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This document provides a snapshot of the key benefits available to you as a participating employee of Carleton University. The information given here is only a summary. Final interpretation of your benefits is governed by the terms of the official contracts.

WHAT'S COVERED

Health Plan* – CL policy #51801	
Deductible	\$25 per covered person, to a maximum of \$50 per family, annually No deductible for emergency travel, hospitalization and vision care
Drugs and medicines (legally requiring a prescription)	80% reimbursement of the cost of the generic drug with enhanced substitution. Existing prescriptions (as of January 01, 2025) that are brand name for which there are generic substitutes will continue to be covered by the plan, unless the dosage of the prescription changes, or if there is a discontinuation of the drug for any length of time, with a maximum dispensing fee of \$8 (which is payable at 100%) - Includes certain life-sustaining drugs - The provincial health plan is the first payer for prescription drugs and medicines at age 65 and older
Vision care	80% reimbursement, to a maximum of \$500 once every 24 consecutive months, with no deductible Includes prescription eye glasses, contact lenses, laser surgery and eye examinations
Out-of-Country Emergency Care and Global Medical Assistance CL policy #153180	100% reimbursement, to a lifetime maximum of \$1,000,000 per covered person, with no deductible (pre-existing clause may apply) - Emergency medical expenses incurred outside Canada during the first 180 days of a trip - Hospital expenses limited to the cost of ward accommodation
Paramedical practitioners	80% reimbursement - Care and services of licensed, registered or certified: - Physiotherapists**, Psychologists**, osteopaths, chiroprodists, podiatrists***, naturopaths, and Christian Science practitioners - Speech therapists** and chiropractors, to a calendar year maximum of \$200 per practitioner per covered person (plus certain X-ray charges, to a maximum of \$25). Massage therapist** to a calendar year maximum of \$950 per covered person
Hospitalization	100% reimbursement, with no deductible Semi-private hospital room accommodation, above provincial ward rate
Home nursing	80% reimbursement, to a maximum of \$25,000 per disability per 12 consecutive months per person (pre-approval of insurer required)
Medical supplies and prosthetics	80% reimbursement, to specified maximums
Ambulance services	80% reimbursement Services to and from the nearest centre where essential treatment is available
Orthopedic shoes or boots	80% reimbursement 1 pair of custom-fitted orthopedic shoes or boots per calendar year when prescribed by a physician, orthopedic surgeon, podiatrist or chiroprodist
Orthotics	80% reimbursement, to a maximum of \$450 per year 2 pairs of custom-made foot orthotics every year when prescribed by a physician, orthopedic surgeon, podiatrist or chiroprodist

Health Plan* – CL policy #51801 (continued)

Accidental dental treatment	80% reimbursement Treatment must begin within 60 days after the accident (unless a medical condition delays treatment beyond 90 days) and must be completed within 3 years of the accident
Hearing aids	80% reimbursement, after maximum under the provincial health plan has been paid
*	Expenses under the Health Plan are reimbursed based on Canada Life's assessment of reasonable and customary fees.
**	Written referral from a medical doctor or nurse practitioner is required. A new referral must be submitted annually.
***	After annual maximum under provincial health plan has been paid out.

Dental Plan – CL policy #51801

Basic services	100% reimbursement - Recall exams, bitewing X-rays, light scaling, polishing, and fluoride treatment, once every 9 consecutive months - Root planing and preventive scaling, to a maximum of 16 units per 12 consecutive months - Fillings, oral surgery, extraction, and endodontic treatment
Major restorative services	80% reimbursement, to a maximum of \$2,500 per calendar year per covered person - Includes crowns - Includes bridges, when the missing natural tooth was extracted while covered under this plan - Implants to lifetime maximum of \$2,500 for per covered person - If the cost of a proposed restorative treatment exceeds \$300, a treatment plan must be submitted to the insurer in advance to find out how much will be reimbursed
Orthodontic services	50% reimbursement, to a lifetime maximum of \$4,000 per covered person

NOTE: Dental fees are based on the Dental Association Fee Guide for General Practitioners in effect two years ago for the province in which the services are performed and the person's province of residence for treatment rendered outside Canada.

Life Insurance

Basic Life Sun Life policy #50813	2 x annual basic salary (rounded up to the nearest \$1,000), to a maximum of \$1,000,000 If you continue to work past your <i>normal retirement date</i>, coverage reduces by 50% on your <i>normal retirement date</i> (rounded up to the nearest \$1,000), to a maximum of \$25,000
Optional Life CL policy #153181	For you in units of \$10,000, to a maximum of \$500,000 - Evidence of insurability required for: - Amounts over 1 x your basic salary or any amount over \$150,000 - Any amount if you apply for coverage after 31 days of becoming eligible - If you continue to work past your <i>normal retirement date</i>, coverage reduces by 50% on your <i>normal retirement date</i> (rounded up to the nearest \$1,000), to a maximum of \$100,000
Spousal Optional Life CL policy #153181	For you in units of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$350,000 Evidence of Insurability Required Payroll Deduction for employee

Disability	
Sick Leave	Employees working 12 hour shifts: accrual of 12 hours for each calendar month of service
Long-Term Disability CL policy #153180	65% of basic monthly salary, on approval, to a maximum of \$20,000 per month - Annual cost-of-living adjustment of Consumer Price Index or 4%, whichever is less - Waiting period of 130 working days

Death benefits	
	In the case of your death while employed with Carleton University, your beneficiaries may be entitled to benefits under the following plans: - Basic Life Insurance - Optional Life Insurance - University Death Benefit - Retirement Plan Death Benefit (if a member of the Carleton University Retirement Plan) - Canada/Quebec Pension Plan (possible lump sum and income benefits) - Workplace Safety and Insurance (if you die as a result of a work-related accident – possible lump sum and income benefits)

WHO PAYS THE COSTS

	Carleton University pays	You pay
Health Plan – compulsory, unless you have proof of coverage elsewhere	100%	–
Dental Plan – compulsory, unless you have proof of coverage elsewhere	75%	25%
Basic Life Insurance – compulsory	–	100%
Optional Life Insurance – voluntary	–	100%
Sick Leave – compulsory	100% (based on entitlement)	–
Long-Term Disability – compulsory	100%	–

WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS

Coverage begins...	
Health and Dental	For you and your <i>eligible dependents</i>: On your first day of active employment (some exceptions apply)
Basic Life, Sick Leave and Long-Term Disability	For you: On your first day of active employment (some exceptions apply)
Optional Life	For you: - On your first day of active employment, if you apply within 31 days from your date of hire for coverage not requiring <i>evidence of insurability</i>, or - After your application has been approved by Canada Life, if you apply after 31 days from your date of hire or for any amount requiring <i>evidence of insurability</i>

NOTE: Please refer to your collective agreement, the Human Resources policy manual, or contact Human Resources Department to confirm your eligibility.

Coverage ends...	
On the date your employment with Carleton University ends or the earliest of the following:	
Health	- Your actual retirement date - Employees, with continuing appointments of five (5) years of service or more, may be eligible for retiree health benefits if, on their actual retirement date, are at least age 55, and elect an immediate monthly Carleton pension. If you defer your Carleton pension or if you transfer funds out of the Carleton pension plan you will not be eligible for any retiree benefits
Dental	Your actual retirement date
Basic Life*	- Your actual retirement date - The date you reach age 70, if you continue to work at Carleton University beyond your <i>normal retirement date</i>
Optional Life*	- Your actual retirement date - The date you reach age 71, if you continue to work at Carleton University beyond your <i>normal retirement date</i>
Sick leave	Your actual retirement date
Long-Term Disability	- Your actual retirement date, if you retire early - Your normal retirement date

* For Basic and Optional Life Insurance, you have 31 days to convert to an individual policy when your coverage reduces or ends.

Interpretation of your benefits entitlements is governed by the terms of the official plan contract with the benefit carrier as amended from time to time. Amendments may include changes to eligibility, cost-sharing or any terms relating to the benefits coverage, including suspension or termination of all (or any part of) the benefits currently provided by the program

SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT

Coverage begins...	
Carleton University Retirement Plan	For eligible employees: ▪ This is a hybrid pension plan of a money purchase plan and a defined benefit minimum guarantee. You will make pension contributions of 4.37% on pensionable earnings below the annual Yearly Maximum Pensionable Earnings (YMPE) level, and 6.0% on earnings above the YMPE. ▪ At retirement, you will receive an annual pension benefit, paid monthly. The pension that you will receive will be equal to the greater of the (1) the pension that you can be provided by the assets in your money purchase account or (2) the pension the would be provided by a defined benefit formula that provides a minimum guarantee pension. ▪ Full and part time continuing employees and full and part time term employees with appointments of 12 months or more are eligible to join the plan. ▪ You may enrol in the plan on the first day of any month coincident with or following your date of employment. ▪ Membership is compulsory by the first day of July after you reach age 30. ▪ For plan details visit: Pension & Retirement - Human Resources (carleton.ca) and to access the pension booklet.
Additional Voluntary Contributions	▪ Once enrolled in the Carleton University Retirement Plan, you may elect to make additional voluntary contributions (AVCs), subject to annual maximums, for the purpose of increasing your pension benefits.
Group Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP)	For full-time or part-time appointments: ▪ The Group RRSP, offered and administered by the Canada Life insurance company, offers eligible employees the opportunity to make voluntary contributions by payroll deposit.
Group Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA)	For full-time or part-time appointments: ▪ The Group TFSA, offered and administered by the Canada Life insurance company, offers eligible employees the opportunity to make voluntary regular contributions directly through your financial institution.

OTHER CARLETON UNIVERSITY BENEFITS

Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP)	A free comprehensive program that offers confidential counseling and referral service provided through Family Services Ottawa for you, your spouse and your <i>eligible dependents</i>: Personal crisis; addiction; depression/anxiety; family concerns; separation and loss; workplace difficulties Child and Eldercare consulting and resources; financial coaching and credit counselling; legal referring and advisory services; nutrition counselling and Life and Health coaching Telephone: 1-800-668-9920 (English); 1-800-561-1128 (Français) After Hours Emergencies: 1-844-720-1212
Paid holidays	The University recognizes the following days as paid holidays: New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, August Civic Holiday, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, plus the day before New Year's Day
Paid vacation leave	▪ 10 hours for each month for less than 1 year of service ▪ 120 hours for 1 to 3 years of service ▪ 130 hours for 4 to 7 years of service ▪ 160 hours for 8 to 14 years of service ▪ 200 hours for 15 + years of service ▪ On an employee's twenty-fifth (25) anniversary date, they shall be granted an additional eighty (80) hours annual vacation for that year only
Tuition Waiver Program*	Waiver of tuition for courses at Carleton University, for you, your <i>spouse</i> and your <i>eligible dependents</i> (up to age 26)
Library privileges*	Free borrowing privileges at Carleton University's library for you
Athletic fees*	Free access to certain facilities at Carleton University's Athletic and Physical Recreation Centre for you. For more information, refer to the website www.carleton.ca/athletics

* Employees, with continuing appointments of five (5) years of service or more, may be eligible for retiree benefits if, on their actual retirement date, are at least age 55, and elect an immediate monthly Carleton pension. Also, if the Carleton pension is deferred or funds are transferred out of the Carleton pension plan the retiree becomes ineligible for any retiree benefit

GLOSSARY

Eligible dependents

Spouse – for the Health Plan and Dental Plan:
The person who is your legal spouse or with whom you have been living in a conjugal relationship for at least one year.

Child – for the Health Plan and Dental Plan:
Your or your spouse’s unmarried natural, legally-adopted, stepchildren, or foster children who are:

- under age 21,
- under age 25, if they are full-time students and depend on you for support, or
- of any age, if mentally or physically disabled and incapable of self-support, provided the disability began before they turned age 21 or while they were full-time students under age 25, and the disability has been continuous since then.

For the Tuition Waiver Program:

- Students must remain in good standing. Eligible employees (and their eligible spouses and dependents) shall be entitled to receive a tuition waiver for credit courses which are funded by the Ontario Government. Participants are still responsible for the costs of all supplementary fees.
- All [Tuition waiver requests](#) must be submitted to Human Resources by the last day for a fee adjustment for the academic term as outlined in the Academic Dates and Deadlines located on the University Registrar’s [website](#).

Evidence of insurability

Generally, a health questionnaire and, depending on the information you provide, possibly a medical or paramedical examination.

Normal retirement date (for benefits purposes)

The 1st of July closest to your 65th birthday.

YMPE

YMPE stands for the Year’s Maximum Pensionable Earnings. This is the amount the government sets each year and uses to determine contributions to and benefits from the Canada/Quebec Pension Plan. The government revises this amount every year, based on increases in average weekly earnings in Canada.

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Carleton University Human Resources For questions about your benefits, including adding or removing dependents or questions about the retirement plans	Email: humanresources@carleton.ca Phone: (613) 520-3634 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST (Monday to Friday) Fax: (613) 520-4464 https://carleton.ca/hr
For help with: ▪ Payroll	Email: payroll@carleton.ca
Canada Life For questions about claims under the Health and Dental plans and My Canada Life at Work	Phone: 1-888-381-4401 Technical Support: 1-888-222-0775 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET (Monday to Friday) http://www.canadalife.com/sign-in
Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) For more information about the Employee and Family Assistance Program or to make an appointment	Phone: 1-800-668-9920 (English); 1-800-561-1128 (Français) 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) 24/7 immediate support line: 1-844-720-1212 Login at https://www.fseap.ca/myfseap . Enter “Carleton” as the username and “Carleton” as the password.