

NEWS BULLETIN

Updates from the Commissioner for Employers

Announcements

1 Prime Minister Carney announces new measures to protect and transform Canada's steel and lumber industries

Building on previously announced measures to help transform the Canadian steel and softwood lumber industries, the following new initiatives were announced last week:

- Further limit foreign steel imports to ensure that Canadian steel producers have better access to the domestic market
- Make it easier to build with Canadian steel and Canadian lumber
- Increase protections for Canadian steel and lumber workers and businesses so they can adapt and thrive in this new global landscape

Part of this announcement includes \$100 million over two years, starting in 2025-2026, in program costs to provide support to eligible employers in all sectors with an active Work-Sharing agreement and who commit to supporting training for employees working reduced hours. This measure will increase the income replacement for eligible workers, helping up to 26,000 Canadian workers in various sectors, including steel and lumber.

Read the press release [here](#)

Read the backgrounder [here](#)

2 Canada Summer Jobs – Applications due December 11, 2025

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) is a program under the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS). It helps youth aged 15 to 30 gain paid summer work experience and develop skills for the job market.

The program offers wage subsidies to support employers to create quality summer jobs. The deadline for employers to apply is Thursday, December 11, 2025.

View the [program page](#) for more information, as well as how to apply.

3 Payroll employment, earnings and hours, and job vacancies, September 2025

Highlights:

- The number of employees receiving pay and benefits from their employer—measured as "payroll employment" in the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours—decreased by 58,000 (-0.3%) in September, offsetting a cumulative increase of 43,200 (+0.2%) in July and August.
- In September, monthly payroll employment declines were recorded in 11 of the 20 sectors.
- Meanwhile, job vacancies in Canada increased to 486,000 (+25,500; +5.5%) in September, marking the first month-to-month increase in job vacancies since January 2024.

Read the report [here](#)

4 House of Commons Committee Invites the Public to Submit Written Briefs for its Study on the Impacts of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program on the Labour Market

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities is undertaking a study of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, including its impacts on the labour market and how well it meets needs, particularly in rural areas.

The Committee invites members of the public to submit written briefs no longer than 10 pages (approximately 4,000 words) for consideration in the study. The deadline for the Committee to receive written briefs from the public is Friday, February 13, 2026.

Read the Press Release [here](#)

View the HUMA study page [here](#)

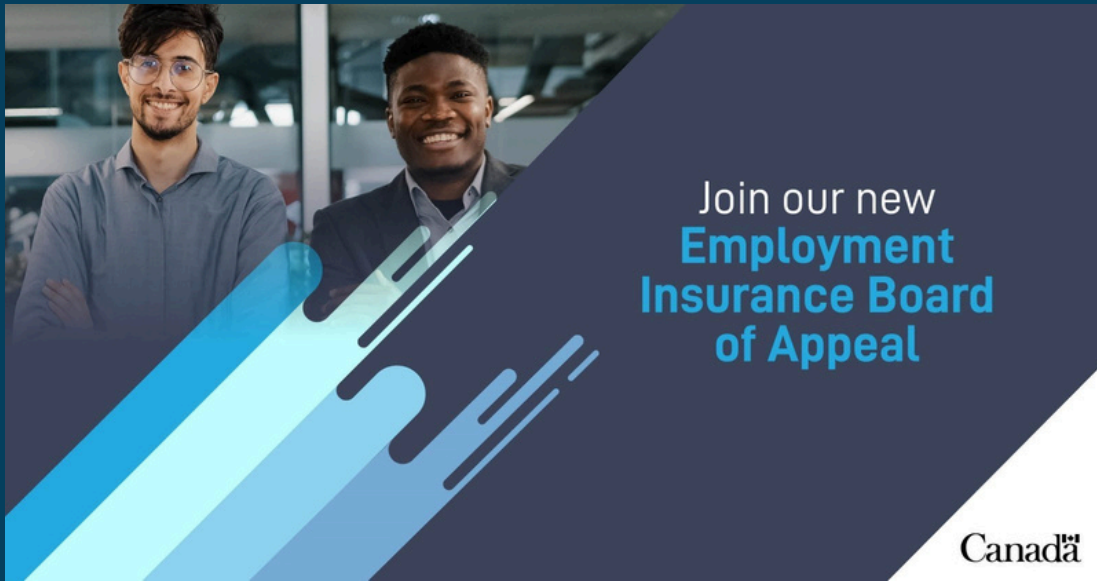
View the Guide for Submitting Briefs to the House of Commons Committees [here](#)

5 GC Business Insights, December 2025: Tax Resources for Small Businesses

Access trusted tools and guidance to simplify your business taxes. Learn how to register, manage payroll, file GST/HST returns and stay on top of key tax deadlines.

Read more [here](#)

6 Join our new Employment Insurance Board of Appeals



There's still time left to apply to join our newly established EI Board of Appeal as a Board Member. This board will be hearing and deciding on first-level EI appeals.

Apply [here](#)