

# How much will BC's Employer Health Payroll Tax cost you?

An unwelcome surprise tax is turning into sticker shock for employers calculating just how much more tax they will have to pay under the Employer Health Tax. The EHT will cost much more than MSP Premiums, which the new tax will replace after a one-year overlap.

Greater Langley employers have said that the EHT will hurt their ability to grow payrolls. The CEO of a large business - that employs many young workers - said the new tax is a 200% increase over what the company pays to cover MSP premiums. That hurts, especially as the business is also raising its entry-level pay to \$15 per hour. A common concern is that the tax will add an expense for employers with employees who opted out of MSP, such as youth covered under their parents' plans or adults covered under their spouse's plan. This is not what was promised during the election when we were told that MSP premiums would be eliminated, a tax was never mentioned as the solution.

To find out how the new tax will affect your business, here's a handy estimator you can [download](#) courtesy of our good friends at the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce. Brace yourself.