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NEWS BULLETIN

Updates from the Commissioner for Employers

Announcements

1 **Here is a synopsis of the federal budget with respect to Employment Insurance, workforce development and immigration.**

Please find attached PDF

2 **The Daily — Study: How are young Canadian university graduates faring in the recent labour market?**

In 2025, close to 7 in 10 young adults aged 25 to 34 years with a bachelor's degree or higher (69%) were employed in permanent, full-time positions. This was down from a peak of 71% recorded in 2022, during the late stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, when labour market conditions were especially tight. Despite this decrease, the proportion recorded in 2025 was above the pre-pandemic average of 65% seen from 2017 to 2019. In 2025, the share of young adults with a bachelor's degree or higher employed in permanent, full-time positions was slightly below the share observed for those with a trades certificate or diploma (71%) but was higher than the share observed for those with a high school diploma (56%) and those with less than a high school diploma (43%).

3 **Enabling Accessibility Fund - Express Workplace Accessibility Grant (EWAG)**

This funding opportunity aims to provide funding for immediate workplace accessibility updates to support the hiring, retention, or continued employment of persons with disabilities. It will fund projects that remove accessibility barriers through construction, renovation, retrofit, or through the purchase of accessible equipment or information technologies to meet urgent workplace integration needs.

Application period:
Continuous Intake Open

Funding amount:
Up to $50,000 for a project with a duration of up to a maximum of 12 months

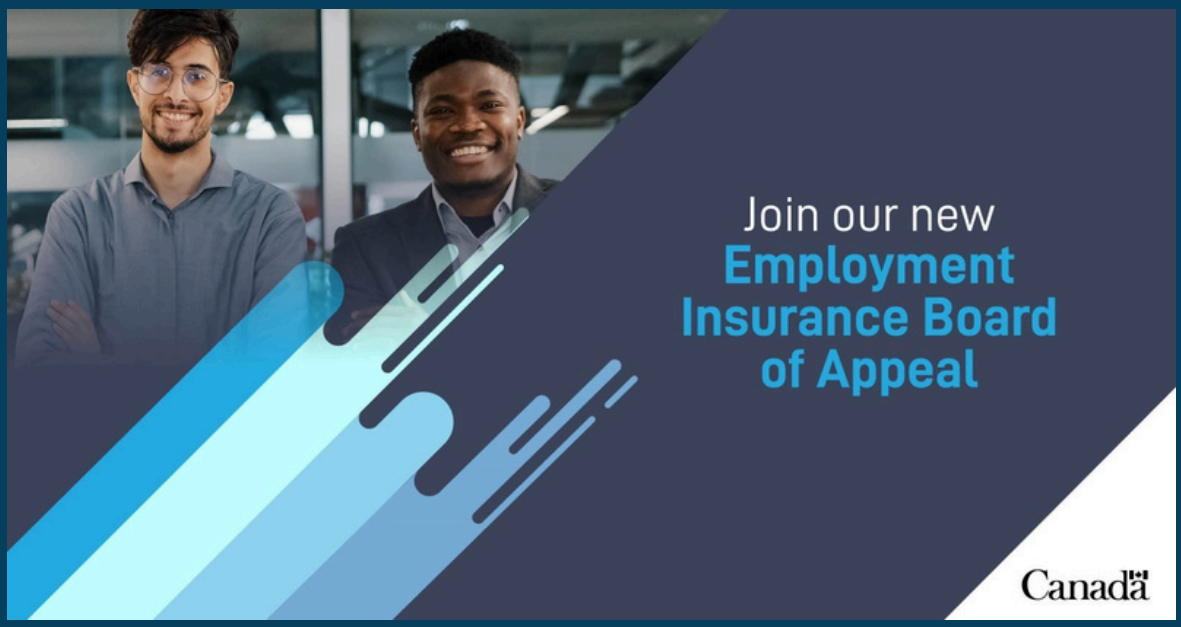
Who can apply:
Not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations (only businesses with up to 99 full-time equivalent employees), Indigenous organizations (including band councils, tribal councils and self-government entities) and municipal and territorial governments.

4 Join the EI Board of Appeals

The EI Board of Appeals is seeking employer candidates in the following regions:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- PEI
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan

This board will be hearing and deciding on first-level EI appeals.



Apply here