

Your responses suggest that you may not be able to make an effective primary claim for PPL.

Parental leave pay is paid to a person for a particular period. That period is called the person's PPL period. The maximum period for which any person may be paid parental leave pay is 18 weeks. A person's PPL period may be the full 18 weeks or a lesser period (e.g. where the person is not eligible for parental leave pay for that full period).

54 Who can make a primary claim, secondary claim or tertiary claim

Primary claim

(1) Only the following people can make a primary claim for a child:

- (c) a person who satisfies the circumstances prescribed by the PPL rules as being exceptional circumstances in which a primary claim can be made.

2.28 Exceptional circumstances for primary claimants — general

(1) Subject to rule 2.30, the circumstances are that the person:

- (c) is covered by subrule (2); and

(2) For paragraph (1) (c), a person is covered by this subrule if:

- (a) the birth mother, or adoptive parent, of the child is incapable of caring for the child and will be incapable, or is likely to be incapable, of caring for the child for at least 26 weeks; or

Division 6—Primary carer

47 When a person is the *primary carer* of a child

(1) A person is the ***primary carer*** of a child on a day in the person's reference period if:

- (a) the child is in the person's care in that period; and
- (b) the person meets the child's physical needs more than anyone else in that period.

(2) A person's ***reference period*** is the period that is determined by the Secretary for the purposes of making a payability determination on the person's claim.

(3) Only one person can be a child's primary carer on a particular day.

(4) Despite subsection (1), a person is not the ***primary carer*** of a child on a day if, before that day, the child has died.

Your responses suggest that the parent of the child is legally not incapable to care for the child.

(b) the Secretary is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

- (i) the person became the primary carer of the child in special circumstances; and
- (iii) it is in the interests of the child for the person to care for the child.