

Rock Valley College

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Military Leave

Rock Valley College employees who are members of any reserve component of the United States Armed Services, the National Guard, or the Illinois State Guard, should advise the College of their military status in advance of pending military service.

Military leave will be administered pursuant to applicable State and federal law, including the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act ("USERRA"), the Illinois Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act ("IERRA"), and the Illinois Public Community College Act ("IPCCA"). The College will process and administer compensation and benefits during military leave in accordance with applicable law and administrative guidelines. To the extent the language in this Policy conflicts with USERRA, IERRA, and/or the IPCCA, the College will apply the requirements of USERRA, IERRA, and/or the IPCCA.

Consistent with the IPCCA, any employee who is mobilized to active military duty will receive the same regular compensation that the employee receives or was receiving as an employee of the College at the time of the mobilization to active military duty, plus any health insurance and other benefits he or she was receiving or accruing at that time, minus the amount of base pay for military service, for the duration of the active military service. Consistent with IERRA, an employee may elect to use accrued vacation, annual, or similar leave with pay in lieu of differential compensation during any period of military leave.

During periods of military leave for inactive duty (such as weekend drills and regularly scheduled unit training assemblies), an employee will receive the same regular compensation that the employee receives minus the daily rate of compensation for military service in accordance with the applicable drill pay chart.

During periods of military leave for annual training, employees will continue to receive full compensation for up to 30 days per calendar year, which may be performed non- synchronously.

The employee's military duty shall not result in the loss or diminishment of any employment benefit, service credit, or status accrued at the time the duty commenced. A non-probationary employee who is absent on military leave shall, for the period of military leave, be credited with the average of the efficiency or performance ratings or evaluations received for the three

(3) years immediately before the absence for military leave. Additionally, the rating shall not be less than the rating that he or she received for the rated period immediately prior to his or her absence on military leave. In computing seniority and service requirements for promotion eligibility or any other benefit of employment, the period of military duty shall be counted as civilian service.

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Employees who are members of any reserve component as defined above, upon the completion of active military service, shall be entitled to continued employment rights and reemployment rights consistent with USERRA. Employees returning from active duty should notify the College of the conclusion of their active duty as soon as possible as consistent with USERRA. Failure to notify the College as required under USERRA may result in a waiver of rights.

This Policy will be administered consistent with the College's collective bargaining agreement obligations where applicable.

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