

## **REVIEW OF LABOUR LAW BENEFITS FOR PARENTS**

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There was news this week that benefits in the Labour Relations Act for mothers and fathers of newborn children will be reviewed.

Minister in the Presidency Dr Manto Tshabalala-Msimang wants parliament to consider improved benefits for parents, ahead of a United Nations forum to be held in South Africa in March.

Should men be given more leave on the birth of a child so that they can learn to care for the baby? Should women be given paid maternity leave so they don't have to rely on the Unemployment Insurance Fund?

Can the country afford to pay for maternity pay for pregnant women? And can you force a father to learn to care for his child by giving him time off from work?

We welcome your comments via email to [editor@skillsportal.co.za](mailto:editor@skillsportal.co.za)

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