

## **Information ONLY for members dealing with the new EI rules**

- 1) EI will randomly select workers to come down to their local EI office to be interviewed by an employment insurance investigator. This interview process will involve questioning about job searches through newspaper ads, online job banks, job fairs etc. Other applicants will be mailed out a 9 page questionnaire to fill out and return.
- 2) EI has laid out three different classifications for claimants; Frequent Users, Occasional Users and Tenure Users.
- 3) Applicants under the Occasional/Tenure classification will have 8 weeks to look for a job that is under the same classification as their last job.
- 4) Frequent users will need to look for a job that is within 80% of their job classification right away and will drop down to 70% after 8 weeks.
- 5) Occasional users will be asked to search for employment within 80% of their job classification/pay between 8-18 weeks and then 70% after 18 weeks of EI.
- 6) Long Tenure users will be asked to search for employment within 90% of their job classification/pay between 8-18 weeks and then 80% after 18 weeks.
- 7) Members will have to keep a log book/spreadsheet of weekly searches that must be kept in their possession for up to **6 years**. Applicants must keep their log book current and may be asked to show an EI investigator at any time. If the EI investigator feels he/she has not been actively searching for employment they may stop the claim. Members can write down the Union as their only contact but may be asked to expand their search.
- 8) In the next couple months, EI will start emailing out employment opportunities to claimants who will be followed up by an EI investigator asking if they applied or not. These job offers will continue until the member has begun employment.
- 9) If a union member refuses to work for a non union contractor, the file will be given to a senior EI manager for review. The union member will then be asked to give reasons for not taking a job with that non union contractor. This will be done on a case by case basis. Our members can use the Clauses set out in our Constitution and Bylaws as their reason to not accept a non union job. This will be a test to see whether or not EI will accept or ignore those Clauses.