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Type of Employment Insurance Application

Answers to fields and questions with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Benefits for employees

You can apply for benefits for employees if you worked in insurable employment as an employee, including if you are a fisher. These benefits provide temporary financial assistance if you have lost your job (through no fault of your own), if you are sick, pregnant, caring for a newborn or adopted child, caring for a family member who is seriously ill with a significant risk of death or providing care or support to a critically ill family member.

Benefits for self-employed people

As a self-employed person, you can apply for benefits if you have voluntarily registered into the EI program. These benefits provide temporary financial assistance if you are sick, pregnant, caring for a newborn or adopted child, caring for a family member who is seriously ill with a significant risk of death or providing care or support to a critically ill family member.

* What type of Employment Insurance benefits would you like to claim? ⓘ

- Benefits for employees
- Benefits for self-employed people

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Start application

You have chosen to complete your application in English. You will not be able to change to French once you start your online session. If you wish to [change language](#) you must do so before you begin.

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Only use the buttons provided at the bottom of the screens to navigate through the application.

* Are you trying to retrieve an application you began within the last 72 hours but did not complete?

- Yes
- No

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Reference Code

Answers to fields and questions with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

* Are you part of a group of employees in

- an Apprenticeship program,
- a Work-sharing program,
- a group layoff situation (including layoffs due to a natural disaster), or
- the automotive industry, and

were you given a reference code to submit with this application? ⓘ

- Yes
 No

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Benefit Type

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* What type of benefits are you applying for? ⓘ

- Regular benefits** you have lost your job (through no fault of your own) and you are available for and able to work, but can't find a job.
- Fishing benefits** you are a self-employed person engaged in fishing.
- Sickness benefits** you are unable to work due to illness, injury or quarantine. This option also allows you to receive sickness benefits prior to maternity benefits.
- Maternity benefits** you are pregnant or have recently given birth. This option also allows you to receive maternity followed by parental benefits.
- Parental benefits** you are caring for a newborn or newly adopted child.
- Compassionate Care benefits** you are caring or supporting a family member who is gravely ill with a significant risk of death within 26 weeks.
- Family Caregiver benefits** you are providing care or support to a critically ill family member.

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