

# PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COVID-19 FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Provincial Government	What is it?	More Information	How to Apply
<b>BC Emergency Benefit for Workers</b>	A one-time \$1,000 payment to people who lost income because of COVID-19, the one-time payment will be paid in May 2020	B.C. residents who receive Federal Employment Insurance, or the new Federal Emergency Care Benefit, or the new Federal Emergency Support Benefit are eligible	Applications will open in early April <a href="#">Benefit for workers website</a>
<b>Climate Action Tax Credit</b>	A one-time enhancement to the Climate Action Tax Credit will be paid in July 2020 for moderate to low-income families	An adult will receive up to \$218.00 (increased from \$43.50)  A child will receive \$64.00 (increased from \$12.75)	Application is not required if already receiving this credit. It is based on BC residency and adjusted individual or family net income
<b>Renters, Homeowners and People Experiencing Homelessness</b>	Funding for housing supports are increased to ensure people can maintain their housing in the event of job or income loss	BC Housing has temporarily suspended evictions of tenants in subsidized and affordable housing due to non-payment of rent	For further information, see the BC provincial government website <a href="#">BC Housing website</a>
<b>Eviction Ban</b>	Upcoming evictions banned with a few exceptions	New and active evictions, except for exceptional circumstances, will be halted so that no one is evicted because of COVID-19 and people can remain in their homes during this crisis	For further information, see the BC provincial government website <a href="#">BC Housing website</a>
<b>Rent Relief</b>	Up to \$500 for 3 months	Will be applied through BC Housing and payments will go directly to landlords'	Information coming soon on the BC Provincial Government website <a href="#">BC Housing website</a>  May also consider reaching out to your landlord to make individual arrangements
<b>Additional Rent Relief</b>	Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) and Rental Assistance Program (RAP) clients may be eligible for a supplement	These are temporary changes to SAFER and RAP	For further information, see the BC provincial government website <a href="#">BC Housing website</a>
<b>Rent increase freeze</b>	Annual rent increase banned as of Wednesday, March 25, 2020	All new rent increases will be frozen during the state of emergency	For further information, see the BC provincial government website <a href="#">BC Housing website</a>
<b>Translink</b>	Bus fares suspended indefinitely	Riders on buses must enter from the rear of the bus (except riders requiring mobility assistance) Skytrain fares still apply	Visit Translink for more information <a href="#">Translink website</a>
<b>ICBC</b>	Deferral of premiums extended to 90 days	People may now be able to defer their insurance premiums for up to 90 days	Customers can use ICBC's Online Resource Tool <a href="#">ICBC Resource Tool</a>  or call the customer support team at 1-800-665-6442
<b>ICBC</b>	Renewal of driver's licence by phone	A customer can renew their driver's licence up to six weeks in advance of the expiry date	Contact ICBC Driver Licensing Call Centre at 1-800-950-1498 to temporarily extend your licence over the phone
<b>ICBC</b>	Change in Auto insurance classification from business use to pleasure use	A customer no longer using their car for work due to layoffs or work at home circumstances may switch insurance classification which will reduce their monthly premiums. Savings will vary depending on the discount level that they are currently receiving.	Clients may apply for this change in insurance classification by phone or on-line.
<b>B.C. Student Loans</b>	Starting March 30, 2020, B.C. student loan payments are automatically frozen for six months	BC Student Payments will be automatically frozen as will Canada Student Loan Payments	Freezing of loan payments will be automatic
<b>Support for Income &amp; Disability Assistance</b>	A \$300 supplement on your cheques issued starting in April and running through May, and June.	To be eligible you are not receiving federal Employment Insurance (EI) or the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and are on:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income Assistance</li> <li>Disability Assistance</li> <li>Comforts Allowance</li> <li>BC Senior's Supplement</li> </ul>	You do not have to take any action. Those receiving federal EI or the CERB and receiving:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income Assistance</li> <li>Disability Assistance</li> </ul> will not be eligible for the \$300 supplement.

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Please visit the [provincial website](#) for a more up to date version.



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