

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COVID-19 FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Federal Government	What is it?	More Information	How to Apply																		
Increased Canada Child Benefit	Increased Canada Child Benefit this year	Additional \$300/child for May 2020 payment. Those who already receive the Canada Child Benefit do not need to re-apply	Application is not required if already receiving this benefit																		
Increased GST for low-income individuals	One-time payment of increased GST	One-time special payment by early May 2020 through the Goods and Services Tax credit (GSTC). This will double the maximum annual GSTC payment amounts for the 2019-20 benefit year. The average boost to income for those benefitting from this measure will be close to \$400 for single individuals and close to \$600 for couples	Application is not required for this payment. If eligible, it will be received automatically																		
Employment Insurance	Improved access to Employment Insurance (EI)	1 week waiting period is waived	Apply online at EI																		
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (for those not eligible for EI)	For those not covered under EI and those unable to work for COVID-19 related reasons, up to \$2000/month for 4 months <i>*this includes temporary foreign workers and international students</i>	The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) would be paid every 4 weeks and be available from March 15, 2020 until October 3, 2020. Applicants would begin to receive CERB payments within 10 days of application	Apply via website which will be available April 6th, 2020. Applicants can also apply via an automated telephone line or a toll-free number																		
People who may qualify for Emergency Response Benefit	Workers, including the self-employed, who are quarantined or sick with COVID-19 but do not qualify for EI	Workers, including the self-employed, who are taking care of a family member who is sick with COVID-19, such as an elderly parent, but do not qualify for EI Sickness Benefits Parents with children who require care or supervision due to school or daycare closures, and are unable to earn employment income, irrespective of whether they qualify for EI	Apply via website which will be available in early April. Applicants can also apply by calling 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041 To apply for the CERB: CERB Applications will open on April 6. Visit the federal website for instructions. Application to apply based on the following: Day to apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If Your Birth Month is</th> <th>Apply for CERB on</th> <th>Your best day to apply</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jan, Feb or Mar</td> <td>Mon</td> <td>Apr 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr, May, or Jun</td> <td>Tues</td> <td>Apr 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July Aug, or Sept</td> <td>Wed</td> <td>Apr 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct, Nov, or Dec</td> <td>Thur</td> <td>Apr 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Any month</td> <td>Fri, Sat and Sun</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Applicants would begin to receive CERB payments within 10 days of application	If Your Birth Month is	Apply for CERB on	Your best day to apply	Jan, Feb or Mar	Mon	Apr 6	Apr, May, or Jun	Tues	Apr 7	July Aug, or Sept	Wed	Apr 8	Oct, Nov, or Dec	Thur	Apr 9	Any month	Fri, Sat and Sun	
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Students	Effective March 30, 2020 six-month interest-free moratorium on the repayment of Canada Student Loans	For all student loan borrowers, no payment will be required, and interest will not accrue during this time	Application is not required																		

*NOTE: This overview was created on April 9, 2020. Please visit the [federal website](#) for a more up to date version.



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