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## UPDATES ON COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, our federal government has moved quickly to provide financial support for individuals and businesses, and we continue to improve the programs based on your feedback.

We have also focused efforts towards obtaining personal protective equipment and scaling up the testing and tracing required to put an end to the pandemic.

### FOR INDIVIDUALS

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) creates a short-term basic income of \$2,000 per month up to 4 months if you lost income as a result of COVID-19.

Apply online for CERB if you:

- Have not quit your job voluntarily
- Are at least 15 years of age and residing in Canada
- Are ineligible for regular Employment Insurance Benefits, or your EI ended after January 1st
- Have earned at least \$5,000 in the 12 months prior to applying
- Are earning less than \$1,000 per month
- You have lost a seasonal job that was suspended

#### Other support

- Up to \$300 extra per child through the Canada Child Benefit
- A top-up of the April GST rebate of \$400 for individuals and \$600 for couples
- Medical certificates and one-week waiting period for EI
- Sickness benefits are waived
- Reduction of minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs)
- A temporary salary increase to \$2,500 per month for essential full-time workers
- Extension of income tax filing to June 1st and payments until August 31st

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**to our  
frontline  
workers**

**—  
thank  
you.**



## FOR STUDENTS

The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) is a \$1250 monthly payment from May to August to post-secondary students or graduates since December 2019. The amount increases to \$1750 if you have a dependent or a disability. Students can earn up to \$1000 per month and still qualify.

Additional support for students:

- Broadening eligibility for financial assistance and raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided to a student in 2020-21 from \$210 to \$350
- Launching a new Canada Student Service Grant of between \$100 and \$5000 for students volunteering in the COVID-19 fight to go towards their fall tuition.
- Doubling the Canada Student Grants for all eligible full-time up to \$6000 and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21.
- Suspending Student loan and interest payments until September 30th.

## FOR BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

- The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) provides interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 (\$10,000 forgivable upon repayment). Contact your financial institution to apply.
- The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) covers 75% of an employee's wages up to \$847 per week for employers with revenue loss due to COVID-19; where eligible a 100% refund for employer contributions. This program is backdated to March 15th. Use CRA's My Business Account to apply.
- The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program is providing rent assistance of up to 75% for small businesses.

### FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION, VISIT:

[canada.ca/coronavirus](https://canada.ca/coronavirus)

### GENERAL INFO LINE:

1-833-784-4397

### IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 PLEASE TAKE A SELF-ASSESSMENT AT:

[ca.thrive.health/covid19/en](https://ca.thrive.health/covid19/en)

## FUNDING RESEARCH, FINDING A CURE, & ENDING THE CRISIS

In addition to billions for producing PPE and supporting provincial public health efforts:

- \$390 million to research COVID-19 vaccines and treatments
- \$662 million to support clinical trials
- \$350 million to expand testing and modelling

A COVID-19 Immunity Task Force led by five top doctors will oversee national testing of more than a million people to study virus spread and immunity, support pandemic modelling, and inform continued public health measures.

