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Need support to survive in these tough economic times?

The Government of Canada has announced adjustments to some of its labour market policies and programs to temporarily provide additional support to those facing transitions in these tough economic times.

The changes are part of the Government's \$8.3 billion Canada Skills and Transition Strategy.

Among the changes are improvements to the Work-Sharing Program. Work-Sharing is an Employment Insurance (EI) program that assists businesses experiencing a temporary slowdown caused by factors beyond their control.

It is designed to avoid layoffs by offering EI income benefits to qualifying workers willing to work a reduced work-week while their employer recovers.

Work-sharing represents a win-win situation. Employers can retain employees and avoid expensive re-hiring and re-training costs, and employees are able to continue working and keep their skills up to date.

To find out more about this and the Government's Economic Action Plan, read the full story [here](#).

