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Dear Sir;

Recently on C.B.C. T.V. a program exposed how U.I.C. recipients in Newfoundland work for 10 weeks on Government sponsored work programs, and then collect U.I.C. benefits for 42 weeks, (the rest of the year.) This has been going on for years and is happening now. Example; One person is hired on for 10 weeks in order to qualify for 42 weeks U.I.C. , once he have had 10 weeks , his job is then turned over to another person and then after 10 weeks to another, etc.,etc. However in the Keewatin, where the economy is even more depressed , and unemployment is even higher , where the average construction season is 12-14 weeks long , U.I.C. applicant is required to have worked 20 weeks in one Calander year to qualify for U.I.C. benefits the first time around. Should he be able to get 20 weeks in the first year then in the second calander year he will only have to have worked 10 - 16 weeks, it all depend on the desision made by an insurance officer in Yellowknife.

Why are we different from Newfoundland , why isn't the 10 - 42 weeks system standard to all depressed area?

Yours truly,

Ron Brown