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Canada's Employment Insurance (EI) is a financial support program for those who havelost their jobs through no fault of their own.

This article covers what you need to know about Employment Insurance in Canada, including the benefit payment dates and how much you can receive.

#### **Key Takeaways**

- Employment Insurance (EI) is a government-funded program that serves as a financial safety net for Canadians who are actively lookingfor work but temporarily can't land a job.
- You can receive up to 55% of your average insurable weekly earnings per week under the EI program for anywhere between 14 to 25weeks, depending on your specific situation.

#### What is El In Canada?

Employment Insurance (EI) in Canada is a program that provides temporary financial support to unemployed workers who are actively seekingemployment.

It offers regular benefits for those who lost their jobs through no fault of their own and special benefits to individuals who cannot work due to illness, pregnancy, and other important life events that they must prioritize over work.

The Canada Employment Insurance Commission (<u>CEIC</u>) oversees the management of the EI program while being supported by Service Canada, whichprocesses claims, conducts authentications, and prevents fraud.

## How Much Can You Get Paid From EI?

The exact amount you'll receive from EI will only be calculated once the government receives and processes your application. Most applicants receiveup to 55% of their average <a href="insurable">insurable</a> weekly earnings from this program for a maximum of \$650 weekly.

## When Do You Start Getting Paid EI?

You won't immediately get covered by EI after applying for the program. The initial week following your application is designated as a waiting period, comparable to deductibles in other insurance categories.

Once your eligibility for the program is confirmed, you can expect to receive payments from EI about 28 days after submitting your application. The firstpayment will encompass the benefits you're entitled to starting from the second week.

## El Payment Dates In 2024