

# Maple Ridge Teachers' Association Memorandum

To: Teachers Teaching on Call  
From: MRTA Office  
Date: March 19, 2020  
Topic: **TTOC Update**

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Dear Teachers Teaching on Call,

We are sure that this is a very concerning time for you. We have been waiting on information from the government, BCTF, and our district regarding applying for EI. We are working with the district in order to ensure that processes are in place to help you as we move forward. An email will be sent out from the district in regards to processes for obtaining your Record of Employment in order to apply for EI. Our advice is to apply as soon as possible.

Here is a link with information about applying for EI:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Tv9UH8Nn5Y0iIGZ5GflvfhhXhpEaSDBwthfTKfzZkI/mobilebasic>

Here is the latest information from the BCTF, in the form of a FAQ. We expect more soon and will communicate anything that we get as soon as possible.

## **Re: EI Claims and Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) FAQ**

### **1. Does a TTOC have to be "laid off" from work to be eligible for the EI benefit?**

No, a TTOC does not have to be laid off from work to be eligible for the EI benefit. A TTOC applying for the regular benefit must anticipate having no work for seven consecutive days in order to qualify for the regular EI benefit. For casuals and TTOCs, the spring break period constitutes a lay-off or shortage of work under employment

insurance policy. A TTOC who anticipates no work for seven consecutive days or longer is eligible to apply for EI on their last day worked, and should apply without delay.

A TTOC applying for the sickness benefit from EI does not need to be laid off or have a shortage of work, but is absent from work due to illness, injury or quarantine.

## **2. Can a member on claim continue to work?**

Yes, a TTOC on an employment insurance claim may continue working. You can keep 50 cents of your benefits for every dollar you earn, up to 90 percent of your previous weekly earnings. Above this cap, your EI benefits are deducted dollar-for-dollar. If you work a full work week, regardless of how much you earn, you will not be eligible to receive EI benefits for that week.

### **For further information please visit the following:**

EI Regular Benefit

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

EI Sickness Benefit Eligibility:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/qualify.html>

EI Working While on Claim:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/ei/ei-list/working-while-claim.html>

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further support.

Take care of yourselves,  
Penny Morgan (Acting President)  
& Kaitlin Thorarinson (Acting Vice President)