



BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

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LEGAL ADVICE ON APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR INCOME ASSISTANCE FOR RECALLED EMPLOYEES

Brothers, Sisters, Friends,

The Union requested a legal opinion on the implications the 75% wage subsidy would have for members who followed our advice to apply for federal benefits.

Adrienne Smith, Adrienne Smith Law, has provided the following advice:

'Overpayments will be calculated as part of the Income Tax assessment process for 2020. Repayment of any overages would be due at tax time next spring.

Members who are eligible for EI should report for available shifts, receive any employment-related payments, and attempt to report any periods of work or pay to Service Canada. CERB recipients should do likewise until clear direction is given by the Canada Revenue Agency about how recipients should report earnings while receiving CERB benefits.'

To review the full opinion, access the following link:

<https://www.bcfmwu.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-19-Benefit-Implications.pdf>

In Solidarity,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BM Johnston", written over a horizontal line.

Brother Graeme Johnston
Provincial President