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Seasonally or Temporarily Unemployed Feepayer

If you are temporarily or seasonally unemployed and are expecting to be recalled to your regular job but want to upgrade your education or employment skills during your layoff period, the Seasonally or Temporarily Unemployed Feepayer program can help. This program offers you a chance to attend training while you still qualify to receive your regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. You must be prepared to pay your own training expenses.

Eligibility Information

To be eligible, you must be seasonally or temporarily unemployed and have a job that you will return to. You must want to take part in training during your layoff period. You must be prepared to pay your own training expenses. You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident legally entitled to work in Canada. As well, you must meet the following conditions:

- have a current EI claim
- have been active in the workforce for at least two years
- be able to show that the training will not interfere with your ability to return to work when recalled by your employer

Applying for Seasonally or Temporarily Unemployed Feepayer Program

You must submit two completed copies of the Seasonally or Temporarily Unemployed Feepayer program application form (NS-EMP 5425). You must also submit one completed Participant Questionnaire–Feepayer Support Program for Seasonally or Temporarily Unemployed Workers. These forms are available on the Employment Nova Scotia website at www.gov.ns.ca/employmentnovascotia/programs/seasonal-feepayer.asp as well as at the local Service Canada Centre offices.

You must then submit the completed forms to Employment Nova Scotia. Employment Nova Scotia will review and assess your application along with your participant questionnaire. You will be contacted by an Employment Nova Scotia officer who will advise you of their decision.

Please Note:

- The date your fully completed application is received by Employment Nova Scotia will be considered the date that you have asked for help. This date determines whether you qualify within the timeframes outlined in the Eligibility Information section above. If an application is returned to you to have information clarified or added, it will not be considered fully completed until all of the information needed is received.
- Your application must be approved by Employment Nova Scotia before you begin your training.

- You can only receive your regular EI benefits until the end of your regular benefit period. No additional supports will be provided by Employment Nova Scotia under the Seasonally or Temporarily Unemployed Feepayer program.

Seasonally or Temporarily Unemployed Feepayer Information

For program-specific information, including a list of employment assistance service providers, visit www.gov.ns.ca/employmentnovascotia/programs/seasonal-feepayer.asp or call toll-free at 1 (877) 223-0888.

About Employment Nova Scotia

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