



# Premiums Paid Eligibility (PPE)

Updates to the  
Employment Insurance  
Benefits Information  
System (EIBIS)

October 2019

# Context



Changes to the EI Act (EIA) introduced in Budget 2017 give more flexibility to serve clients under EI Part II by expanding eligibility to the program.

Under new Premiums Paid Eligibility (PPE) rules, individuals who have contributed EI premiums in at least 5 of the last 10 calendar years are eligible to receive EI Part II Employment Benefits.



# New definition of insured participant



For the purpose of determining EI Part II eligibility, the definition of an Insured Participant is being changed to a person who is:

- **Active EI Claimant:** An unemployed person for whom an EI benefit period is established.
- **Former EI Claimant:** An unemployed person whose EI benefit period has ended within the previous 60 months.
- **PPE:** An unemployed person who paid EI premiums in at least 5 of the last 10 calendar years that did not entitle the person to a refund\*.

\* If the person made less than \$2000 in earnings in a year, any EI premiums that they would have paid, would be reimbursed.



# Confirming EI premiums paid



- Tax data is used to confirm that EI premiums were paid in a given calendar year.
- Based on a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN) and date entered in EIBIS, ESDC will confirm eligibility based on available tax data.
- Tax data is transferred to ESDC twice a year
  - September - Initial data for the previous tax year
  - December - Updated data for the previous tax year
- **There is no direct connection to CRA databases from EIBIS**

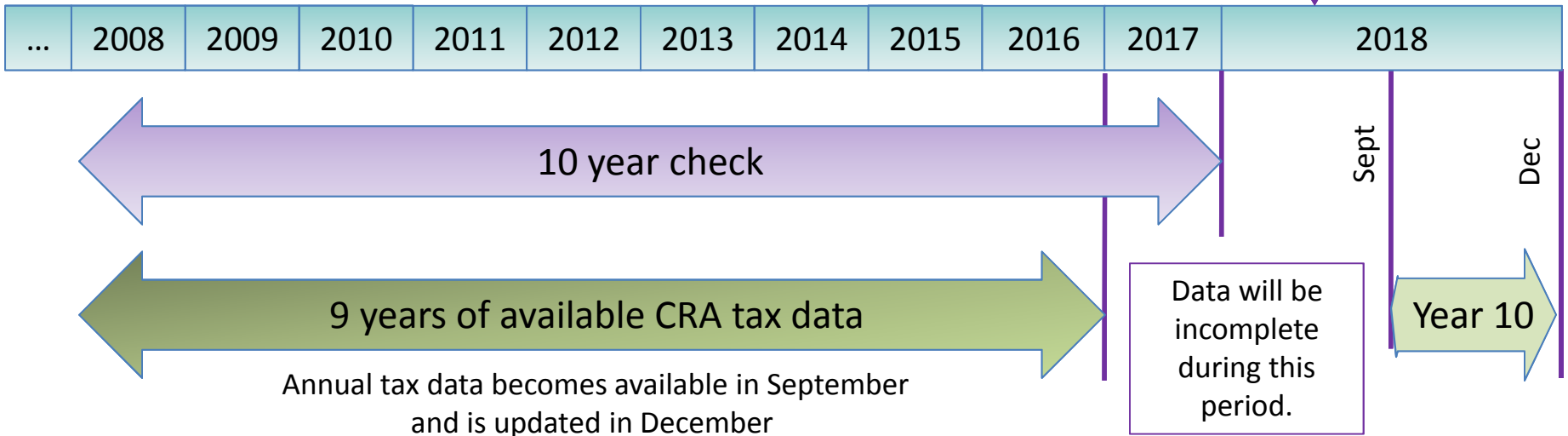


# Calculating 5 of the last 10 years

- ESDC will calculate PPE based on the most up-to-date tax data
- Some manual verification may be required for clients who “May be Eligible”



EIBIS  
Eligibility check  
April 2018



# Manual verification of the 5<sup>th</sup> year



- A client “May be Eligible” if the system has confirmed 4 years using the available tax data.
- In this case, a manual check of the 5<sup>th</sup> year may be required by the counselor.
- Counselors may verify the 5<sup>th</sup> year using:
  - ✓ T4 slip
  - ✓ Pay stub
  - ✓ ROE

Last Name:	First Name:
Unknown	Unknown
<b>EI Part II Eligibility:</b>	
May be eligible	
<b>Reason:</b>	
Previous tax year information is not currently available to determine the client's premiums paid eligibility	
<a href="#">▶ Client Details</a>	

- “May be” PPE eligible clients who have never claimed EI will display no personal information in EIBIS
- Only the SIN will be displayed

### Client Information ?

<b>SIN:</b> [Redacted]	<b>Information Technology Centre:</b> Belleville
<b>Last Name:</b> Unknown	<b>First Name:</b> Unknown

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[Client Details](#)

<b>Address Line 1:</b> Unknown	
<b>Address Line 2:</b> Unknown	
<b>Address Line 3:</b> Unknown	
<b>Date of Birth:</b> Unknown	<b>Telephone:</b> Unknown
<b>Gender:</b> Unknown	<b>Language:</b> N/A
<b>Service Canada Centre:</b> N/A	

[Link to find a Service Canada Office](#)



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