

GOVERNMENT BENEFITS 2006
as of January 1, 2006



Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan	CPP	QPP
1. Contribution Rate	4.95%	4.95%
2. Year's maximum pensionable earnings	\$ 42,100.00	\$ 42,100.00
3. Basic exemption	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
4. Maximum premiums for employees	\$1,910.70	\$1,910.70
Maximum premiums for self-employed	\$3,821.40	\$3,821.40
5. Benefits (maximum for new recipient)	\$844.58	\$844.58
6. Lump Sum Death Benefit (max.)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
7. Disability (max.)	\$1,031.05	\$1,031.02
8. Dependent children's benefit	\$200.47	\$63.65
9. Surviving spouse 65 and over (max.)	\$506.75	\$506.75
10. Surviving spouse under 65 (max.)	\$471.85	-
Surviving spouse 55-64 (max.)	-	\$716.31
Surviving spouse under 55 (max.)	-	\$714.30
Old Age Security (effective January 1, 2006 – adjusted quarterly)		
1. Old Age Security	-	\$484.63
2. Guaranteed income supplement (max.)	- single	\$593.97
	- couple	\$389.67
3. Maximum spouse's allowance (Age 60-64)v	-	\$874.30
4. Maximum widowed spouse's allowance (Age 60-64)	-	\$967.24
Unemployment Insurance (E.I.)		
	Canada (excl.)	Quebec
1. Annual insurable earnings (maximum)		\$39,000.00
2. Premiums – annual maximum (employee)	\$729.30	\$596.70
Premiums – annual maximum (employer)	\$1,021.80	\$834.60
3. Benefits – weekly maximum (55% of insurable earnings)		\$413.00 *
* supplement available for claimants with children and family net income under \$25,921		

Consumer Price Index

Publication dates for the CPI during the calendar year 2006 as it relates to your cost-of-living formulas under your collective agreement.

Month	Publication Date	Month	Publication Date	Month	Publication Date
Dec/05	Jan 18/06	Apr/06	May 18/06	Aug/06	Sept 19/06
Jan/06	Feb 22/06	May/06	June 20/06	Sept/06	Oct 20/06
Feb/06	Mar 16/06	June/06	July 21/06	Oct/06	Nov 22/06
Mar/06	Apr 20/06	July/06	Aug 22/06	Nov/06	Dec 19/06

Workers Compensation

Province	Percentage of Earnings	2006 Maximum Insurable Earnings/ Maximum Compensation Rate
Alberta	90% (net)	\$63,300
British Columbia	90% (net)	\$62,400
Manitoba	90% (net)	No Maximum
New Brunswick	85% loss of earnings	\$51,900
Newfoundland/Labrador	80% (net)	\$47,245
NTW/Nunavut	90% (net)	\$67,500
Nova Scotia	75% (net) first 26 weeks then 85% (net)	\$45,100
Ontario	85% (net)	\$69,400
Prince Edward Island	80% (net) first 38 weeks then 85% (net)	\$43,300
Quebec	90% (net)	\$57,000
Saskatchewan	90% (net)	\$55,000
Yukon	75% (gross)	\$69,500

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