

# Workers Compensation

The mission of the Workers' Compensation Board is to co-ordinate the workers' compensation system to assist injured workers and their employers by providing timely medical and rehabilitative support to help injured workers return to work; and to provide appropriate compensation for work-related injuries and illnesses.

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Average Cost for All Manufacturing per \$100 Payro [WCB Rate Book](#) Link to Workers Compensation Rate Book for accurate information as it depends on the level of risk

Average Cost for Office Workers (8810) [WCB Rate Book](#) Link to Workers Compensation Rate Book for accurate information as it depends on the level of risk

Average Rate for province of Nova Scotia \$2.65

### Maximum Weekly Benefit -

Two maximum weekly wage amounts, the WCB compensates 75% of net earnings up to the first 26 weeks lost from work and 85% of net earnings after 26 wks.

Our annual assemble maximum earnings for 2006 is \$45,100, or

- a) \$472.80 weekly @ 75% net
- b) \$535.90 weekly @ 85% net

Source: Workers Compensation Board of Nova Scotia, Kelly MacDonald, acting Manager of Assessment Programs, 491-8333

# Employment Insurance

Employment Insurance provides temporary financial assistance for unemployed Canadians while they look for work or upgrade their skills. Canadians who are sick, pregnant or caring for a newborn or adopted child, as well as those who must care for a family member who is seriously ill with a significant risk of death, may also be assisted by Employment Insurance.

## Employment Insurance

Taxable Base	Maximum insurable earnings are \$39,000 for 2005
Rate %	Employers pay a premium rate of \$2.73 per \$100 of each employee's earnings up to a maximum of \$1,064.70 per year, for each employee.

## EI Region of Western Nova Scotia : Unemployment Rate & Benefit Table

(for the period of Oct 8, 2006 to Nov 4, 2006)

Unemployment Rate	9.8%
Number of Insured Hours Required to Qualify for Regular Benefits	560
Minimum Number of Weeks Payable for Regular Benefits	25
Maximum Number of Weeks Payable for Regular Benefits	45

[View Unemployment Rate & Benefit Table for Western Nova Scotia](#)

## Maximum Weekly Benefit

The basic benefit rate is 55% of your average insured earnings up to a maximum payment of \$413 per week. Your EI payment is a taxable income, meaning federal and provincial or territorial (if it applies) taxes will be deducted. You could receive a higher benefit rate if you are in a low-income family (an income of less than \$25,921) with children and you receive the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB), you are entitled to the Family Supplement.

[Source: Service Canada](#)

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