



NORTH Dakota

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TEAM ND

Benefits & Extras

Team ND

Team ND is comprised of two primary position types:

- Classified employees are covered under ND's classified state employees (civil service) and are subject to Administrative Rules adopted by the Human Resource Management Services (HRMS) division of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The rules guide equitable pay, open competitive selection, and protection from arbitrary personnel actions and are designed to provide consistent employment conditions. There are just over 7,200 state employees in positions classified by HRMS. Newly hired or reinstated employees in classified positions must serve a probationary period of at least six months prior to obtaining "regular" status.
- Unclassified employees do not have employment rights under HRMS. The terms and conditions of employment are at-will and vary by agency, category of employee, or by individual employee. There are about 2,000 employees in appointed, elected, temporary or otherwise designated as "unclassified" positions.

NOTE: Employees of the North Dakota University System are covered by and subject to the policies adopted by the State Board of Higher Education. There are about 6,700 employees in the University System.

There are over
15,000
members of
Team ND

There are over
70
individual
state agencies

There are over
100
Team ND
career openings

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The state of North Dakota is proud to provide a comprehensive benefits package to all regular state team members. Many of the benefits are available at no cost, while some are available at a cost if team members wish to participate.

The primary benefit offerings are summarized here, along with the legal authority for each. Annual, sick, holiday and funeral leave is prorated for part-time team members.

ANNUAL LEAVE (NDAC 4-07-12)

Team members begin to accrue annual leave from the first day of hire. Annual leave must be earned before it can be taken. An employee can carry over a maximum of 240 hours of accrued annual leave beyond April 30 of each year.

Full-time employees accrue annual leave monthly based on the following schedule:

Years of Service	Hours/Mo. of Leave	Days/Year of Leave
0-3	8	12
4-7	10	15
8-12	12	18
13-18	14	21
Over 18	16	24

Team ND

Accrue
12
days of sick
leave annually

A portion of accrued
sick leave may be used
to care for eligible
family members

Accrue
12
vacation days during
first year of service

Earn
\$250
per year through
wellness activities

SICK LEAVE (NDAC 4-07-13)

Full-time team members begin to earn eight hours of sick leave each month with no maximum accumulations from the first day of employment.

Sick leave must be earned before it can be taken. Team members may use accrued sick leave when ill or in need of medical care or to care for an eligible family member.

LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM (NDCC 54-06-14.4)

Team members may be eligible to give or receive donations of annual or sick leave in case of severe illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition, if the team member has exhausted all available accrued leave. Additional information on donating and requesting leave in PeopleSoft, Employee Self-Service.

FUNERAL LEAVE (NDAC 4-07-14)

Funeral leave is an approved leave of absence with pay for up to 24 working hours to attend, or make arrangements for, a funeral as a result of a death in the team member's family or in the family of an employee's spouse.

MILITARY LEAVE (NDCC 37-01-25)

Team members who are members of the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserve subject to call to service by the U.S. president, or are volunteers for service when ordered by proper authority to active non-civilian employment, are entitled to a leave of absence from such civil service for the period of such active service without loss of status or efficiency rating.

FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE (NDCC 54-52.4)

Team members that qualify are eligible for family and medical leave under the state and federal Family and Medical Leave Acts (FMLA) if they have been employed with the state of North Dakota for at least 12 months and have worked at least 1,250 hours during the previous 12-months.

HOLIDAY PAY (NDCC 1-03-01, NDAC 4-07-07)

Regular and probationary team members receive 10 paid holidays per year. State offices close at noon on Christmas Eve day when it falls on Monday through Thursday. A holiday occurring on Saturday or Sunday is observed the preceding Friday or succeeding Monday (does not apply to Christmas Eve office closure).

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Provides short-term counseling services to assist employees and eligible dependents in dealing with alcoholism, drug abuse and personal problems. All information in this program is confidential.

TRAINING (NDAC 4-07-36)

All employees receive training provided by the state for a variety of training types, dependent on the employee's position.

PERFORMANCE BONUSES (NDCC 54-06-24§2)

The 2019 legislature approved an increase in the state employee performance bonus program, raising the maximum amount to \$1,500 per person, per year.

SERVICE AWARDS (NDAC 4-07-18)

Employees are eligible to receive service awards based on years of service, beginning at three years of full-time service.

State Holidays

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Presidents' Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Many state agencies also offer the following to their team members:

- Employee Recognition
- Career Development Opportunities
- Promotional Opportunities
- Flexible Scheduling
- Telecommuting
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Infant-at-Work
- Employee Wellness

RETIREMENT AWARDS (NDAC 4-07-18)

A retirement award is provided to an employee who has a minimum of 15 years of state service and who has not been previously recognized by the state.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT (NDAC 4-07-36)

All team members have the opportunity to receive state provided staff development, dependent on the employee's position. Leadership Everywhere courses are available to all team members at no cost.

GROUP BENEFIT PROGRAMS

All group benefit programs are administered by the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS). Additional information about each of the benefit plans can be obtained from the NDPERS website. Benefit enrollments are done through the NDPERS Member Self Service website. Most group benefits are available to team members who are at least 18 years of age and work 20 hours per week for 20 or more weeks per year.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Employees may participate in a group health insurance program with the full premium paid for by the state if they work in a regularly funded position. Coverage for new employees begins the first of the month following the month employment began.

LIFE INSURANCE

Team members can participate in a group life insurance plan. The state pays for a basic insurance benefit per employee. Team members can buy additional insurance coverage for themselves and dependents through payroll deduction.

RETIREMENT

Team members are eligible to become members of the NDPERS retirement plan. For new team members hired after December 31, 2019, a total of 15.26% is contributed towards the employee's retirement: The state contributes 12.26%, and the team member contributes the remaining 3%. Team members are vested after 36 months of employment.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Team members may defer tax-free a portion of their income in a voluntary deferred compensation supplementary retirement plan. The amount of income deferred plus any earnings are subject to income tax only when the team member or beneficiary receive a distribution at the time of death, retirement, disability or termination of employment.

FLEXCOMP

Team members may pay for eligible insurance payments, medical expenses and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars through payroll deductions.

DENTAL & VISION INSURANCE

Team members can choose to participate in a group dental and/or group vision insurance plan for themselves and dependents. The coverage is effective the first of the month following the employment date.

“Working for the state of North Dakota is a rewarding experience because every employee can and does make a difference.”

“After 25 years, I find there to be challenges every day that make it a joy to come to work.”

“I like that what I am doing results in saving lives. It’s more than just a job. It’s a profession, which offers the opportunity for a satisfying life of service.”

“I am proud that in a rural state like North Dakota, we can provide a level of service that is as good or better than larger states.”

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (NDCC 34-11.1)

Team members have the right to vote as they please without any attempt from their employer to influence their political decisions. No public employee can engage in political activities while on duty or in uniform. Some state team members whose principal employment is in an activity financed in whole or in part by federal funds are covered by the federal Hatch Act. State agencies and political subdivisions cannot restrict employees from speaking on their own behalf to any member or committee of the legislative assembly.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Team members should not hold a position or serve on a board that would conflict with their employment duties with the state. Any secondary employment should be discussed with their supervisor prior to accepting in order to avoid any possible conflict. State team members may not receive remuneration in any form from an individual, business, or corporation for services rendered while acting as an agent or employee of the state.

TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY

The state of North Dakota provides team members with the technology they need to do their jobs effectively. Team members should regularly review their agency’s computer security policies, and note that agencies may monitor team member computer activity.

PERSONNEL RECORDS

North Dakota is an open records state. Most personnel files can be viewed by the public. Some information, such as social security numbers and medical information, is confidential and cannot be released to the public.

PAYROLL

State agencies pay their team members once per month - on the first working day of the month. The amount of payment is subject to various deductions or withholdings including state and federal income tax, FICA, Medicare and other voluntary deductions.

This is intended to provide a general overview of important aspects about employment with the State of North Dakota. Nothing in this represents a firm condition of employment, nor does it imply an employment contract between you and the State of North Dakota. Your employing agency’s employee handbook and policies will provide specific information relative to your employment, the benefits you will receive, and their expectations of you as an employee.

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