

CUPE EDUCATION WORKERS' BENEFITS TRUST

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New March 1, 2018 transition date

An important update on the CUPE EWBT

Moving all eligible CUPE members in the province into the CUPE Education Workers' Benefits Trust (CUPE EWBT) is a major undertaking, involving many stakeholders and moving parts. While we've made great progress to date, there have been some obstacles to overcome. To date, a significant number of Boards have still not provided final data to OTIP, our new plan administrator.

With that in mind, **our new transition date is March 1, 2018**. We believe extending the timeline is important to help ensure a smooth transition - and a more positive experience for our members.

What does that mean for my benefits?

In the meantime, nothing changes. You'll continue to have benefits coverage through your Board plan until March 1, 2018, and you should continue to submit your benefits claims through the usual process.

If you're thinking of retiring soon, please keep this new transition date in mind as you make your decision. Remember, ***you must be a member of a Board retiree benefits plan before the transition to be eligible for the CUPE EWBT retiree benefits plan.***

Thank you once again for your patience and support. We're committed to keeping you informed as we go through this important change together.

A final word

This bulletin has been prepared exclusively for eligible CUPE workers in the province of Ontario. It is not intended to be comprehensive or to provide advice. If there are any differences between the information provided in this bulletin and any legal documents that govern the delivery of benefits, the legal documents will apply.

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