



Important Notice for Teaching Staff – 2021

Applying for Employment Insurance Benefits

This notice provides information to help you complete your application for Employment Insurance (EI) benefits.

You may be eligible for EI regular benefits if:

- your teaching contract has ended, and you were teaching at a pre-elementary, elementary, secondary, technical or vocational school;
- you teach on a casual or substitute basis; or
- you had employment other than teaching.

You may also be eligible for another EI benefit as long as you meet the conditions for this benefit. For information on these benefits, visit Canada.ca/ei.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you accept a new teaching contract.

When to apply

Apply as soon as possible after you stop working. Do not wait until you get your record of employment (ROE) to apply. If you wait more than four weeks after your last day of work to apply, you may lose benefits.

If you received EI benefits* in the past 52 weeks, or if you have an existing claim, we may be able to reactivate your claim once you submit an application.

If you want to start a new claim instead of reactivating your existing claim, contact Service Canada at 1-800-206-7218 before you start.

*The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) is not considered an EI benefit.

How to apply

1. Visit Canada.ca/ei for information on EI benefits and eligibility and to apply online.
2. Make sure you have the following information to complete your application:
 - your social insurance number (SIN);
 - your dates of employment;
 - your banking information for direct deposit.
3. Complete the online application. After you apply, we will also need all ROEs issued for you in the past 52 weeks or since the start of your last claim, whichever is shorter.
 - If your employers submit electronic ROEs to Service Canada, you do **not** need to provide them to us.
 - If your employers issue paper ROEs, you need to provide copies of all ROEs issued for you in the past 52 weeks or since the start of your last claim, whichever is shorter. [Mail them](#) or drop them off at a [Service Canada Centre](#) as soon as possible.



Next Steps

Benefit statement and access code

Once your application is received, we will mail you a benefit statement. This statement will include a four-digit access code. You need this code and your SIN to follow up on your application and to submit your reports. If you have applied in the past, you already received an access code. You will not get a new one. Use the access code you already have.

Receiving an EI benefit statement does not mean that Service Canada has made a decision about your claim.

Reporting and job search

Depending on which benefits you applied for, you will need to submit a report every two weeks to Service Canada. In these reports, you must:

- show you are available for work;
- declare any income; and
- indicate which days you are not available for work (for example, when you are on vacation).

You will also need to keep a detailed record of your job search efforts, as we may ask for this information at any time.

When payments start

Before you can receive any payments, you must submit your first report using your access code. You will receive your first payment about 28 days after you apply if you are eligible and have submitted all required documents.

Sign up for My Service Canada Account

With My Service Canada Account, you can:

- view your electronic ROEs or confirm if they have been issued;
- check the status of your application;
- find out when your payments start and end.

Visit Canada.ca/msca to sign up today.

If you have any questions, contact Service Canada at 1-800-206-7218 or visit Canada.ca/ei.

