

Legally speaking.....

Did you know?

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - WORKING

If you are receiving Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, you are allowed to work part-time and keep some of the money you earn.

How much can I earn and still be eligible for EI benefits?

If you work part-time and are receiving regular EI benefits, you can keep 25% of your weekly benefit rate or \$50 per week (whichever is higher) without changing the amount of EI you will receive for that week.

What is the weekly benefit rate?

Weekly benefit rate is the amount of money that EI has calculated for you to receive per week while on Employment Insurance.

What happens if I earn more than 25% of my weekly benefit rate?

If you earn more than what is allowed, then all income earned above that limit will be deducted dollar for dollar from your weekly EI cheque.

Do I have to report all the income that I earned, or just the income that I get to keep?

You have to report all income that you earn, even if you do not get to keep all the income. Remember that you have to report the money in the week that you have earned it, even if you do not receive the money in that week.

It is important to report all earnings correctly. Mistakes can happen. If you make a mistake, you can correct the mistake by letting Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) know. Contact them by calling 1-800-531-7555 or visit the office nearest to you.

For more information check the HRDC website at:
www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca