

# Proposed new EI zones for PEI

## The story of Jack and Mary

EMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE:  
**SCRAP THE  
CHANGES**

EI Claimant, Jack lives in Cornwall which is within the proposed Charlottetown area zone and works for Cornwall Seasonal catering Business – salary based on 40 hour work week – \$700.00 per week – works 15 weeks from Mid May 2015 until August 29, 2015.

The second claimant, Mary lives in Bonshaw in the proposed “outside Charlottetown area zone” and is also employed under same conditions/timeframes with same Seasonal Catering Company.

EI rate for Zone A for the Charlottetown area for the week of August 30, 2015 is determined to be 8.5%.

EI rate for Zone B for outside of the Charlottetown area for the week of August 30, 2015 is 11.5%

### JACK

Jack lives in ZONE A – EI rate 8.5%  
**Requires 595 hours - worked 600 hours**

Jack's entitlement to Benefits  
**Benefit rate divider is 19 \***  
**(EI rate 8.5)**

Jack's Benefit rate = 304

$55\% (700 \times 15 \text{ divided by } 19) = 304.00$

Jack's # of weeks payable = 18 \*\*

Jack's total benefits payable = \$5,472.00

### MARY

Mary lives in Zone B – EI rate is 11.5%  
**Requires 490 hours - worked 600 hours**

Mary's Entitlement to benefits  
**Benefit rate divider is 16\***  
**(EI rate-11.5)**

Mary's benefit rate = 361

$55\% (700 \times 15 \text{ divided by } 16) = 361.00$

Mary's # of weeks payable = 24 \*\*

Mary's total benefits payable = \$ 8,664.00

\* Benefit rate calculator divider is based on EI rate in economic zone where the person resides. The divisor varies from 14 to 22 depending on the EI rate.

\*\* # of weeks payable is based on EI zone rate and client's total hours worked.