

## **EI BENEFITS**

You can apply for EI benefits at the online website at [servicecanada.ca](http://servicecanada.ca) or by visiting a local Service Canada Centre employment office. Be sure to apply within 4 weeks of losing your job to maintain your eligibility for EI benefits.

The rate of weekly benefits payable to a claimant is 55% of their weekly insurable earnings. The maximum benefit payable at this time is \$468.

Based on the current Winnipeg unemployment rate of 5.5%, you are eligible to receive up to 36 weeks of benefits. You may also qualify for a long-tenured employment benefit. If you have contributed at least 30% of the annual maximum of EI premiums for at least 7 out of 10 calendar years prior to the start of your claim, and you have received no more than 35 weeks of regular EI benefits in the 5 years prior to your claim, you may qualify. This benefit will be added automatically to your current claim.

Members need to speak directly with a representative from EI to determine the level of their eligibility for benefits and any other programs, such as retraining.

Winnipeg Service Canada Employment Centres are located at:

391 York Avenue  
1122 Henderson Highway  
1001 St. Mary's Road  
3338 Portage Avenue

For a complete list of locations, see the [servicecanada.ca](http://servicecanada.ca) website.