

# JOINT CONFERENCE BOARD

of the Piping Industry of British Columbia

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Construction Labour Relations Association of BC • Mechanical Industrial Relations Association  
United Association of Journeymen of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Local 170

TO: ALL CONTRACTORS SIGNATORY TO THE  
PLUMBERS LOCAL 170 COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

DATE: November 2009

RE: **CHRISTMAS RECESS - 2009**

The Joint Conference Board has approved the following related to checkout/Living Out Allowance (LOA)/meal allowance provisions:

It is agreed advisable that on **out-of-town projects**, with the mutual agreement of the contractor and the majority of the crew, work may be terminated (and a Christmas Recess commence) no earlier than the final shift on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 and recommence no later than the first shift on Monday January 4, 2010.

Contractors will be obliged to pay employees working on such projects seven (7) days checkout/LOA/meal allowance (ie: none for December 24, 29, 30, and 31).

Qualification for checkout/LOA/meal allowance is as usual: employees must work the complete shift on the last day before the Christmas Recess commences, and report for the first regular shift on January 4, 2010.

Exceptions to this agreement would be approved only for a legitimate reason (i.e. such as extended travel time required to reach the job site) arranged and approved by the job superintendent or, in their absence, by the foreman who has been given the appropriate authority, **before the Christmas Recess commences**. The contractor shall identify and post in the job site lunchroom a list of those persons having appropriate authority.

The Joint Conference Board also agreed that if the general contractor or owner independently closes down the job from December 23<sup>rd</sup> until January 4<sup>th</sup>, the conditions will be as if the mechanical contractor and the majority of his crew agreed to terminate the job from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> (i.e. seven (7) checkout/LOA/meal allowance days).