



# USW Guide to Benefits During COVID-19 NUNAVUT

## ● LAID OFF DUE TO WORKPLACE CLOSURE?

### Apply for Employment Insurance (EI) regular benefits.

- Payment is 55% of average insurable weekly earnings
  - Maxes out at \$573 per week.
  - Paid for 14-45 weeks based on unemployment rate in your region.
- To be eligible, you will need to have worked the following number of hours in the last 52 weeks:
  - Iqaluit: 665 hours
  - Rest of Nunavut: 420 hours
- You will need a Record of Employment (ROE) saying you have been laid off from your employer.
- There is a one week waiting period after you are approved, you will not be paid that week.
- You do not qualify if you are unemployed because you are directly participating in a strike.
- You must apply online. You can do so [here](#).

## ● UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO SELF-QUARANTINE?

### Apply for EI sickness benefits.

- Payment is 55% of average insurable weekly earnings
  - Maxes out at \$573 per week.
  - Paid for 15 weeks.
- You need to have worked 600 hours in the last 52 weeks.
- You do not need to wait for one week for this benefit. It is paid in the first week of the approved claim.
- No medical note or ROE needed for quarantine claims.
- A yet to be established dedicated toll-free number will be set up for these applications.
- Apply online here: [canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/apply](https://canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/apply)

## ● LAID OFF BUT INELIGIBLE FOR EI?

## ● SELF-QUARANTINED AND INELIGIBLE FOR EI?

## ● UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE?

## ● STILL EMPLOYED BUT NOT RECEIVING INCOME BECAUSE OF WORK DISRUPTIONS?

### Apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).

- \$2,000 taxable payment per month.
- Up to four months.
- Applies to wage earners, as well as contract workers who are not otherwise eligible for EI.
- If you have already applied for EI but your application has not been processed you do not need to re-apply.
- The portal for accessing the CERB should be available in early April.
- Benefits should begin within 10 days of application.

## ● IS THE TERRITORY DOING ANYTHING?

- As of March 30, the Nunavut government has not announced any specific direct financial assistance for residents affected by COVID-19.