

Government Benefits 2017

as of January 1, 2017



Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan	CPP	QPP
1. Contribution Rate	4.95%	5.400%
2. Year's maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE)	\$55,300.00	\$55,300.00
3. Basic exemption	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
4. Maximum premiums for employees	\$2,564.10	\$2,797.20
Maximum premiums for self-employed	\$5,128.20	\$5,594.40
5. Retirement Benefits (maximum for new recipient)	\$1,114.17	\$1,114.17
6. Lump Sum Death Benefit (max.)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
7. Disability (max.)	\$1,313.66	\$1,313.63
8. Dependent children's benefit	\$241.02	\$241.02
9. Surviving spouse 65 and over (max.)	\$668.50	\$668.50
10. Surviving spouse under 65 (max.)	\$604.32	N/A
Surviving spouse 45-64 (max.)	N/A	\$895.81
Surviving spouse under 45 (max.) - not disabled, no child	N/A	\$540.23
- not disabled, with child	N/A	\$861.64
- disabled	N/A	\$895.81
Employment Insurance (E.I.)	Canada (excl. Quebec)	Quebec
1. Annual insurable earnings (max.)	\$51,300.00	\$51,300.00
2. Premiums – annual maximum (employee)	\$836.19	\$651.51
– annual maximum (employer)	\$1,170.67	\$912.11
3. Benefits – weekly maximum (55% of insurable earnings)	\$543.00	\$543.00
Old Age Security (effective January 1, 2017 –adjusted quarterly)	Maximum Monthly	
1. Old Age Security	\$578.53	
2. Guaranteed Income Supplement	\$864.09	
3. Spouse's allowance (Age 60-64)	\$1,098.70	
4. Widowed spouse's allowance (Age 60-64)	\$1,309.67	

Consumer Price Index

Publication dates for the CPI during the calendar year 2017 as it relates to your cost-of-living formulas under your collective agreement.

Month	Publication Date	Month	Publication Date	Month	Publication Date
Dec-16	Jan 20/17	Apr-17	May 19/17	Aug-17	Sept 22/17
Jan-17	Feb 24/17	May-17	June 23/17	Sep-17	Oct 20/17
Feb-17	Mar 24/17	Jun-17	July 21/17	Oct-17	Nov 17/17
Mar-17	Apr 21/17	Jul-17	Aug 18/17	Nov-17	Dec 21/17

Workers Compensation		
Province	Percentage of Earnings	2017 Maximum Insurable Earnings/Maximum Compensation Rate
Alberta	90% (net)	\$98,700
British Columbia	90% (net)	\$81,900
Manitoba	90% (net)	See Note*
New Brunswick	85% (net)	\$62,700
Newfoundland/Labrador	80% (net)	\$63,420
NWT/Nunavut	90% (net)	\$90,600
Nova Scotia	75% (net) up to 26 weeks then 85% (net)	\$59,300
Ontario	85% (net)	\$88,500
Prince Edward Island	85% (net)	\$52,800
Quebec	90% (net)	\$72,500
Saskatchewan	90% (net)	\$76,086
Yukon	75% (gross)	\$85,601

Note* Manitoba has a "maximum insurable earnings" for 2017 of \$127,000 for the purposes of calculating the premium that an employer has to pay but there is no "maximum compensation rate" when calculating a claimant's wage loss.

Extreme caution should be used when comparing these numbers as the information is not directly comparable between WCBs.

