator to be appointed. Where the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, either party may ask the Chief Justice for the Province of Manitoba to appoint one.
- 5. In consideration of the foregoing, the Union and its members agree that there will not be any work stoppage of the members of the Corrections Component Bargaining Unit in the event the renewal of the 2023-2027 Corrections Component Agreement is not ratified. A "work stoppage' means a strike as that term is defined in The Labour Relations Act.

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# SUBJECT: ACCUMULATED TIME OFF

- 1. In accordance with Section 2:04 of the Sub-Agreement, the parties agree that Correctional Institutions may vary the work day or work week and any variations shall be by mutual agreement between the parties.
- In order to schedule shifts that are in excess of those prescribed in Section 2:02 without accruing overtime, employees working such hours receive compensatory leave known as "Accumulated Time Off" for the hours worked in excess of the weekly hours of work, within the specific Correctional Institution cycles.
- 3. (a) ATOs shall be scheduled in advance on rotational basis exclusive of statutory holidays; rotational basis means that an employee's ATO days shall, from one cycle to the next, rotate throughout the days of the week. There shall be no "black out" periods for ATOs.
  - (b) Any exception to this process can be approved through mutual agreement between the parties.
  - (c) Individual requests for changes to or flexibility for scheduled ATOs shall be resolved between the affected employee and the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent and such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.
- 4. The Correctional Institution shall schedule the ATO day(s) during the shift cycle in which the accumulated time off is earned, according to the following provisions:
  - (a) A shift cycle is defined as a period or cycle consisting of three (3) pay periods, or any multiple thereof not exceeding twelve (12) pay periods.
  - (b) Scheduled ATO days shall only be varied or rescheduled to accommodate:
    - (i) individual requests in accordance with 3 (c);
    - (ii) affected individual training events:
    - (iii) employees conducting official union business in accordance with Section 45:01 of the G.E.M.A.;
    - (iv) employees moved to a different shift pattern.
- 5. For purposes of Section 2:10 (b) of the Sub-Agreement, an ATO day shall be considered a work day.
- 6. For all other purposes, "Accumulated Time Off" shall be characterized and treated as compensatory leave taken on the basis of equivalent time off without loss of pay. Such characterization shall not be changed subsequent to the scheduling of the accumulated time off.
- 7. (a) An employee on approved Sick Leave for a period greater than a bi-weekly pay period shall be converted to an eighty (80) hour bi-weekly pay period. Such an employee shall neither accrue nor take ATOs during the period of sick leave.
  - (b) If an employee is sick on an approved or scheduled ATO day, the employee is entitled to have the ATO day re-credited in accordance with Section 28:12 of the G.E.M.A.
- 8. Each institution shall decide on their ATO pattern, by mutual agreement between the parties.

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# SUBJECT: RIOT, HOSTAGE TAKING, ASSAULT

In the event of a riot, hostage taking or physical assault upon an employee by an inmate, which adversely affects those employees directly involved in the handling of the incident, the Employer shall take the following considerations into account if an employee advises that the employee is unable to return to work in the employee's previous position:

- The degree of injury or trauma suffered by the employee as a direct result of involvement in the incident.
- 2. Whether the injury or trauma required hospitalization or extensive medical or psychiatric treatment as determined by a medical practitioner.
- 3. The availability of existing compensation provisions, i.e. Workers Compensation and long term disability, statutory benefits and assistance programs to address the period of injury or trauma affecting the employee's ability to return to the employee's former position.
- 4. The employee has the option to have a union representative present at any meeting with the Employer.

Based upon these considerations, the Employer, in consultation with the Union, shall make every reasonable effort to find a suitable alternate position with the Employer within a reasonable period of time. The parties agree to meet to discuss and review the impact of any major disturbance with a view to finding improved solutions, should such an incident occur during the life of the Agreement.

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### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #6**

SUBJECT: UNIFORMS

Employees within the Corrections Component, currently required to wear a uniform, will be eligible to claim for a footwear allowance commensurate with the provisions in Article 44:03 and 44:05 of the GEMA, notwithstanding the footwear for Corrections employees is not considered safety footwear or Canadian Standards Association approved.

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# SUBJECT: STANDARDIZED BENEFIT CALCULATIONS FOR HOURS OF WORK VARIATIONS (I.E. 12 HOUR SHIFT PATTERNS)

The parties agree to vary the terms and conditions of the Government Employees' Master Agreement (GEMA), and the Component Sub-Agreement for certain groups of employees who work shifts other than the standard eight (8) hour day and forty (40) hour week as per Hours of Work Articles contained in the applicable Component Sub-Agreement.

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide standardized benefit administration for non-standard shifts.

Any term and condition not specifically mentioned in this Memorandum shall continue to be applied in accordance with the provisions of the GEMA and the applicable Component Sub-Agreement.

# **General Principle**

Where a benefit is to be calculated for an employee working under the terms and conditions of a variation to the work day or work week, it shall be calculated in a manner such that:

- (a) there shall be no increased costs to the employer when compared to standard eight hour day employee.
- (b) the benefit shall be pro-rated in a manner that will provide an equivalent benefit to employees working a regular work day and work week.

# 1. Hours of Work

- (1) Employees shall work an average of eighty (80) hours bi-weekly based on the shift schedule.
- (2) Employees covered by the terms of this Memorandum may be scheduled to work more than eighty (80) regular hours of work in any bi-weekly pay period without incurring overtime.

# 2. Overtime

Daily overtime shall be paid after the normal scheduled daily hours (e.g. twelve hour shift - overtime paid after twelve hours). On an employee's days of rest, overtime shall be paid at the rate of double time (2x) for all time worked.

Employees categorized as regular part-time and part-time term who work twelve hour shifts in the Department of the Attorney-General Corrections Division shall be eligible for overtime as follows:

# (a) Daily Overtime

Where a part-time employee is scheduled to work a twelve hour day the employee shall be eligible to receive overtime after completion of twelve hours.

# (b) Bi-weekly Overtime

Where a part-time employee is scheduled to work twelve hour shifts that employee shall be eligible to receive overtime after the completion of eighty-four (84) hours in the bi-weekly pay period.

# N.B.

Where a regular part-time or part-time term employee is temporarily appointed to a full-time position on a regular shift he shall be eligible for overtime in accordance with that regular shift schedule, i.e. consistent with overtime payment to regular full-time employees.

Part-time employees in the Department of Justice - Corrections Division are eligible for overtime only after (8) hours worked, unless the employee has been scheduled to work a shift which exceeds (8) hours.

# 3. Sick Leave

Where an employee is absent due to illness, his sick leave credits shall be reduced by a prorated amount (e.g. twelve hour shift - sick leave reduced by twelve hours).

# 4. <u>Vacation</u>

- (1) Vacation leave shall be converted to hours in accordance with the following:
  - (a) 3 weeks vacation =  $3 \times 40 = 120$  hours
  - (b) 4 weeks vacation =  $4 \times 40 = 160$  hours
  - (c) 5 weeks vacation =  $5 \times 40 = 200$  hours
  - (d) 6 weeks vacation =  $6 \times 40 = 240$  hours
- (2) An employee on vacation shall have his vacation entitlement reduced by the total number of hours that he would have been scheduled to work while on vacation.

# 5. Shift Premium

Where an employee works a shift, where half (½) or more of the hours are during shift premium hours (as per the applicable Component Sub-Agreement) the employee shall receive a shift premium in accordance with the following formula:

<u>hours worked</u> x applicable shift premium = shift premium 8

# 6. Holidays

Employees shall be compensated for holidays as follows:

- (i) Where a holiday falls on an employee's day of rest and he is not required to work on that day he shall receive at his option eight (8) hours time off or eight (8) hours pay in lieu.
- (ii) Where a holiday falls on an employee's day of rest and he is required to work that day he shall receive at his option eight (8) hours time off or eight (8) hours pay in lieu, plus he shall be paid at the rate of double time (2x) for all time worked.
- (iii) Where a holiday falls on an employee's regular work day and he works, he shall receive his regular pay and an additional payment calculated at the rate of time and one-half (1½x) for all hours worked on that holiday.

# 7. Compassionate Leave

Compassionate Leave shall be converted to hours as follows:

- (a) Employee eligible for five days = 40 hours
- (b) Employee eligible for four days = 32 hours
- (c) Employee eligible for three days = 24 hours
- (d) Employee eligible for two days = 16 hours
- (e) Employee eligible for one day = 8 hours

### 8. Other Leaves

All authorized leaves with pay shall be converted to hours. Where an employee is eligible for one day leave with pay per the GEMA then the employee shall be eligible for eight (8) hours pay, e.g. employee eligible for one day paternity leave will receive eight hours leave with pay. Any additional time off required to provide the employee with a full shift off shall be at no cost to the employer (e.g. options to include leave without pay or charge to vacation leave or banked overtime).

This Memorandum of Agreement shall be effective from the date of signing up to and including September 30, 1994 and shall remain in force and effect from year to year thereafter unless written notice to negotiate a renewal is given by either party at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiry date hereof.

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# **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #8**

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

The parties agree to continue to meet to review and discuss the scheduling process and structure of parttime employees within each institution in conjunction with the Joint Consultation Committee. It is acknowledged that the existing practice within each institution will serve as a baseline for discussions.

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# RE: CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR THE MANITOBA YOUTH CENTRE

Upon ratification and at the start of each fiscal year thereafter:

Juvenile Counsellors who are issued a "duty belt" will be provided with an annual clothing allowance of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

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# **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1**

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - STANDARDIZED BENEFIT CALCULATIONS FOR HOURS OF WORK VARIATIONS (I.E. 12 HOUR SHIFT PATTERNS)

This will confirm the parties intent that point 6(iii) in Memorandum of Agreement #7 above (Holidays), shall continue to be applied in accordance with present practice:

# **Corrections Division**

The present practice in the Corrections Division will continue with this revised wording, i.e. the employee shall receive eighteen (18) hours in the bank in addition to his regular pay. Two shifts shall receive the benefit of this calculation consistent with the Corrections practice of "moving the clock", i.e. treating the holiday as twenty-four consecutive hours from the start of the appropriate shift.

An employee who works twelve hours on the holiday therefore receives:

Regular Pay 12 hours

Additional Payment of

12 Hours at time and one-half 18 hours

Total Payment <u>30 hours</u>

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# **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2**

# SUBJECT: RATIFICATION

# BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

Memorandum of Agreement #3 within the Corrections Component of the Government Employees' Master Agreement (GEMA), provides for the Corrections Component to have a separate, simultaneous ratification vote on the Master Agreement and the Corrections Component Agreement.

1. During the period required to negotiate a renewal, or revision and renewal of the 2023-2027 GEMA, the Master Agreement and its Components remained in full force and effect without change.

Notwithstanding point 1 the parties agree as follows:

During the period of negotiation of renewal of the GEMA including the Corrections Component, in the event the Corrections Component is ratified and the Master Agreement is not ratified, those issues agreed to by the parties as applicable to the Correction Component and ratified by the Corrections Component membership will be agreed to and implemented through a separate Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the parties.

The effective date of the MOA shall be the date of ratification by the Corrections Component. The MOA shall remain in effect pending and after either the ratification of the Master Agreement or, in the event either party initiates an application for interest arbitration of the Master Agreement, the resolution of the matter at interest arbitration, whichever date is first.

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# **LETTER OF INTENT #1**

# SUBJECT: EARNED BENEFIT TIME

In accordance with the Collective Agreement and Corrections Component Sub-Agreement, the Department of Justice shall follow a policy as agreed to between the parties, such that:

- 1. Employees shall submit requests in writing to use earned benefit time.
- When a request is approved, the department agrees to not change the type of leave requested.
- 3. The department will ensure that any deductions from the requested benefit bank are accurately withdrawn, i.e. A.T.O.'s, Sick Leave, Vacation, etc.

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### **LETTER OF INTENT #2**

# **SUBJECT: Scheduling of Overtime, Corrections Component**

The Employer agrees to meet with the union in each institution to discuss and agree upon the process for allocating overtime, which is fair, reasonable, and transparent and accountable, having ensured that all operational requirements are met.

The process shall be reviewed annually by the parties.

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# **LETTER OF INTENT-#3**

# SUBJECT: Corrections Component Sub-Agreement – Casual Employees

This will confirm the agreement reached at the Corrections Component Sub-Agreement meeting of December 9, 1987.

Effective January 2, 1988 the Department of Community Services shall no longer hire employees and categorize them as casual employees. Employees presently employed and categorized as casual shall be categorized as part-time term effective January 2, 1988.

This categorization of employees from casual to part-time term shall not be construed in any manner as providing any guaranteed hours of work to the said employees.

Employees categorized as part-time term shall be eligible for benefits in accordance with Appendix C – Application of Benefits to Part-Time Employees.

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# **HEALTH COMPONENT**

# **APPLICATION**

1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule exclusively.

# **HOURS OF WORK**

- 2:01 All employees shall come within one of the following hours of work categories:
  - (a) thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per week;
  - (b) forty (40) hours per week.
  - (c) thirty-eight and three-quarter (38¾) hours per week
- 2:02 All classifications in the Health Component come within hours of work Category (B) (40 hours per week) with the exception of the following classifications which come within hours of work Category (A) (36¼ hours per week):

Behaviour Counsellors Pharmacists

Dentist 3 Pharmacy Technician
Medical Equipment Technicians Physiotherapists
Occupational Therapists Psychologists

or Category (C) (38¾ hours per week)

Chief Flight Nurse
Licensed Practical Nurse
Nurse 1, 2, 3

Nurse Graduate
Nurse Practitioner
Northern Nurse 1, 2, 3

# 2:03 Category (A)

Employees coming within Category (A) of Section :01 shall work a regular work day of seven and one-quarter (7½) consecutive hours and a regular work week of thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours exclusive of lunch periods. Normal office hours shall be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, inclusive; but where it is necessary to provide service to the public on Saturday, sufficient staff for that purpose shall be maintained on Saturday at the discretion of the employing authority.

# 2:04 **Category (B)**

Employees coming within Category (B) of Section :01 shall work a regular work day of eight (8) consecutive hours exclusive of meal periods and a regular work week of forty (40) hours. Such meal periods shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes in duration, however, where it is mutually agreed between the supervisor and the employee, such meal periods shall not exceed one (1) hour in duration.

# 2:05 **Category (C)**

Employees coming within Category (C) of Section :01 shall work a regular work day of seven and three-quarter (7¾) consecutive hours exclusive of meal periods and a regular work week of thirty-eight and three-quarter (38¾) hours. Such meal periods shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes in duration, however, where it is mutually agreed between the supervisor and the employee, such meal periods shall not exceed one (1) hour in duration.

- 2:06 Where an employee is designated to be on duty to supervise residents during the employee's meal period, such time shall form part of the employee's work day.
- 2:07 Any variations to a work day or work week other than those described in Sections :03, :04 and :05 shall only be instituted by mutual consent of both of the parties hereto.
- 2:08 Employees shall be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day, at such time as may be specified by the head of the department.
- 2:09 Days of rest shall be scheduled on a consecutive basis except where operational requirements do not permit.
- 2:10 The parties agree to the following terms and conditions with respect to the changing of a regularly scheduled employee's posted shift by the employer at Provincial Mental Health Centres:
  - (a) where changes are necessary in a regularly scheduled posted shift, an employee who is affected by such change shall be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The foregoing, however, shall not apply to instances of personnel replacement due to sick leave, nor to emergency situations beyond the control of the employer;
  - (b) should an employee not receive at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of a change of a regularly scheduled posted shift except as provided in (a) above, then such affected employee shall be paid at time and one-half (1½x) for all hours worked for the first shift which varies from the posted schedule.
- 2:11 The following provisions will apply to full-time shift employees at Selkirk Mental Health Centre and the Manitoba Developmental Centre:
  - (a) shift schedules shall be posted two (2) weeks in advance. The posted schedule shall cover a minimum period of two (2) weeks;
  - (b) except in emergency situations, there shall be no changes to the shift schedule once it has been posted without the agreement of the employee and the supervisor or manager;
  - (c) employees will be entitled to one weekend, i.e. Saturday and Sunday, off in every three (3) weekends. It is acknowledged that for some shift schedules this requirement may be met by averaging two (2) weekends off over six (6) weeks;
  - (d) the provisions of Section 26:07 of the Agreement for banking accumulated compensatory leave in respect of Holidays do not apply. The following shall apply instead:
    - Subject to Article 61 Overtime and Compensatory Leave, employees shall be entitled to maintain a bank of up to five (5) days of accumulated compensatory leave earned through the holiday and overtime provisions of the Agreement. Such leave shall be taken at a mutually agreeable time. Except with the approval of the employing authority, such accumulated compensatory leave must be taken or paid out before the end of the fiscal year.
- 2:12 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to initiate such exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.
- 2:13 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives his/her regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has no banked time, his/her regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.

### **OVERTIME**

- 3:01 For the purpose of this Agreement, "**overtime**" shall mean:
  - (a) in the case of a full time employee, authorized time worked in excess of the employee's regular work day or regular work week;
  - (b) in the case of a part-time employee, all authorized time worked in excess of seven and one quarter (7½) or eight (8) or seven and three-quarter (7¾) hours in a day or thirty-six and one-quarter (36¼) or forty (40) hours or thirty-eight and three-quarters (38¾) in a week.
- 3:02 A supervisor authorized to do so, may require an employee under the supervisor's authority to work overtime. Except in emergency situations, a supervisor shall endeavour to assign overtime work as fairly as possible amongst those employees qualified to perform the work.
- 3:03 The sections of this Component dealing with compensation for overtime shall apply to those employees who are in the following classifications:

Activities Instructor 1, 2, 3, 4
Behaviour Counsellor
Chief Flight Nurse
Institutional Supervisor 1, 2, 3
Laboratory Assistant 1, 2
Licensed Practical Nurse
Medical Equipment Technician 1, 2, 3
Psychiatric Nursing Assistant 1, 2
Psychologist 1

Nurse Graduate
Nurse Practitioner
Nursing Attendant 2
Occupational Therapist 1, 2
Pharmacy Technician
Physiotherapist 1, 2
Medical Examiner Investigator
Medical Technologist 1, 2, 3, and 4
Nurse 1, 2, 3

- 3:04 An employee who works overtime on the employee's regular work day shall be compensated at time and one-half (1½x) for all such time worked.
- 3:05 An employee who works a day of rest shall be compensated at double time (2x) for all time worked on that day.
- 3:06 An employee, if called out or scheduled to work overtime shall receive for the work, compensation for a minimum of three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's regular work day. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 3:07 At the employee's option, overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all time worked at the applicable overtime rate or by granting the employee the equivalent time off in lieu of payment.
- 3:08 (a) Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu of overtime payment, such time off shall be granted at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and a supervisor authorized to grant such time off within ninety (90) calendar days following the end of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked. Such mutual agreement between the employee and the authorized supervisor shall not be unreasonably withheld.
  - (b) Where an employee grieves the unreasonable withholding of mutual agreement with respect to Subsection :08 (a), the employee may file such grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure. No payment for the overtime period in question shall be made pending disposition of the grievance.
- 3:09 Where mutual agreement has not been reached within this ninety (90) calendar day period, the employee shall receive payment and such payment shall be made at the rate of pay in effect for the employee at the time when the overtime was worked.
- 3:10 Overtime shall be paid at the appropriate step within the employee's pay range attached to the employee's classification excluding any extra qualification payments.

3:11 Where an employee is required, as a general condition of employment to take a course upgrading the employee's qualifications, and where successful completion of such a course qualifies the employee for additional pay if, due to the existing shift schedule, the employee is required to attend classes on the employee's day(s) of rest, the employee may be compensated for such days through time off at straight time.

# **COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

- 4:01 Where an employee not eligible for premium overtime as set out in this Component has been designated by an authorized supervisory official to work overtime, such employee shall accumulate compensatory leave at the rate of one (1) hour for each hour worked.
- 4:02 Where an employee referred to in Section :01 above is called out or scheduled to work overtime, the employee shall receive for the work a minimum of three (3) hours compensatory leave provided that the period of overtime worked is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 4:03 At the option of the employing authority, accumulated compensatory leave shall be granted on the basis of either:
  - (a) equivalent time off without loss of pay; or
  - (b) payment at straight time rates.
- 4:04 Time off under Subsection :03(a) shall be at a time agreed to by the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 4:05 Where arrangements under Section :03 are not made within one (1) year from the start of the biweekly pay period in which the overtime was worked, the employee shall receive payment at straight time hourly rates based on the rate of pay at which the employee was being compensated when the overtime was worked.

### **QUALIFICATION PAY**

- 5:01 Nurses are eligible for additional qualification pay as follows:
  - (a) Nurses who are both a Registered Psychiatric Nurse and a Registered Nurse fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month (\$23.00 bi-weekly);
  - (b) Nurses holding a Bachelor of Nursing Science Degree sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per month (\$29.90 bi-weekly).
- 5:02 Graduates holding a diploma in Psychiatric or General Nursing from an approved School of Nursing and who are eligible to attempt examinations for registration within the Province of Manitoba, are eligible to be placed as "Graduate Nurse". Persons in this classification may be employed on a term basis for a period not exceeding one (1) year during which period as a condition of employment the employee must pass the required examinations and attain registration in order to become a regular civil servant.
- 5:03 A Licensed Practical Nurse holding a "Conditional License" in the Province of Manitoba may be employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the minimum step of the range and may only be eligible for the first step within the applicable pay range when fully qualified as a "Licensed Practical Nurse". A Practical Nurse licensed as a fully qualified "Licensed Practical Nurse" in the Province of Manitoba may be employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the first step within the applicable pay range.
- 5:04 Provided that the following academic qualifications are required and/or used on the job in the Medical Technologist 1 classification, the employing authority shall pay to any such employee the following extra monthly allowance for the said qualifications:
  - (a) A.R.T. or A.C. one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month (\$46.00 bi-weekly);
  - (b) B.Sc. and R.T. one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month (\$46.00 bi-weekly);

- (c) C.L.M.L.S. or F.C.A.M.R.T. one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) per month (\$55.20 biweekly);
- (d) B.Sc. and A.R.T. or B.Sc. and A.C. one hundred and forty-five dollars (\$145.00) per month (\$66.70 bi-weekly);
- (e) B.Sc. and C.L.M.L.S. or B.Sc. and F.C.A.M.R.T. one hundred and sixty seven dollars and fifty cents (\$167.50) per month (\$77.05 bi-weekly).

An employee employed in the Medical Technologist 2, 3 and 4 classifications shall be paid the above academic allowance if the employee possesses such academic qualifications regardless of whether or not they are required or used on the job.

- 5:05 Academic allowances payable as described in Section :04 shall be non-cumulative, that is the highest eligible allowance shall be paid to an employee so qualified.
- 5:06 Medical Technologists 1, 2, 3 and 4 who have successfully completed the Cardiology Technologists Association examination and who are registered and in good standing with the aforesaid Association shall receive an additional thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per month (\$16.10 bi-weekly) provided that such Medical Technologists are required to perform cardiographic examinations.
- 5:07 Veterinarians in the Veterinary Medical Officer series possessing a certificate of successful completion of specialty board examination, and who maintain current membership in the registry of that specialty (Canadian or American), and who provide proof of same to the employer, in addition to any salary set out in the salary schedule attached to this Component, shall receive one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per year (\$57.50 bi-weekly) above the regular pay set out for the level of classification in which the employee is presently classified. (Eligible specialties are those recognized by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and American Veterinary Medical Association which have qualifying examinations).

# **CAMP ALLOWANCE**

- 6:01 An employee who is employed at a camp operated by a Mental Health Centre shall receive for each scheduled twenty-four (24) hour period or portion thereof:
  - (a) a camp allowance of twelve dollars (\$12.00);
  - (b) seven (7) hours compensatory leave at straight time to be taken in accordance with Article 3 of this Component. This compensatory leave shall be for all time worked in excess of the employee's regular daily hours and shall be in lieu of daily overtime, stand-by, call out, or shift premium.
- 6:02 An employee required to be at a Mental Health Camp during the normal meal period shall be provided with a meal free of charge.

### **RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE**

- 7:01 An employee designated to perform the supervisory responsibilities of a Nurse 2 or a Coordinator in a Residential Area ("Coordinator") at the Manitoba Developmental Centre or at Selkirk Mental Health Centre shall be entitled to a Responsibility Allowance of six dollars and forty-four cents (\$6.44) per shift, effective first day of the bi-weekly pay period following date of signing of this agreement.
- 7:02 The Responsibility Allowance shall only be applicable where:
  - (a) no Nurse 2 or Coordinator is scheduled to work; or the Nurse 2 or Coordinator who is scheduled to work; or the Nurse 2 or Coordinator who is scheduled to work is absent for a complete shift; and
  - (b) the supervisory responsibilities of the Nurse 2 or Coordinator are performed by the employee for a complete shift.
- 7:03 An employee who receives the Responsibility Allowance shall not be eligible to receive acting status pay as described in Article 67 Acting Status in the Master Agreement.

- 7:04 The employer, in designating employees to perform the supervisory responsibilities of a Nurse 2 or Coordinator, shall provide preference to employees who were formerly classified as Assistant Charge Nurse (Nurse 2).
- 7:05 An employee may grieve the administration of this Article up to and including Step 2 of the grievance procedure. The decision at Step 2 shall be final for such grievances.

# **PAYMENT OF MONIES**

8:01 Monies owed to employees for overtime, call-back, stand-by, and camp pay shall be calculated and paid as expeditiously as possible.

# **JOINT CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**

- 9:01 A Joint Consultation Committee will be established and maintained in each of the permanent mental health facilities, and Provincial Laboratory and Imaging Services. Each Committee shall consist of no more than three (3) representatives of the government and three (3) representatives of the Union. Except by mutual agreement, this Committee shall meet once each month for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual concern, and which either party considers appropriate for discussion by the Committee.
- 9:02 The Committee may make recommendations to the Union and the government with respect to its discussion and conclusions, but it shall not have jurisdiction over wages, or any matter of collective bargaining including the administration of the Master Agreement or this Component. The Committee shall not supersede the activities of any Committee of the Union or of the government and it does not have the power to bind either the Union or its members or the government to its decisions or conclusions.

# **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

- 10:01 The parties recognize the desirability of ongoing staff development.
- 10:02 Educational leave policy shall be as set forth from time to time in policy. Revisions to education leave policy shall occur with thirty (30) days' written notice to the Union.

#### **MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS** SUBJECT:

The parties agree that Medical Technologists who are part of the Health Component Bargaining Unit shall receive the general pay increases as agreed to in the Government Employees' Master Agreement.

The parties further agree that within one (1) month of the Medical Technologists salaries in the health field becoming known as a result of collective agreement negotiations, the parties will jointly determine the rates of pay and qualification pay for Medical Technologists in the Health Component based upon the following criteria:

- (a) equity in the hourly rates of pay and qualification pay between the two groups, i.e. Medical Technologists in the health field and Medical Technologists in the Health Component Agreement;
- (b) comparable positions with comparable qualifications and comparable responsibilities between the two (2) groups.

It is agreed that either party may refer any difference arising from the implementation of this Memorandum to a mutually agreed mediator who shall mediate the difference between the parties.

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# SUBJECT: NURSES

The parties agree that the following classifications in the Health Component of the MGEU bargaining Unit shall not receive the general pay increases as agreed to in the Government Employees' Master Agreement:

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Chief Flight Nurse (CFN) Nurse Practitioner (NP) Graduate Nurse (NIL) Nurse 1-3 (NN1- NN3) Northern Nurse 1-3 (NF1- NF3)

The parties further agree that following ratification of the corresponding salaries in the Collective Agreement with the MNU and the Regional Health Authorities, the Employer will provide the Union with the rates of pay applicable for the above listed classifications in the Health Component based upon the following criteria:

- (a) equity in the annual rates of pay between the MNU classifications with the Regional Health Authorities and the above listed classifications in the Health Component Agreement;
- (b) comparable positions with comparable qualifications and comparable responsibilities between the two (2) groups as was applicable in the 2010 2014 Collective Agreement between the Employer and the Union;
- (c) where there is/are no comparable positions externally, maintenance of existing salary relationships with respect to the above listed classifications within the current Collective Agreement between the parties:
- (d) any other monetary improvements in the Collective Agreement with the MNU will be reviewed and negotiated by the parties to determine applicability.

It is agreed that either party may refer any difference arising from the implementation of this Memorandum to a mutually agreed mediator/arbitrator who shall mediate the difference between the parties. If the parties cannot arrive at an agreement the mediator shall act as sole arbitrator to determine the matter.

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# LEGAL, INSPECTION AND REGULATORY COMPONENT

# **APPLICATION**

1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule exclusively.

# **HOURS OF WORK**

- 2:01 With the exception of those listed in Section :05, the hours of work for all employees covered by this Component shall be:
  - (a) thirty-six and one-quarter (361/4) hours per week; or
  - (b) forty (40) hours per week.
- 2:02 All employees within this Component shall come within Category (A) except those employees in the following classes who shall be categorized as Category (B) employees:

Resource Officers
Inspector Mechanical, Codes and Standards
Safety Health Officers
Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers

An employee in a classification identified as Category (B) may, if required to perform duties in an office, work seven and one-quarter (7½) hours per day, thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per week while the employee is assigned to the office. For purposes of overtime determination, normal hours of work for such an employee shall be as specified in Section :04.

- 2:03 Employees whose hours of work are Category (A) of Section :01 shall work seven and one-quarter (7½) consecutive hours per work day exclusive of meal periods and thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per week. Normal office hours shall be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, inclusive, but where it is necessary to provide service to the public on Saturday, sufficient staff for that purpose shall be maintained on Saturday at the discretion of the employing authority.
- 2:04 Employees whose hours of work are Category (B) of Section :01 shall work eight (8) consecutive hours per work day exclusive of meal periods and forty (40) hours in each week, except as otherwise provided in Section :05.
- 2:05 Resource Officers may be required to work ten (10) days in each two (2) week period excepting where a statutory holiday occurs on one (1) of the ten (10) working days.
- 2:06 Where the nature of the work, the exigencies of the service or existing regulations are such that it is not possible to observe the hours prescribed in Section :03, the employing authority, with the approval of Treasury Board Secretariat, may set different hours of work.
- 2:07 Any variations to a work day or work week other than those described in Sections :03, :04, and :05 shall only be instituted with the mutual consent of the parties hereto.
- 2:08 Employees will be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day, at such times as may be specified by the head of the department.
- 2:09 The hours of work established for Resource Officers are a basis for computing overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work.
- 2:10 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to initiate such

exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.

2:11 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives his/her regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has no banked time, his/her regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.

- 2:12 Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers (MC1, MC2, MC3) shall work eight (8) consecutive hours per work day inclusive of meal periods and forty (40) hours in each week.
- 2:13 Sheriffs/Sheriff Officers to be eligible to claim breakfast when they are scheduled to travel or start work at or before 7:30 AM.

# **OVERTIME**

- 3:01 An employing authority or other supervisory official authorized to do so by the employing authority may require employees under his or her authority to work overtime. Except in emergency situations and for emergency operations, an employing authority or other supervisory official shall endeavour to assign overtime work as fairly as possible amongst those employees qualified to perform the work.
- 3:02 The sections within this Component dealing with compensation for overtime shall apply only to those employees who are in the following classifications:

Apprenticeship Training Coordinator Assessment Officer 1, 2, 3, 4 Assistant District Registrar Assistant Fire Commissioner 1, 2, 3 Clerk of Court 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Compliance Officer 1, 2, 3 Consumer Services Officer 1, 2 Court Communicator 1, 2 Court Reporter 1, 2, 3 Court Usher Dairy Inspector 1, 2, 3 Document Examiner Employment Standards Officer 1, 2, 3 Estates Officer 1, 2, 3, 4 Human Rights Officer 1, 2 Inspector Mechanical, Codes and Standards Land Titles Clerk 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Mines Inspector 1, 2, 3 Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer 1, 2, 3 Resource Officer 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Property Appraiser 1, 2, 3 Reviewing Officer 1, 2, 3, 4 Safety and Health Officer 1, 2, 3, 4 Sheriff 1, 2, 3 Sheriff's Officer 1, 2, 3, 4 Survey Examiner 1, 2, 3, 4

- 3:03 An employee who is required to work overtime on a regular work day is entitled to compensation at time and one-half (1½x) for all overtime worked. Daily overtime will be paid after:
  - (a) seven and one-quarter (7½) hours per day for employees whose hours of work are thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours/week;
  - (b) eight (8) hours per day for employees whose hours of work are forty (40) hours/week.
- 3:04 An employee who is required to work on the employee's day of rest is entitled to compensation at double time (2x) for all time worked with a minimum payment for three (3) hours overtime.
- 3:05 Resource Officers whose hours of work are determined in Section 2:05, are eligible for overtime on a daily basis after eight (8) hours of work and on a non-scheduled working day in accordance with the following: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th day of rest double time (2x). In order to qualify for the premium rates on a non-scheduled working day, an employee must have received pay for all or part of each of the ten (10) preceding regular working days. Such pay to include sick leave or

- statutory holiday pay where applicable.
- 3:06 At the employee's option, overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all time worked at the applicable overtime rate or by granting the employee the equivalent time off in lieu of payment.
- 3:07 Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu of payment for overtime, arrangements in respect thereof shall be completed to the mutual agreement of the employee and the authorized supervisor within sixty (60) calendar days following the end of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked. Where mutual agreement has not been reached within the sixty (60) calendar day period, the employee shall receive payment. When payment is made, it shall be at the rate of pay in effect for the employee at the time when the overtime was worked.
- 3:08 Overtime shall be paid at the appropriate step within the pay range attached to a classification excluding any extra qualification payments.
- 3:09 An employee entitled to overtime compensation, if called out or scheduled to work additional hours, shall receive for the work, a minimum payment equivalent to three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 3:10 Where an employee is required, as a general condition of employment to take a course upgrading the employee's qualifications, and where successful completion of such a course qualifies the employee for additional pay if, due to the existing shift schedule, the employee is required to attend classes during the employee's scheduled days off, the employee may be compensated for such days through compensatory leave at straight time rates.
- 3:11 Overtime monies shall be paid to employees as expeditiously as possible.
- 3:12 In order to qualify for the premium rate on the employee's day of rest, as set out in Section :04, Resource Officers must have received pay for all or part of each of the five (5) preceding regular working days. Such pay to include sick leave or statutory holiday pay, where applicable.

### **COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

- 4:01 Where an employee, not eligible for premium overtime as set out in this Component has been designated by an authorized supervisory official to work overtime, the employee shall accumulate compensatory leave at the rate of one (1) hour for each hour worked.
- 4:02 By mutual agreement between the employee and the employing authority or other authorized supervisory official, accumulated compensatory leave shall be granted on the basis of either:
  - (a) equivalent time off without loss of pay; or
  - (b) payment at straight time hourly rates.
- 4:03 Time off under Subsection :02(a) shall be at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the authorized supervisory official.
- 4:04 Where arrangements under Section :02 are not made within sixty (60) calendar days from the start of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked, the employee shall receive payment at straight time hourly rates based on the rate of pay at which the employee was being compensated when the overtime was worked.
- 4:05 Where an employee referred to in Section :01 is called out or scheduled to work overtime, the employee shall receive for the work a minimum of three (3) hours compensatory leave provided that the period of overtime worked is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.

# **CLASS 4 LICENSES**

5:01 Where an employee is required to obtain and maintain a Class 4 driver's licence as a condition of employment, the cost of the medical report required to obtain and maintain the licence shall be paid by the department. This provision will not apply to newly hired employees but will apply when they are required to renew such licenses.

# **QUALIFICATION PAY**

- 6:01 Employees shall be granted, in addition to their normal salary, a premium of two dollars (\$2.00)/hour for actual hours worked while actively engaged in wildfire suppression as authorized by the Employer.
- 6:02 Resource Officers shall be granted, in addition to their normal salary, a premium of two dollars (\$2.00)/hour for actual hours worked while actively engaged in conducting certified firearm training as authorized by the Employer.
- 6:03 Effective March 25, 2023, Resource Officers, who are assigned by the employer the responsibility to carry a firearm, shall be granted, in addition to their normal salary, forty-six dollars (\$46.00) biweekly.

# PHYSICAL SCIENCES COMPONENT

# **APPLICATION**

1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule exclusively.

# **HOURS OF WORK**

- 2:01 The hours of work for all employees covered by this Component shall be:
  - (a) thirty-six and one-quarter (361/4) hours per week; or
  - (b) forty (40) hours per week.
- 2:02 All employees in the Physical Sciences Component come within hours of work Category (A) (361/2 hours per week) with the exception of employees in the following classifications who come within hours of work Category (B) (40 hours per week):

Agricultural Technologists
Agrologists

Biologists

**Engineering Aids** 

Foresters

Geologists

Hatchery Superintendent Resource Technicians

Surveyors

Resource Management Assistants Technical Engineering Officer 1, 2, 3

An employee in a classification listed as Category (B) shall, if required to perform duties in an office, work seven and one-quarter (7½) hours per day, thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per week while the employee is assigned to the office. For purposes of overtime determination, normal hours of work for such employee shall be as specified in Section :04.

- 2:03 Employees whose hours of work are Category (A) of Section :01 shall work seven and one-quarter (7½) consecutive hours per work day and thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per week exclusive of lunch periods. Normal office hours shall be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, inclusive; but where it is necessary to provide service to the public on Saturday, sufficient staff for that purpose shall be maintained on Saturday at the discretion of the employing authority.
- 2:04 Employees whose hours of work are Category (B) of Section :01 shall work eight (8) consecutive hours in each work day exclusive of lunch periods and forty (40) hours in each week.
- 2:05 Resource Management Assistants may be required to work ten (10) days in each two (2) week period excepting where a statutory holiday occurs on one (1) of the ten (10) working days.
- 2:06 Where the nature of the work, the exigencies of the service or existing regulations are such that is not possible to observe the hours prescribed in Section :03, the employing authority with the approval of Treasury Board Secretariat may set different hours of work.
- 2:07 Employees will be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day, at such time as may be specified by the head of the department.
- 2:08 Any variations to a work day or work week, other than those described in this Article shall only be instituted with the mutual consent of the parties to this Component.
- 2:09 The hours of work established for Resource Management Assistants are a basis for computing overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work.
- 2:10 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to

initiate such exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.

2:11 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives his/her regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has no banked time, his/her regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.

# **OVERTIME**

3:01 The sections within this Article dealing with compensation for overtime shall apply only to those employees who are in the following classifications:

> Agricultural Technologist 1, 2, 3, 4 Agrologist 1, 2

Architect 1 Biologist 1

Chemist 1 Drafting Technician 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Engineering Aid 1, 2, 3, 4 Environmental Officer 1, 2, 3, 4

Forester 1 Geologist 1

Hatchery Superintendent

Industrial Hygienists 1, 2

Interior Designer

Laboratory Technician 1, 2, 3

Park Planner 1

Planning Assistant 1, 2 Resource Planner 1

Resource Technician 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Surveyor 1

Resource Management Assistant 1, 2, 3, 4

Technical Engineering Officer 1, 2

- 3:02 An employing authority or other supervisory official authorized to do so by the employing authority may require employees under his or her authority to work overtime.
- 3:03 An employee who is required to work overtime on a regular work day is entitled to compensation at time and one-half (11/2x) for all overtime worked. Daily overtime will be paid after:
  - (a) seven and one-quarter (71/4) hours per day for employees whose hours of work are thirty-six and one-quarter (361/4) hours/week;
  - (b) eight (8) hours per day for employees whose hours of work are forty (40) hours/week.
- 3:04 An employee who is required to work on the employee's day of rest is entitled to compensation at double time (2x) for all time worked.
- 3:05 An employee, if called out or scheduled to work overtime shall receive for the work, compensation for a minimum of three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 3:06 Resource Management Assistants whose hours of work are determined in Section 2:05, are eligible for overtime on a daily basis after eight (8) hours of work and on a non-scheduled working day in accordance with the following: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th day of rest - double time (2x). In order to qualify for the premium rates on a non-scheduled working day, an employee must have received pay for all or part of each of the ten (10) preceding regular working days. Such pay to include sick leave or statutory holiday pay where applicable.
- 3:07 At the employee's option, overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all time worked at the applicable overtime rate or by granting the employee the equivalent time off in lieu of payment.
- 3:08 Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu of overtime payment, arrangements in

- respect thereof shall be completed to the mutual satisfaction of the employee and the employing authority or other authorized supervisory official within sixty (60) calendar days following the end of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked.
- 3:09 Where mutual agreement has not been reached within this sixty (60) calendar day period, the employee shall receive payment and such payment shall be made at the rate of pay in effect for the employee at the time when the overtime was worked.
- 3:10 In order to qualify for the premium rate on the employee's day of rest, as set out in Section :04, Resource Management Assistants must have received pay for all or part of each of the five (5) preceding regular working days. Such pay to include sick leave or statutory holiday pay, where applicable.

# **COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

- 4:01 Where an employee not eligible for premium overtime as set out in this Component has been designated by an authorized supervisory official to work overtime, the employee shall accumulate compensatory leave at the rate of one (1) hour for each hour worked.
- 4:02 Accumulated compensatory leave shall be granted on the basis of either:
  - (a) equivalent time off without loss of pay; or
  - (b) payment at straight time hourly rates.
- 4:03 Such time off under Subsection :02(a) shall be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 4:04 Where arrangements under Section :02 are not made within sixty (60) days from the start of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked, the employee shall receive payment at straight time hourly rates based on the rate of pay at which the employee was being compensated when the overtime was worked.
- 4:05 Where an employee referred to in Section :01 above is called out or scheduled to work overtime, such employee shall receive for the work a minimum of three (3) hours compensatory leave provided that the period of overtime worked is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.

# **QUALIFICATION PAY**

- 5:01 Employees who are designated to dynamite, and/or operate barges for rescue operations and/or clear debris from bridge areas during emergency flood situations will receive a premium of one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour of actual time worked in these areas.
- 5:02 Provided that the Certificate in Public Health Inspection (C) academic qualification is required by the Employer to be used on the j`ob in any of the Environment Officer classifications, the employing authority shall pay to an employee possessing this certificate the following bi-weekly qualification pay:

	EO2	EO3	EO4	EO5
Effective March 30, 2019				
paid bi-weekly	317.02	344.34	351.99	371.18
Effective March 28, 2020				
paid bi-weekly	317.80	345.25	352.95	372.22
Effective March 27, 2021				
paid bi-weekly	320.41	348.34	356.12	375.74
Effective March 26, 2022				
paid bi-weekly	323.63	352.12	360.08	380.09

- 5:03 Resource Technicians shall be granted, in addition to their normal salary, a premium of two dollars (\$2.00)/hour for actual hours worked while actively engaged in wildfire suppression as authorized by the Employer.
  - Effective March 25, 2023, the Forester has been added to article 5:03.
- 5:04 Provided that successful completion of both the California State University 'Water Treatment Plant Field Study Program (Volumes 1 and 2)' and the 'Association of the Board of Certification's (ABC) Level II Water Treatment exam' is required by the Employer to be used on the job in any of the Environmental Officer classifications, the employing authority shall pay to an employee who has successfully completed all the requirements the following bi-weekly qualification pay:

One-hundred and thirty-six dollars and seventeen cents (\$136.17) bi-weekly.

# SOCIAL SCIENCES COMPONENT

### **APPLICATION**

- 1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule exclusively.
- 1:02 All classifications listed in the salary schedule which were formerly a part of the Education Component are identified with an asterisk (\*).

# **INTERPRETATION**

- 2:01 In this Component, the following definitions shall apply:
  - (a) "Teachers of the Deaf" means employees of the School for the Deaf who are required to perform designated instructional assignments (including examination periods) with a class as determined by the Principal;
  - (b) "Teachers Institutional" means employees of the Departments of Health, Family Services, Justice or Education who are required to perform instructional assignments in a provincial institution.

# **HOURS OF WORK**

- 3:01 All employees within this Component shall come within one (1) of the following categories of hours of work:
  - (a) thirty-six and one-quarter (361/4) hours of work, Category (A);
  - (b) thirty-six and one-quarter (361/4) hours of work, Category (B);
  - (c) Instructional, Category (C).
- 3:02 The applicable hours of work Category (A, B or C) shall be indicated in Appendix "A" Hours of Work Schedule.
- 3:03 Category (A) employees shall work seven and one-quarter (7½) consecutive hours per work day exclusive of meal periods and thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per week. Normal office hours shall be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, inclusive; but where it is necessary to provide service to the public on Saturday, sufficient staff for that purpose shall be maintained on Saturday at the discretion of the employing authority.
- 3:04 Category (B) employees shall work seven and one-quarter (7½) consecutive hours per day exclusive of lunch periods, and thirty-six and one-quarter (36½) hours per week.
- 3:05 Category (C) employees are expected to perform the related professional responsibilities of preparation, evaluation, assessment, supervision, consultation and vocational guidance connected with their instructional function. Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional will work daily hours similar to teachers employed in the Public Schools in the Province.
- 3:06 The academic year for Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional shall be the period September 1 to August 31. During this period, assigned instructional responsibilities with a class (including examination periods) for Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional shall not exceed two hundred and ten (210) working days.
- 3:07 Where the nature of the work, the exigencies of the service or existing regulations are such that it is not possible to observe the hours prescribed in Section :03, the employing authority with the approval of Treasury Board Secretariat may set different hours of work.
- 3:08 Any variations to a work day or work week other than those described in this Article shall only be instituted with the mutual consent of the parties.
- 3:09 Employees will be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day, at such time

- as may be specified by the head of the department.
- 3:10 For classifications formerly in the Education Component, the number of daily and weekly hours as described in Section :03 may only be varied by mutual consent of the parties hereto.
- 3:11 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to initiate such exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.
- 3:12 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives his/her regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has no banked time, his/her regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.

# **OVERTIME**

- 4:01 This Article shall apply only to those employees who are in a classification listed in Appendix "B" Overtime Schedule.
- 4:02 An employing authority or other supervisory official authorized to do so by the employing authority may require employees under his or her authority to work overtime.
- 4:03 An employee who is required to work overtime on a regular work day is entitled to compensation at time and one-half (1½x) for all overtime worked. Daily overtime will be paid after:
  - (a) seven and one-quarter (7½) hours per day for employees indicated as Category (A);
  - (b) eight (8) hours per day for employees indicated as Category (B).
- 4:04 An employee who is required to work on the employee's first day of rest is entitled to compensation at time and one-half (1½x) for the first four (4) hours of overtime on that day and double time (2x) for any hours worked thereafter. Employees in classifications formerly included in the Education Component are not eligible for the double time (2x) provision.
- 4:05 An employee who is required to work on the employee's second day of rest is entitled to compensation at double time (2x) for all time worked.
- 4:06 An employee, if called out or scheduled to work overtime shall receive for the work, compensation for a minimum of three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 4:07 At the employee's option, overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all time worked at the applicable overtime rate or by granting the employee the equivalent time off in lieu of payment.
- 4:08 A Category (B) employee, upon an approved request to take a regular working day of time off from the overtime accumulation standing to the employee's credit at the time, shall receive time off at the rate of seven and one-quarter (7¼) hours from the overtime accumulation standing to the employee's credit for each such day off requested and granted.
- 4:09 Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu of payment for overtime, arrangements in respect thereof shall be completed to the mutual agreement of the employee and the authorized supervisor within sixty (60) calendar days following the end of the bi-weekly pay period in which

- the overtime was worked. Where mutual agreement has not been reached within the sixty (60) calendar day period, the employee shall receive payment. When payment is made, it shall be at the rate of pay in effect for the employee at the time when the overtime was worked.
- 4:10 All time off in lieu shall be granted at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 4:11 Where, because of the nature of the course and/or at the discretion of the employing authority, a Teacher of the Deaf or Teacher Institutional is required to instruct beyond two hundred and ten (210) working days in any one (1) academic year, such Teacher shall be granted equivalent compensatory time off in lieu, or shall be paid for such additional instructional time at the employee's normal rate of pay. Such pay shall not be subject to superannuation or group life insurance deductions, nor will vacation credits accrue.

# **COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

- 5:01 Where an employee not eligible for premium overtime has been designated by an authorized supervisory official to work overtime, such employee shall accumulate compensatory leave at the rate of one (1) hour for each hour worked. Sections :05 to :09 of this Article apply to classifications formerly in the Education Component.
- 5:02 By mutual agreement between the employee and the employing authority, accumulated compensatory leave shall be granted on the basis of either:
  - (a) equivalent time off without loss of pay; or
  - (b) payment at straight time hourly rates.
- 5:03 Time off under Subsection :02(a) shall be at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the authorized supervisory official.
- 5:04 Where arrangements under Section :02 are not made within ninety (90) days from the start of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked, the employee shall receive payment at straight time hourly rates based on the rate of pay at which the employee was being compensated when the overtime was worked.
- 5:05 Where an employee referred to in Section :01 above is called out or scheduled to work overtime, such employee shall receive for the work a minimum of three (3) hours time off with pay provided that the period of overtime worked is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 5:06 At the option of the employing authority, accumulated compensatory leave shall be granted on the basis of either:
  - (a) equivalent time off without loss of pay; or
  - (b) payment at straight time hourly rates.
- 5:07 Time off under Subsection :06(a) shall be at a time specified by the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 5:08 Where arrangements under Section :06 are not made within one (1) year from the start of the biweekly pay period in which the overtime was worked, the employee shall receive payment at straight time hourly rates based on the rate of pay at which the employee was being compensated when the overtime was worked.
- 5:09 This Article respecting compensatory leave does not apply to Teachers of the Deaf.

# INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

6:01 Each Teacher of the Deaf and Teacher Institutional shall be required to obtain a certificate in

- Special Education or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the employing authority.
- 6:02 Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional shall complete at least one (1) course toward accreditation each calendar year.
- 6:03 Except where the employee has been assigned instructional responsibilities, Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional shall complete at least one (1) course toward accreditation each summer during periods of non-instructional assignment. The employee's vacation period shall be reduced by the number of calendar days on which the course is scheduled. No employee will be put in a deficit position with respect to vacation credits as a result of taking these summer courses.
- 6:04 Subject to approval by the appropriate employing authority, Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional may complete one (1) course toward accreditation at other times in the calendar year and such progress toward accreditation shall be deemed to satisfy the intent and requirements of Section :02.
- 6:05 Subject to an employee's right to grieve, failure to make progress towards accreditation may be viewed as sufficient grounds for denial of an increment or termination of service.

# ADMINISTRATIVE - SUPERVISORY ALLOWANCE SENIOR TEACHER OF THE DEAF

7:01 Where a Teacher of the Deaf is designated to act in an administrative-supervisory capacity as the Senior Teacher of the Deaf the employee shall be paid an administrative-supervisory allowance of \$2,779 per annum (\$106.54 bi-weekly) in addition to the employee's basic salary.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 8:01 The parties recognize the desirability of ongoing staff development, the purpose of which is to improve services to meet the needs of students and the community.
- 8:02 Educational leave policies and practices shall be as set forth from time to time in policy. Revisions to education leave policy shall occur with thirty (30) days' written notice to the Union.

### **VACATION**

- 9:01 All provisions of the Master Agreement respecting vacations shall apply to all employees of this Component except for Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional.
- 9:02 For the classes listed in Section :01 all provisions of the Master Agreement respecting vacations shall apply with the exception of those specific provisions to the contrary outlined in this Article.
- 9:03 Subject to Section :07 and Section :08, the relevant sections of the Master Agreement respecting the rate of accumulation of vacation credits and long-service vacation benefits will not apply to Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional and instead their rate of accumulation of vacation credits will be determined as follows:
  - (a) Teachers of the Deaf and Teachers Institutional shall accumulate vacation credits at the rate of three and two-thirds (3 2/3) days for each full month of employment during the academic year September 1 to August 31;
  - (b) the Senior Teacher, Manitoba School for the Deaf shall accumulate vacation credits at the rate of three and five-twelfths (3 5/12) days for each full month of employment during the academic year September 1 to August 31.
- 9:04 Teachers of the Deaf shall use five (5) days of their vacation entitlement as accrued under Subsection :03(a) at a time designated by the Minister of Education as spring break.
- 9:05 Subject to the applicable provisions of the Master Agreement, vacation shall be taken by an employee during periods in which no instructional or teaching responsibilities with a class have been assigned.

- 9:06 Teachers of the Deaf, Teachers Institutional and Educational Assistants shall receive time off with pay during that period between Boxing Day and New Year's Day designated by the employing authority as Christmas break. This provision does not apply to employees who are on a leave of absence without pay.
- 9:07 Where a Teacher of the Deaf or Teacher Institutional is voluntarily transferred or promoted to a classification which does not qualify for additional vacation benefits specified in this Article the employee will be entitled to the employee's unexpended vacation credits as of the date of transfer or promotion.
- 9:08 Where a Teacher of the Deaf or Teacher Institutional resigns in a manner other than set out in Section :09, the employee's unexpended vacation credits shall be recalculated on the basis of the appropriate rate of accumulation as set out in the Master Agreement.
- 9:09 A Teacher of the Deaf or Teacher Institutional shall be paid out unexpended vacation credits based on the rate of accumulation specified in Section :03 provided the teacher:
  - (a) gives notice of resignation prior to May 31 of any year and with an effective date between the last scheduled working day in June and August 31 of that year; or
  - (b) gives notice of resignation prior to November 15 of any year and with an effective date agreeable to the teacher and the employing authority between December 15 of that year and January 15 of the next year; or
  - (c) is laid off or retires or dies; or
  - (d) has been employed on a term basis for a minimum of twenty-two (22) consecutive months and is terminated at the expiry date of the term.

# **QUALIFICATION PAY**

10:01 Effective March 25, 2022, employees shall be granted, in addition to their normal salary, a premium of two dollars (\$2.00)/hour for actual hours worked while actively engaged in wildfire suppression as authorized by the Employer.

### APPENDIX "A"

# **HOURS OF WORK SCHEDULE**

All employees shall come within Category (A) except for employees in the following classes who shall be categorized as Category (B) or Category (C) employees:

# Category (B)

Economic Security Counsellors Field Workers Health and Social Development Specialists Home Advisors Home Economists Recreation Consultants Social Services Worker 1, 2, 3, 4 Child Care Coordinators

# Category (C)

Residence Counsellor Resources Extension Officers Tourist Development Officers Tourist Marketing Officers \*Teachers of the Deaf \*Teachers Institutional

# **APPENDIX "B"**

# **OVERTIME SCHEDULE**

\*Chief Photographer
\*Consultant Visual Hearing Education 1
Economic Research Analyst 1
Educational Assistant 1, 2, 3
Field Worker 1, 2, 3
Health & Social Development Specialist 1, 2, 3, 4
Heritage Resource Officer 1, 2
Home Advisor 1, 2
Home Economist 1
Illustrator 1, 2, 3
Informational Writer 1, 2
\*Language Specialist 1
\*Librarian 1, 2

\*Library Technician 1, 2, 3

Media Technician 1, 2, 3
Photographer 1, 2
Planning & Program Analyst 1
Probation Officer 1, 2, 3
Recreation Consultant 1, 2, 3
Research Assistant 1, 2
Residence Counsellor
Resource Extension Officer 1, 2
Social Services Worker 1, 2, 3, 4
Statistical Analyst 1
\*Teacher Institutional 1, 2
Tourist Development Officer 1, 2
Tourist Marketing Officer 1, 2
Translator 1, 2, 3

\* Classifications which were formerly included in the Education Component.

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#### THE RESOURCE TEAM AT THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SUBJECT:

The Social Sciences Component provisions that apply specifically to Teachers of the Deaf shall apply also to those employees assigned to the Resource Team at the School for the Deaf, as determined by the Principal, notwithstanding any other Component Sub-Agreement within the GEMA which normally applies to the positions/classifications of those employees assigned to the Resource Team.

Original Signed by Colin Ghostkeeper On Behalf of the Manitoba

Government and General Employees' Union

March 1, 2024 Original Signed by Jenifer Galbraith On Behalf of Government of Date

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### TRADES, OPERATIONS AND SERVICES COMPONENT

# **APPLICATION**

1:01 The following shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit who are incumbents in classifications listed in the attached Component salary schedule exclusively.

# **HOURS OF WORK**

2:01 All employees within this Component shall come within Category (B), forty (40) hours per week except for those exceptions specifically identified in Section :02.

# 2:02 **Category (B)**

Employees coming within Category (B) of Section :01 shall work eight (8) consecutive hours in each work day exclusive of meal periods and forty (40) hours in each week.

The normal hours of work for shop personnel shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive but where it is necessary to provide service on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, sufficient staff for that purpose shall be maintained at the discretion of the employing authority.

Departmental employees are included in Category (B) except for the following employees in the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation:

- (a) Roving Crews (Barber Greene, Centre Line, Crusher, Seal Coat) during the period April 1 (or the start of the bi-weekly pay period which includes April 1) to October 31 (or the end of the bi-weekly pay period which includes October 31) – fifty-four (54) hours per week. With the agreement of the department and participating crew members, these dates may be extended at either end or both;
- (b) <u>District, Shop or Roving Operators (Not on Roving Crew)</u> during the period April 1 (or the start of the bi-weekly pay period which includes April 1) to October 31 (or the end of the bi-weekly pay period which includes October 31) forty-five (45) hours per week;
- (c) <u>Beat Operators (Not assigned to Maintenance Crew)</u> during the period April 1 (or the start of the bi-weekly pay period which includes April 1) to October 31 (or the end of the bi-weekly pay period which included October 31) fifty/forty (50/40) hours per week.
- 2:03 Beach Patrols, Park Attendants, Parks Works Supervisors, Fire Rangers, Hatchery Employees, and Reforestation Project Employees may be required to work ten (10) days in each two (2) week period excepting where a statutory holiday occurs on one (1) of the ten (10) working days.
- 2:04 The hours of work established for departmental employees are a basis for computing overtime and shall not be construed as a quarantee of hours of work.
- 2:05 Where the nature of the work, the exigencies of the service or existing regulations are such that it is not possible to observe the hours prescribed in Sections :02, the employing authority, with the approval of Treasury Board Secretariat, may set different hours of work.
- 2:06 Any variations to a work day or work week other than those described in Section :02 and :03 shall only be instituted with the mutual consent of both the parties hereto.
- 2:07 Employees will be entitled to two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes each per day, at such time as may be specified by the head of the department.

- 2:08 The parties agree to the following terms and conditions with respect to the changing of a regularly scheduled employee's posted shift by the employer:
  - (a) where changes are necessary in a regularly scheduled posted shift, every reasonable effort will be made to provide at least twenty-four (24) hours notice;
  - (b) except as set out in (a), where an employee does not receive at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of a change to the employee's regularly scheduled posted shift, the employee shall be paid at time and one-half (1½x) for all hours worked for the first shift which varies from the employee's posted schedule. Such payment shall apply only to the first shift which varies from the posted schedule;
  - (c) this Section does not apply to employees assigned to relief shift or changes to shift schedules due to sick leave or emergency situations.
- 2:09 When an employee initiates a request to exchange work for time off, or time off for work, such exchanges are considered to be the banking of regular time (not overtime) and are subject to the approval of the appropriate manager. Approval of these regular time exchanges shall be confirmed in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees shall not be requested to initiate such exchanges or to bank regular time in substitution for overtime as defined in the Collective Agreement.
- 2:10 Where an employee works one hour more than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time, the hour shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Where an employee works one hour less than scheduled, as a result of the change over from Central Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, an hour shall be paid from the employee's banked time in order to ensure the employee receives his/her regular bi-weekly pay. If the employee has no banked time, his/her regular bi-weekly pay shall be reduced by one hour.

# **OVERTIME**

3:01 This Article shall apply to all employees except only those employees who are incumbents in the following classifications:

Construction Supervisor 2 Pilot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

- 3:02 An employing authority or other supervisory official authorized to do so by the employing authority may require employees under his or her authority to work overtime.
- 3:03 An employee who is required to work overtime on the employee's <u>regular work day</u> is entitled to compensation at time and one-half (1½x) for all overtime worked. Daily overtime will be paid after:
  - (a) seven and one-quarter (7½) hours per day for the thirty-six and one quarter (36½) hours per week employees:
  - (b) eight (8) hours per day for the forty (40) hours per week employees;
  - (c) nine (9) hours per day for the forty-five (45) hours per week employees;
  - (d) ten (10) hours per day for the fifty/forty (50/40) hours per week employees;
  - (e) eleven (11) hours per day for the fifty-four (54) hours per week employees.
- 3:04 An employee who is required to work on a <u>day of rest</u> is entitled to compensation at double time (2x) for all time worked.
- 3:05 In order to qualify for the premium rate on the employee's day of rest, as set out in Section :04, a departmental employee must have received pay for all or part of each of the five (5) preceding regular working days. Such pay to include sick leave or statutory holiday pay, where applicable.
- 3:06 An employee whose hours of work are determined in Section 2:03 and who is required to work on the employee's day(s) of rest is entitled to compensation at double time (2x) for all time worked. In order to qualify for the above premium rates, an employee must have received pay for all or part of

- each of the ten (10) preceding regular working days. Such pay to include sick leave or statutory holiday pay where applicable.
- 3:07 An employee if called out or scheduled to work additional hours, shall receive for each call out a minimum of three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate provided that the period of overtime worked by the employee is not contiguous to the employee's scheduled working hours. A meal break shall not be regarded as affecting contiguity.
- 3:08 At the employee's option, overtime shall be compensated by paying the employee for all time worked at the applicable rate or by granting the employee applicable time off in lieu thereof.
- 3:09 Where an employee has worked overtime such employee must notify the employee's supervisor by the end of the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked if the employee is requesting time off in lieu thereof. Otherwise the department shall process overtime pay.
- 3:10 All time off in lieu thereof shall be granted at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official.
- 3:11 Where an employee has chosen to receive time off in lieu, arrangements in respect thereof shall be completed to the mutual satisfaction of the employee and the employing authority or authorized supervisory official within sixty (60) calendar days following the bi-weekly pay period in which the overtime was worked. Where mutual agreement has not been reached within this sixty (60) day period, the employee shall receive payment based on the rate at which the employee was being paid when the overtime was worked.
- 3:12 Overtime shall be paid at the appropriate step within the pay range attached to a classification excluding any extra qualification pay.

# **COMPENSATORY LEAVE**

4:01 Where under special circumstances, an employee not eligible for premium overtime as set out in this Component has been required by an authorized supervisory authority to work periods of overtime beyond the normal expectations or requirements of the position, the authorized supervisory authority shall approve time-off in lieu of overtime at the rate of one (1) hour for each hour worked.

# MAINTENANCE CREWS AND SNOWPLOW OPERATORS - STAND-BY (DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE)

- 5:01 The following conditions shall apply to Maintenance Crews and Snowplow Operators of the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation and who are placed on stand-by:
  - (a) an employee placed on stand-by, whether at the employee's home base or at some other location, will be required to reply to a telephone call from the dispatcher within thirty (30) minutes:
  - (b) employees placed on stand-by may not leave their base of operation without prior approval of their supervisor;
  - (c) employees shall not be eligible for stand-by pay if unable to comply with (a), or if away from their base of operations under (b);
  - (d) an employee will be considered to be on stand-by upon being so advised by the employee's supervisor.
- 5:02 For <u>Snowplow Operators</u>, stand-by pay will apply seven (7) days per week, as required by the Director of Operations, under the terms set out below. An Operator who is placed on stand-by and who is:
  - (a) <u>not</u> required to work shall be paid five (5) hours pay at the Operator's hourly rate normally received when on duty;
  - (b) required to work for <u>less than five (5) hours</u> on any day other than the Operator's day of rest or a statutory holiday shall receive five (5) hours pay with no payment for stand-by;

- (c) required to work for <u>five (5) hours or more</u> on any day other than the Operator's day of rest or a statutory holiday shall receive pay for all hours worked with no payment for stand-by;
- (d) required to work on a <u>day of rest or a holiday</u> shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay at double time (2x) with no payment for stand-by. For any subsequent call back, an employee will receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay with no payment for stand-by.
- 5:03 For Maintenance Crews, stand-by will apply on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays only, as required by the Director of Operations under the terms set out below. An employee on a Maintenance Crew who is placed on stand-by on any Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday and who is:
  - (a) <u>not</u> called in to work shall be paid four (4) hours pay at the employee's hourly rate normally received when on duty;
  - (b) called in to work shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours at the applicable overtime rate for each call back with no payment for stand-by.
- 5:04 The Director of Operations or designate will establish a schedule for employees who may be placed on stand-by in accordance with Section :03. The purpose of such a schedule is to indicate that if the department determines that stand-by is required on a particular Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday, the department will place such employees on stand-by in accordance with the schedule that has been established.
- 5:05 Article 61 Stand-by of the Master Agreement does not apply to employees covered by this Article.

# **QUALIFICATION PAY**

6:01 Qualified Power Engineers shall be granted a bonus in addition to their normal salary as set out in the following schedule:

(a)	Deputy Chief Power Engineer (1st Class Plant)	- \$13.00 bi-weekly
	holding 1st Class Certificate	
(b)	Deputy Chief Power Engineer	- \$10.00 bi-weekly
	(2nd Class Plant)	
	holding 2nd Class Certificate	
(c)	Deputy Chief Power Engineer (3rd Class Plant)	- \$ 8.00 bi-weekly
	holding 3rd Class Certificate	
(d)	Power Engineer (1st Class Plant)	- \$13.00 bi-weekly
	holding 1st Class Certificate	
(e)	Power Engineer (2nd Class Plant)	- \$10.00 bi-weekly
	holding 2nd Class Certificate	
(f)	Power Engineer (3rd Class Plant)	- \$ 8.00 bi-weekly
. ,	holding 3rd Class Certificate	•
(g)	Power Engineer (5th Class)	- \$ 6.50 bi-weekly
	holding 4th Class Certificate	•
(h)	Assistant Power Engineer (1st Class Plant)	- \$10.00 bi-weekly
` ,	holding 2nd Class Certificate	•
(i)	Assistant Power Engineer (2nd Class Plant)	- \$ 8.00 bi-weekly
` '	holding 3rd Class Certificate	•
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- 6:02 Employees who are designated to dynamite and/or operate barges for rescue operations and/or clear debris from bridge areas during emergency flood situations will receive a premium of one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour of actual time worked in these areas.
- 6:03 Pilots who are designated to perform water bombing duties will receive a premium of three dollars (\$3.00) for each hour of actual flying time in water bombing operations. The premium payment may be converted to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for the closest half-hour where required.
- 6:04 Qualified employees shall receive twenty-five cents (25¢) per hour Qualification Pay for each of Manitoba Government Inspection Certificates, Manitoba Ozone Industry Protection Certificates,

- Fire Alarm Certificate and Mould Removal Certificates where the certificates are required by the Employer.
- 6:05 Qualification Pay of fifteen cents (15¢) per hour will be established for employees required by the Employer to possess a Certificate in Security Services approved by the Employer.
- 6:06 Fire Rangers shall be granted, in addition to their normal salary, a premium of two dollars (\$2.00)/hour for actual hours worked while actively engaged in wildfire suppression as authorized by the Employer.
- 6:07 Employees within Manitoba Infrastructure, specifically within the division of Engineering and Operations, who have been assigned the working title of Maintenance Worker 1, Maintenance Worker 2, or Maintenance Worker 3 shall receive, in addition to their normal salary, qualification pay as follows:

Maintenance Worker 1 (classified and paid as a Labourer) - \$0.20 per hour Maintenance Worker 2 (classified and paid as an Operator 2) - \$0.25 per hour Maintenance Worker 3 (classified and paid as an Operator 4) - \$0.30 per hour

# **TOOL ALLOWANCE**

- 7:01 Employees who are required as a condition of employment to provide tools to be used in the performance of their duties will be paid a tool allowance of two hundred and sixty dollars (\$260.00) once per fiscal year upon the certification of the employing authority;
  - (a) effective April 1, 2022 increase to four hundred dollars (\$400.00);
  - (b) effective April 1, 2024 increase to five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- 7:02 In order to be eligible in any fiscal year, employees must have completed their probation period by April 1 of that fiscal year.
- 7:03 Employees in the following classes are eligible:
  - (a) Automotive Equipment Mechanics
  - (b) Aircraft Maintenance Engineers
  - (c) Mechanical Equipment Mechanics
  - (d) Mechanical Equipment Mechanic SRT
  - (e) Machinist
  - (f) Machinist SRT
  - (g) Welder
  - (h) Welder SRT

# EARLY MORNING START PROGRAM DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE

8:01 Employees who commence work between the hours of 4:00 AM and 7:00 AM are eligible to claim breakfast during the winter maintenance season.

# **CLASSIFICATION OF OPERATORS**

# **OPERATOR 1**

All-Wheel Tractors

Compressed Air and/or Electrical

Jack Hammers

Concrete Saw

Conveyor

Fairway Gang Mower

(7 Gang Hydraulic Unit)

Garbage Packer - 1 Ton

**Greens Triplex** 

(3 Gang Hydraulic Unit)

Self-Propelled Roller

Sprayer (Boom type W/P.T.O.

Behind Tractor)

Steam Generators)

Swather

Tees Triplex (3 Gang Unit-Reel Type)

Traction or Powered Broom

Triplex

# **OPERATOR 3**

Assistant Snow Plow Operator

Bombardier With Brush Cutter

Bombardier With Nose and/or Wing

Crawler With Brush Cutter

Highway Magnet

Motor Grader (Beat)

Shoulder Maintainer

Small Motor Grader

Snow Plow (Without Wings) 5 Ton

Street Sweeper

Tar Kettle (High Pressure)

Tandem Truck

Tracked Loader

Wheeled Loader 1-2 Yds.

# **OPERATOR 2**

Backhoe (Wheel Tractor)

Distributor Helper

Garbage Packer (3-5 Ton)

Hydro Seeder and Mulcher

Loader Under 1 Yd. (Wheel Tractor)

Mud Jack

Self-Propelled Trencher

Tar Kettle

Truck (3-5 Ton)

# **OPERATOR 4**

**Asphalt Mixing Plants** 

(Up to 25 Tons per Hour)

Backhoe (3/4 Yd.)

Bombardier with Brush Cutter

(Roving)

Chip Spreader

Crusher

Centre Line Marker

Diamond Drill

Dozer

Loader (Over 2 Yds.)

Loader Operator (Roving)

M.G. Operator (Roving)

Pressure Boiler and Circulating

Oil Heaters

Rotary Snow Plow

Sign Truck (Washer & Auger)

Snow Plow (With Nose & Wing)

Street Sweeper (Roving)

Tandem Tractor

Tractor (5 Ton)

**Under Bridge Crane** 

# **OPERATOR 5**

Asphalt Mixing Plants (Over 25 Tons Per Hour) Assistant Supervisor (On Seal Coat Crew)

- (1) The classification of employees is determined by the equipment operated.
- All other Operators are to be classified as Operator 1 unless otherwise approved by the Director of (2) Operations or employing authority.
- Assistant Snowplow Operator Assistant to Operator 4 on Rotary Snowplow or Snowplow (With (3)Nose and Wing)
- (4) Employees whose normal classification is Operator 4, Operator 5, or Project Works Supervisor shall be paid at the Operator 4 rate of pay while performing the duties of an Assistant Snowplow Operator. All other Assistant Snowplow Operators shall be paid at the Operator 3 rate.

# SUBJECT: PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL REPORT RE: HIGHER CLASS DRIVERS LICENSE

Employees required by the Employer to obtain a higher class driver's license and therefore required to provide a medical report to obtain or renew the license shall be reimbursed the cost of the medical report upon submission of proof of payment to the Employer.

Original Signed by Colin GhostkeeperMarch 1, 2024Original Signed by Jenifer GalbraithOn Behalf of the ManitobaDateOn Behalf of Government ofGovernment and General Employees'ManitobaUnion