



Hamilton Area Steelworkers Adjustment Committee

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Dear Comrades, as we move forward during this troubling time involving the Covid-19 pandemic, we have temporarily closed the Adjustment Committees office. Below you will find information regarding income support for those in need of financial support and how to apply.

Should anyone need assistance or have any questions please do not hesitate to call the above telephone number.

In Solidarity, Jim

For those applying for either EI Sickness Benefits or Regular EI Benefits they need to do the following;

Apply as soon as possible after you stop working. If you wait more than 4 weeks after your last day of work to apply, you may lose benefits.

Make sure you have the following information to complete your application:

- the names and addresses of your employers in the last 52 weeks
- the dates you were employed with each employer and the reasons you're no longer employed with them
- your detailed explanation of the facts if you quit or were dismissed from any job in the last 52 weeks
- your full mailing address and your home address, if they are different
- your social insurance number (SIN)
- your mother's maiden name
- your banking information, including financial institution, branch (transit) number and your account number, to sign up for direct deposit

For EI Sickness Benefits You could receive 55% of your earnings up to a maximum of \$573 a week.

Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits provide up to 15 weeks of income replacement and is available to eligible claimants who are unable to work because of illness, injury or quarantine, to allow them time to restore their health and return to work. Canadians quarantined can apply for Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits.

If you are eligible, visit the [EI sickness benefits](#) page to apply.

You must decide whether or not to cancel or renew a claim based on your own personal situation.

It is important to consider:

- if your claim is reactivated and you work after the start of that claim, you may be able to establish a new claim when your existing claim runs out.
- in order to establish a new claim you must have enough insurable hours and meet the qualifying conditions for a new claim.
- if a new claim is established instead of reactivating your existing claim, the remaining weeks payable on the existing claim will be lost.
- additionally, a one-week unpaid waiting period must be served on a new claim before you are entitled to receive payment.

Visit [My Service Canada Account](#) for more information about your previous claim.

Ready to start?

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) Available in early April. Provides a taxable benefit of \$2,000 a month for up to 4 months to:

- workers who must stop working due to COVID-19 and do not have access to paid leave or other income support including EI.
- workers who are sick, quarantined, or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children that are sick or need additional care because of school and daycare closures.
- workers who still have their employment but are not being paid because there is currently not sufficient work and their employer has asked them not to come to work.
- wage earners and self-employed individuals, including contract workers, who would not otherwise be eligible for Employment Insurance.

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit will be accessible through a secure web portal starting in early April. Applicants will also be able to apply via an automated telephone line or via a toll-free number.

This benefit replaces the previously announced Emergency Care Benefit and the Emergency Support Benefit.

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