

How to apply for E.I. online (a simplified version)

If you have never had to apply for E.I. or haven't had to in a long time here are some tips.

There is a number to call but at this time you could be waiting a day or so to speak to anyone.

1-833-381-2725

Applying online can take an hour of your time but it is your best bet right now.

* Please keep in mind that many people are in a similar situation and are also trying to apply so the website may be slow or kick you out during your application.

Try to stay calm and try again.

Applying online can be frustrating but it is the best option at this time.

Whether you are an employee who has been laid off, someone needing to self-quarantine, someone who can't work due to illness, or a self-employed person, you can apply for E.I. in the same place.

Note: Sickness Benefits

According to the government, those who are unable to work because they have been directed to self isolate or quarantine will not have to wait the usual one week to receive EI sickness benefits. Additionally, the sickness benefits can be accessed without the usual requirement of a doctor's note or other medical certificate. Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits can provide you with up to 15 weeks of financial assistance if you cannot work for medical reasons. You could receive 55% of your earnings up to a maximum of \$573 a week.

Open the internet on your computer and type this address into google, or the address bar at the top of the page or simply click on this link;

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-regular-benefit/apply.html>

Follow all instructions closely. Make sure you read each section and choose the one that applies to your situation.

If you do not have your record of employment, you will be asked to provide a lot of other detailed information about yourself, and your employment history.

We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now and not having your regular income can be very scary. The Canadian Government is trying to help make that a little less stressful by allowing lessening the restrictions for E.I.

Hopefully having your E.I. in place takes a little bit of stress off your shoulders.

We wish you all the best. Stay healthy and happy and we'll get through this together.

~ The Staff at Partners In Employment