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Bonding Claim: Quick Start Checklist

Before You Apply

Get Your Information

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*Before you apply for **Paid Family Leave bonding** benefits you will need your personal and employment information.*

You will need to provide a proof of your relationship to the child if you are:

- A new mother who did not have a pregnancy-related disability claim (for example, you did not receive Disability Insurance benefits for pregnancy or childbirth.
- A new father.
- Foster parent.
- Adoptive parent.

Personal information	❑ **Full name, date of birth, address, and phone number.** ❑ **Social Security number(s) that you worked under.** ❑ **Photo Identification.** ❑ **Second Identification.** **Acceptable Documents for Verification (https://edd.ca.gov/en/disability/acceptable-document-verification/)**
Employment information	❑ **Name, phone number, and mailing address shown on your W-2 for your most recent or current employer.** ❑ **Last day worked your normal hours.** ❑ **The date you returned to work (if you've returned).** ❑ **Any payments you will receive while disabled such as sick leave or vacation pay.** ❑ **If you will be taking intermittent leave, mark Yes on field A13.**

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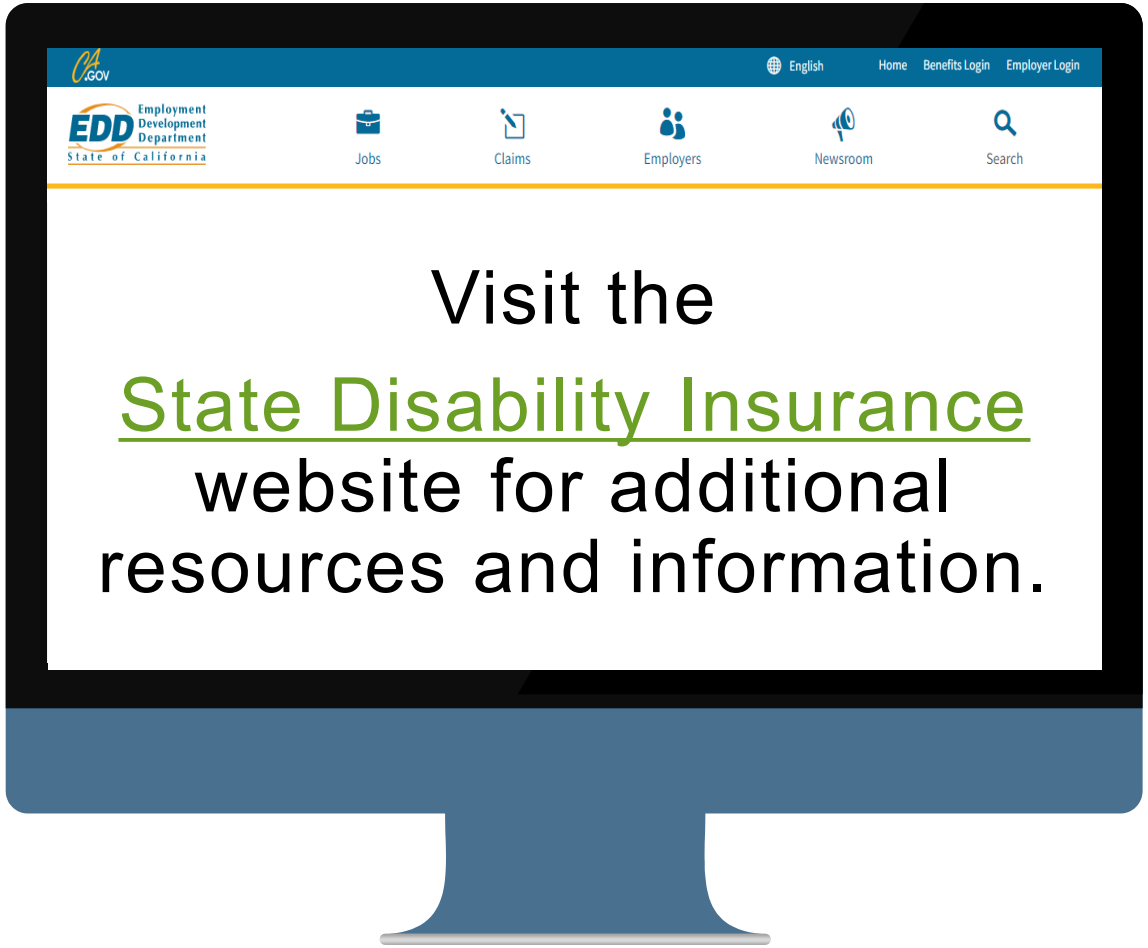
Proof of relationship documents include	❑ **Child's Birth Certificate.** ❑ **Child's Hospital Birth Certificate.** ❑ **Declaration of Paternity (CS-909).** ❑ **Agency-Foster Parents Agreement (SOC 156), page 3 only.** ❑ **Official letter from the foster care agency.** ❑ **Adoptive Placement Agreement (AD-907).** ❑ **Independent Adoption Placement Agreement (AD-924).** ❑ **Other evidence of relationship.**

Fill out the application online or by paper. Make sure you answer all applicable questions, please, no "n/a" in any of the fields and submit the form.

- Your citizenship and immigration status do not affect eligibility.
- The fastest way to apply for disability benefits is online through myEDD, which provides the quickest processing times and 24/7 access.



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