

**To all Chairpersons and Members of
Employment Insurance Boards of Referees**

Subject: Changes to Employment Insurance Maximum Insured Earnings
and Benefit Rate for 2007

We are writing to inform you of changes to the 2007 maximum insured earnings and benefit rate set for Employment Insurance (EI), which were announced on November 6, 2006.

Effective January 1, 2007, the annual maximum insured earnings will increase to **\$40,000** from the existing \$39,000. As a result, the maximum weekly EI benefit rate will increase to **\$423** from the current amount of \$413.

The EI premium rate will be set at \$1.80 for every \$100 of salary up to \$40,000. The corresponding employer rate will be adjusted to \$2.52. For Quebec, the EI premium rate will be \$1.46 for employees and \$2.04 for employers. This lower premium rate is due to Quebec's delivery of its own parental benefits since January 2006.

The news announcement can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

<http://news.gc.ca/cfmx/view/en/index.jsp?articleid=253399>

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