



## **Teaching Related Occupations**

The EI Legislation does not permit persons engaged in the occupation of teaching to receive benefits unless:

- The individual's contract for teaching has terminated;
- The individual's employment in teaching was on a casual or substitute basis; or
- The individual qualifies to receive benefits based on non-teaching employment.

Traditionally, persons engaged in the occupation of teaching are Teachers or Instructors. However, Early Childhood Educators and Education Assistants may also be engaged in the occupation of teaching.

Teaching is comprised of, among other things, teaching subjects related to the school curriculum, such as reading, writing and arithmetic or specialized subjects. Where an individual assists a full time teacher in the classroom, provides care to children, but does not perform any teaching duties, they are not considered to be teaching.

However, anyone who teaches, regardless of the time spent in teaching, the subject, or the individuals being taught, is considered to be in the occupation of teaching, for the purposes of the EI Legislation.

Please consider carefully, how this information applies to **your** specific employment situation, when responding to the following question on the online application for benefits:

Have you taught any part of the school curriculum at any of the following levels in the last 2 years?

- Nursery/Early Childhood/Daycare/Preschool/Pre-elementary/Kindergarten
- Elementary/Primary/Secondary/High School
- Vocational/Private School
- Adult Education (All levels)

As it is for all workers in Canada, a decision on entitlement to EI benefits is based on each individual's specific employment situation and not on general occupational categories or job titles.