

PROFESSIONAL STAFF MILITARY LEAVE

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for military leave for professional staff.

Military leave

Employees may take military leave without loss of pay, seniority or efficiency rating for one or more periods not exceeding a total of 15 workdays in one year. Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays may not be included in this 15 days unless the Saturday, Sunday or holiday is a regularly scheduled workday for the employee.

Military leave may be taken when the employee is engaged in training or other duties ordered by the governor, the department of defense, the department of the army, the department of the air force, the department of the navy, the department of the treasury or any other department or agency of the government of the United States having authority to issue lawful orders requiring military service. This leave applies to employees who are either enlisted or commissioned members of the South Carolina National Guard, the United States Army Reserve, the United States Air Force Reserve, the United States Naval Reserve, the United States Marine Corps Reserve or the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

In the event an employee is called upon to serve during an emergency, he/she will be entitled to such leave of absence for a period not exceeding 30 additional days.

The board expects employees to request their training for a period when school is not in session.

An employee seeking leave for annual active duty training must forward a written request, including the appropriate verifying data, to the superintendent or his/her designee, no later than 30 days prior to the pre-arranged military activity.

Extended military leave

An extended military leave of absence for a member of the armed forces of the United States will be granted pursuant to federal and state law, so long as the requirements and regulations of the armed forces prevents the employee's return to civil employment.

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Legal references:

A. United States Code:

1. Title 38 U.S. Code, Chapter 43, Sections 4301-4333, Public Law 103-353 - The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act of 1994 (USERRA).

B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 8-7-20 - Requires granting of military leave, without pay, up to five years.
2. Section 8-7-90 - Requires 15 days per year of leave with pay for members of National Guard and Reserve Units of the various Armed Forces. Also grants an additional 30 days of leave with pay in emergency situations.
3. Section 25-1-2250 - Employees entitled to leave with pay when serving in National Guard.