

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
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**DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE EQUAL BENEFITS ORDINANCE**

Section 2 of the Equal Benefits Ordinance Compliance Form (Form OCC/EBO-1) requires that you submit supporting documentation to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration, Office of Contract Compliance to verify that all benefits marked in your response(s) are offered in a nondiscriminatory manner. This list is intended to be used only as a guide for the type of documentation needed.

**Health, Dental, Vision Insurance:** A statement from your insurance provider that spouses and domestic partners receive equal coverage in your medical plan. This may be in a letter from your insurance provider or reflected in the eligibility section of your official insurance plan document. Note that “domestic partner” includes same-sex as well as different-sex partners so that the definition of “domestic partner” contained in the plan document must include different-sex partners.

**Pension (including 401k plans):** Documentation should indicate that participating employees may designate a beneficiary to receive the amount payable upon the death of the employee.

**Bereavement Leave:** Your bereavement leave or funeral leave policy indicating the benefit is offered equally. If your policy allows employees time off from work because of the death of a spouse, it should also allow for time off because of the death of a domestic partner. If the policy allows time off for the death of a parent in-law or other relative of a spouse, it must include time off for the death of a domestic partner's equivalent relative.

**Family Leave:** Your company's Family and Medical Leave Act policy. All companies with 50 or more employees must offer this benefit. Your policy should indicate that employees may take leave because of the serious medical condition of their spouse or domestic partner.

**Parental Leave:** Your company's policy indicating that employees may take leave for the birth or adoption of a child. If leave is available for step-children (the spouse's child) then leave should also be made available for the child of a domestic partner.

**Employee Assistance Program (EAP):** The benefit typically refers to programs that allow employees and their family members access to counselors who provide short-term counseling and referrals to assist in dealing with issues such as family problems, addiction, and financial and legal difficulties. Your company's EAP policy must confirm that spouses, domestic partners and their parents and children are equally eligible (or ineligible) for such benefits. If provided through a third party, a statement from the third party provider regarding eligibility is required.

**Relocation & Travel:** Your company's policy confirming that expenses for travel or relocation will be paid on the same basis for spouses and domestic partners of employees.

**Company Discounts, Facilities & Events:** Your company's policy confirming that to the extent discounts, facilities (such as a gym) and events (such as a company holiday party) are equally available to spouses and domestic partners of employees.

**Credit Union:** Documentation from the credit union indicating that spouses and domestic partners have equal access to credit union services.

**Child Care:** Documentation that the children of spouses (step-children) and children of domestic partners have equal access to child care services.

**Other Benefits:** Documentation of any other benefits listed to indicate that they are offered equally.