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CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The NBTF wishes to share the following information received by the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) on the changes to employment insurance that will come in effect on January 6, 2013 as they may affect teachers, particularly Schedule D contracts and supply teachers.

As you know, effective January 6, there will be changes to the Employment Insurance program that may have an effect on teachers. The so called



“Connecting Canadians with Available Jobs” initiative requires those claiming EI to conduct a job search that is specific to their circumstances.

The regulations have yet to be Gazetted but have been posted on the HRSDC web site at <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/employment/ei/regs/81000-2-1369-e-gc2.shtml>. It appears, in most cases, teachers will fall into section (c) of regulation 9.003 and thus be required to seek and take employment in teaching during the first 6 weeks of claim. For weeks 7 through 18, they will be required to seek work in a “similar occupation” and after that in any occupation for which they are qualified.

There is also a financial implication in the definition of suitable employment in the regulation. Again, in most cases, teachers will be only required to take work in the first six weeks that replaces at least 90% if their earnings during the qualifying period. For week 7 through 18 the figure drops to 80% and then to 70% after week 18 on claim.

CTF staff officers have been invited to a technical briefing on the changes. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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