

PROVINCIAL / FEDERAL COVID-19 BENEFIT CHART*

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Provincial (British Columbia)

FOR INDIVIDUALS

BC CLIMATE ACTION TAX CREDIT (BCCATC)

WHAT IS IT?

Helps offset the impact of the carbon taxes paid by individuals or families.

AMOUNT

Adult: up to \$218.00
(increased from \$43.50)

Child: \$64.00
(increased from \$12.75)

EFFECTIVE DATE

July 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Residents of BC, low-to moderate-income families, are 19 years of age or older, or have a spouse or common-law partner, or are a parent who resides with your child.

HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION

To apply, file your income tax return for 2019.

[Climate Action Tax Credit](#)
[One-Time Enhanced July 2020 Payment for the Climate Action Tax Credit](#)

**BC HYDRO CUSTOMER
CRISIS PROGRAM**

WHAT IS IT?

Grant program for individuals finding themselves in temporary hardship.

AMOUNT

Up to \$600 (for electrically heated homes) or up to \$500 (for non-electrically heated homes)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Ongoing

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The person applying must be the residential account holder and can only apply for the primary residence.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Account must have overdue payments and facing disconnection
- Experienced a life event, within last 12 months, causing temporary financial crisis
- Outstanding balance of \$1,000 or less, with some attempt to make payments towards bill

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply online or by mail.

[BC Hydro News](#)

BC RECOVERY BENEFIT

WHAT IS IT?

The BC Recovery Benefit (the benefit) is a one-time direct deposit payment for eligible families, single parents or individuals. Benefit eligibility is based on net income from your 2019 tax return.

AMOUNT

a one-time, tax-free payment of up to \$1,000 for eligible families and single parents and up to \$500 for eligible individuals

EFFECTIVE DATE

December 18, 2020 – June 30, 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To qualify for the benefit you must:

- Be a resident of BC on December 18, 2020
- Be 19 years of age or older
- Have a filed 2019 Canadian personal income tax return

- Have a valid SIN, individual tax number or temporary tax number
The benefit will only be issued by direct deposit. You must have an account with a Canadian financial institution to receive the benefit.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Note: You must provide your net income from your 2019 tax return. This number can be found on Line 23600.

You can apply online, over the phone or at a Service BC computer terminal.

Click [here](#) for more information.

BC RECOVERY SUPPLEMENT

WHAT IS IT?

People who receive income or disability assistance from the Province may be eligible to receive the automatic \$150 temporary BC Recovery Supplement on cheques issued in in January, February and March 2021.

AMOUNT

\$150 per month

EFFECTIVE DATE

January, February and March 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you are not receiving federal Employment Insurance (EI), the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), CRB, CRCB, or CRSB and are on:

- Income assistance
- Disability assistance
- Hardship assistance
- Comforts allowance
 - BC Senior's Supplement

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

For more information, click [here](#).

**AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE
BENEFIT**

WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Child Care Benefit is a monthly payment to help eligible families with the cost of child care.

AMOUNT

Maximum monthly funding of \$1250

EFFECTIVE DATE

May 14, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Changes to the Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB) mean that families may continue receiving the benefit even if:

- The child was, or will be, absent for over two weeks due to COVID-19
- The parent no longer has a valid reason for child care due to COVID-19

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

For more information click [here](#).

SHELTER AID FOR ELDERLY RENTERS (SAFER)

WHAT IS IT?

SAFER provides monthly cash payments to subsidize rents for eligible BC residents who are age 60 or over and who pay rent for their homes.

AMOUNT

Rent subsidy

EFFECTIVE DATE

Ongoing

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- You are age 60 or older.
- You have lived in British Columbia for the full 12 months immediately preceding your application.
- You and your spouse (with whom you are living) meet the citizenship requirements
- You pay more than 30% of your gross (before tax) monthly household income towards the rent for your home, including the cost of pad rental for a manufactured home (trailer) that you own and occupy

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply through BC Housing by calling 604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7756.

Click [here](#) for more information.

COVID RELIEF FUNDING TO FRIENDSHIP CENTRES

WHAT IS IT?

One-time COVID-19 relief funding of \$7.8 million that will help friendship centres continue to assist individuals, young families, single parents, youth and Elders through a mix of in-person and online services.

AMOUNT

\$7.8 Million total

EFFECTIVE DATE

Announced December 11, 2020.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

For more information, click [here](#).

ICBC AUTOPLAN PAYMENT PLAN

WHAT IS IT?

Customers on a monthly Autoplan payment plan, who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19, can defer their payments for up to 90 days with no penalty.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 31, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Currently no screening process. The website specifies people experiencing hardship but no information needs to be provided on application.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply online.

[ICBC Payment Plan Deferral Date Request](#)

[Learn more at ICBC Update](#)

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)

WHAT IS IT?

The Rental Assistance Program provides eligible low-income, working families with cash assistance to help with their monthly rent payments.

AMOUNT

The Rental Assistance Program reimburses a percentage of the difference 30 percent of your gross household income and your rent, subject to the maximum rent ceilings.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Ongoing

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To qualify, families must have a gross household income of \$35,000 or less (maximum income increases to \$40,000 effective September 2018), have at least one dependent child, and have been employed at some point over the last year.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply through BC Housing by calling 604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7756.

Click [here](#) for more information.

RENT INCREASE FREEZE

WHAT IS IT?

Effective immediately, the Province is extending the freeze on rent increases until July 10, 2021, under the powers of the Emergency Program Act and COVID-19 Related Measures Act.

AMOUNT

N/A

EFFECTIVE DATE

Increases set to happen on December 1, 2020, are cancelled, along with all pending increases through to July.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This rent increase freeze does not include commercial tenancies, non-profit housing tenancies where rent is geared to income, co-operative housing and some assisted living facilities your payment plan.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

For more information click [here](#).

Provincial (British Columbia)

FOR BUSINESSES

AGRITECH GRANT PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

The Agritech Grant Program provides one-time funding to B.C.-based agritech or technology companies, agriculture producers or agrifood companies. The funding supports the increase of domestic food production and stimulates the development and testing of technologies.

AMOUNT

Grants of up to \$500,000 are available to B.C. based companies

EFFECTIVE DATE

Applications are open until February 12, 2021.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the program, you must be one of the following:

- A B.C.-based technology or agritech company
- A B.C.-based agricultural producer or agrifood company
- A technology, agritech, agriculture or agrifood company from outside of B.C. that has an intention to establish operations in B.C. within the near-term

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply online [here](#).

Or submit a completed application package to BCAgritechGrantProgram@gov.bc.ca.

**BC HYDRO
PAYMENT PLANS**

WHAT IS IT?

BC Hydro offers catch-up payment plans

AMOUNT

Payment Plan

EFFECTIVE DATE

Ongoing

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you can't pay the total amount owing, BC Hydro can typically offer flexible payment arrangements so the user can pay the overdue amount over time in a series of payments.

Your bill will show the status of your catch-up payments and your regular billing amount, so that you'll know how much is due in your payment plan.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Log in to MyHydro to set up a catch-up payment plan online, or request a plan by calling 1-800-BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376).

Click [here](#) for more information.

**SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESS
RECOVERY GRANT**

WHAT IS IT?

This program provides fully-funded grants to businesses to ensure they have the support they need during and beyond COVID-19.

AMOUNT

Grants of \$10,000 to \$30,000 are available to small and medium sized B.C. businesses impacted by COVID-19. An additional \$5,000 to \$15,000 grant is available to eligible tourism-related businesses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Note that the eligibility criteria changed as of December 18, 2020.

The majority share of the business is owned by one or more B.C. residents

The business has been operating in B.C. for at least 18 months as of your date of application to this grant program

The business's sole or primary operations are located and conducted in B.C.

The business is registered in B.C.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply online [here](#).

Questions may be directed here:
BusinessRecoveryGrantProgram@gov.bc.ca

Phone: 1-833-254-4357

WHAT IS IT?

This program provides fully-funded grants to businesses to ensure they have the support they need during and beyond COVID-19.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The program runs until March 31, 2021 or until the funds are fully allocated, whichever comes first.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- The business is current and pays taxes in B.C.
- The business is currently operating
- Businesses that are seasonal or temporarily closed are also eligible
- The business employs between 2 and 149 people in B.C. for at least four months of the calendar year
- This includes businesses that had employees or contracted staff prior to February 1, 2020
- For businesses such as sole proprietorships and partnerships that do not have staff, they must have fixed costs related to tangible assets: property, plant or equipment
- The business had positive cash flow for the last financial statement, prior to February 1, 2020
- The business experienced revenue losses compared to the same period in 2019 of:
 - At least 70% at some point during March or April 2020 and
 - At least 30% at some point during May 2020 to present
- The business's ownership has not prepared the business for closure, dissolution or for sale following February 1, 2020

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply online [here](#).
 Questions may be directed here:
 BusinessRecoveryGrantProgram@gov.bc.ca
 Phone: 1-833-254-4357

DELAYED CARBON TAX INCREASE

WHAT IS IT?

Carbon tax rates will remain at their current levels until further notice.

AMOUNT

Delay

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 23, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Will remain at their current levels until March 31, 2021.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Ministry of Finance Tax Notice](#)

CHILD CARE PROVIDER EMERGENCY FUNDING

WHAT IS IT?

Licensed group child care providers and smaller home-based child care providers are eligible for temporary emergency funding to keep operations going or to maintain their businesses while closed.

AMOUNT

Two times their average monthly government funding

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Licensed child care providers who have a 2020/21 funding agreement through the Child Care Operating Funding Program.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Temporary Emergency Funding Guidelines](#)

(updated June 1, 2020)

The link to the sign-up form will be emailed to all providers who have an active CCOF Funding Agreement.

DIGITAL MARKETING BOOTCAMP

WHAT IS IT?

Helping B.C. businesses build online shops, boost e-commerce operations or increase their digital marketing capacity.

AMOUNT

Tuition Coverage

EFFECTIVE DATE

Applications are currently open.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible to have the boot camp tuition covered, the following criteria must be met:

- A BC resident or residents own the business;
- The business's sole or primary operations are located in BC;
- The business is currently operating;
- The business is registered in BC;
- The business employs less than 149 BC residents

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Apply online [here](#).

INCREASED EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE

WHAT IS IT?

As part of B.C.'s economic recovery plan, the B.C. Increased Employment Incentive is a refundable tax credit for employers that encourages the creation of new jobs for B.C. workers or increases in payroll for existing low- or medium-income employees.

AMOUNT

Tax credit is calculated at 15% of the amount by which the employer's qualifying B.C. remuneration exceeds the employer's base remuneration.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Online Applications start in March 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All private sector employers—including most charities and non-profits—that create new jobs or increase their pay of their existing low- or medium-income employees over the last quarter (October to December) of 2020

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

For more information, click [here](#).

**ICBC DEFERRED
PAYMENT PLAN**

WHAT IS IT?

Customers on a monthly Autoplan payment plan, who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19, can defer their payments for up to 90 days with no penalty (includes premiums for fleets of vehicles).

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 31, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Must be up to date on premium payments

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Apply on the ICBC website](#)

INBC

WHAT IS IT?

InBC is a \$500 million strategic investment fund of the Government of British Columbia. It will invest in high growth potential firms, growing and anchoring talent, intellectual property, innovation, investment and jobs in B.C., and driving economic growth in every region.

AMOUNT

\$500 Million

EFFECTIVE DATE

Spring 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

InBC is still in development and it is expected that its investment strategy and criteria will be published during spring 2021.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Click [here](#) for more information.

**PROPERTY TAX
REDUCTION AND DEFERRAL**

WHAT IS IT?

Reduced property taxes for commercial properties (average 25% reduction) and deferred payment of property tax on commercial properties in classes 4-8 until October 1, 2020, without penalty. For rural area properties, late payment penalties for classes 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are postponed to November 3, 2020.

AMOUNT

Tax reduction and payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All businesses that own commercial properties

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

No application necessary
For more information click [here](#)

**DELAYED PST
BUDGET 2020 TAX
CHANGES**

WHAT IS IT?

Tax changes announced in Budget 2020 are postponed and will not take effect until April 1, 2021.

AMOUNT

Delay

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

N/A

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Provincial Tax and Revenue Updates](#)

**PST REBATE ON SELECT
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT**

WHAT IS IT?

Temporary provincial sales tax (PST) program to help corporations recover from the financial impacts of COVID-19.

AMOUNT

Refund

EFFECTIVE DATE

Applications will open online starting April 1, 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Under this temporary program, corporations can apply to receive an amount equal to the PST they paid between Sept. 17, 2020 and Sept. 30, 2021 on qualifying machinery and equipment.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Click [here](#) for more information.

**REDUCED
SCHOOL TAX
RATES**

WHAT IS IT?

School Tax rates for commercial properties will be reduced by 50% for the 2020 tax year.

AMOUNT

Delay

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 23, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Commercial Properties

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Provincial Tax and Revenue Updates](#)

WORKSAFE BC DEFERRED PAYMENTS

WHAT IS IT?

Employers can defer payment without penalty of their first quarter premiums until June 30, 2020.

Employers who report payroll on an annual basis do not need to report their 2020 payroll or pay their 2020 premiums until March 2021.

Also, holders of Personal Optional Protection coverage can defer payment of premiums that are due on April 20 until June 30, 2020.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral
Employers who report payroll and make payments on a quarterly basis can defer their Q1 and Q2 payments without penalty until October 20, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 26, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

BC Businesses

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[WorkSafe BC](#)

Federal

FOR INDIVIDUALS

CANADA RECOVERY BENEFIT (CRB)

WHAT IS IT?

Income support if you are self-employed or are not eligible for Employment Insurance (EI).

AMOUNT

\$500 per week, for up to 26 weeks

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 27, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- not employed or self-employed due to COVID-19 AND who are not eligible for EI,
- OR had their employment/self-employment income reduced by at least 50% due to COVID-19.
- Not eligible for EI
- Did not apply for or receive CRSB, CRCSB, short-term disability, workers' compensation or EI benefits
- You have not quit your job or reduced your hours voluntarily on or after September 27, 2020, unless it was reasonable to do so
- Seeking work during the period and have not turned down reasonable work in the last 2 week period

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Can apply online through your CRA My Account or by phone, 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041

For more information, click [here](#).

WHAT IS IT?

Income support if you must stop work to care for dependants due to closures, high risk and caregiver availability.

AMOUNT

\$500 per week
(taxable, tax deducted at source)
for up to 26 weeks per household

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 27, 2020 TO september 25, 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work week because you are caring for a family member
- Caring for your child under 12 years old, or a family member who needs supervised care
- Did not apply for or receive CRB, CRCSB, short-term disability, workers' compensation or EI benefits
- At least 15 years old
- Reside in Canada
- Have a valid SIN
 - Earned at least \$5000 in the past year
- Not receiving paid leave from your employer

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Can apply online through your CRA My Account or by phone, 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041

For more information, click [here](#).

CANADA RECOVERY SICKNESS BENEFIT (CRSB)

WHAT IS IT?

The Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) is for workers who are unable to work for at least 50% of the week because they contracted COVID-19, self-isolated for reasons related to COVID-19, or have underlying conditions, are undergoing treatments or have contracted other sicknesses that, in the opinion of a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, person in authority, government or public health authority, would make them more susceptible to COVID-19.

AMOUNT

\$500 per week (taxable, tax deducted at source) for up to 26 weeks per household

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 27, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- You are unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work week because you're self-isolating for one of the following reasons:
 - You are sick with COVID-19 or may have COVID-19
 - You are advised to self-isolate due to COVID-19
 - You have an underlying health condition that puts you at greater risk of getting COVID-19.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Can apply online through your CRA My Account or by phone, 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041

For more information, click [here](#).

INCREASED CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

WHAT IS IT?

Increased child support for 2019-2020 which will be delivered as party of the scheduled CCB payment in May.

AMOUNT

\$300.00 per child

EFFECTIVE DATE

May 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any family who has a child living with them.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

If you are already receiving the CCB you do not need to do anything.

If you are not already receiving the CCB, you can begin the application process [here](#).

**EMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE BENEFITS**

WHAT IS IT?

Provision of benefits to individuals who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

AMOUNT

55% of average insurance weekly earnings up to a maximum of \$573.00 per week
At least \$500 per week, before taxes

EFFECTIVE DATE

As of September 27, 2020 You only need 120 insured hours to qualify for benefits because you'll get a one-time credit of 300 insured hours to help you meet the required 420 insured hours of work

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Were employed in insurable employment
 - Lost your job through no fault of your own
- Have been without work and without pay for at least 7 consecutive days
 - Between 420 and 700 hours of insurable employment based on the unemployment rate in your area during the qualifying period.
- Ready, willing and capable of working

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[EI Regular Benefits - Apply](#)

IMPROVED ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SICKNESS BENEFITS

WHAT IS IT?

Waiver of requirement to provide a medical certificate to access EI sickness benefits.

AMOUNT

55% of average insurance weekly earnings up to a maximum of \$573.00 per week

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 27, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You only need 120 insured hours to qualify for benefits because you'll receive a one-time credit of:
 300 insured hours if you're applying for regular benefits
 480 insured hours if you're applying for sickness, maternity, parental or caregiving benefits

You'll receive at least \$500 per week before taxes, or \$300 per week before taxes for extended parental benefits but you could receive more

If you're applying for sickness benefits, you do not need to submit a medical certificate

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[EI Sickness Benefits - Apply](#)

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX CREDIT PAYMENT

WHAT IS IT?

One-time special payment through the Goods and Services Tax credit for low- and modest-income families.

AMOUNT

\$400.00 - \$600.00

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 9, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Those eligible for the Goods and Services Tax Credit.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

There is no need to apply for this payment. If you are eligible, you will receive it automatically.

[GST / HST Credit - Eligibility](#)

**MORTGAGE
SUPPORT**

WHAT IS IT?

Canadian banks have committed to work with their customers on a case by case basis to find solutions to help them manage hardships caused by COVID-19.

Homeowners facing financial hardship may be eligible for a mortgage payment deferral of up to six months.

AMOUNT

Deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Canadians who are impacted by COVID-19 and experiencing financial hardship as a result.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Contact your financial institution regarding flexibility for a mortgage deferral.

[Canadian Bankers Association](#)

[Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#)

**ENHANCING THE REACHING
HOME INITIATIVE**

WHAT IS IT?

Support for people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 outbreak.

AMOUNT

\$157.5 million

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Funding can be used for a range of needs such as purchasing beds and physical barriers for social distancing and securing accommodation to reduce overcrowding in shelters.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[About Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy](#)

**REDUCED
MINIMUM WITHDRAWALS FROM
REGISTERED RETIREMENT
INCOME FUNDS**

WHAT IS IT?

Reduction in required minimum withdrawals for 2020 by 25%.

AMOUNT

Reduction in required withdrawal

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

N/A

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Registered Retirement Income Fund \(RRIF\)](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2020

CANADA EMERGENCY RENT SUBSIDY

WHAT IS IT?

Canadian businesses, non-profit organizations, or charities who have seen a drop in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for a subsidy to cover part of their commercial rent or property expenses, starting on September 27, 2020, until June 2021.

AMOUNT

The CERS covers a portion of eligible expenses in respect of a claim period for each qualifying property, subject to certain maximums. The CERS is calculated on a property by property basis.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This subsidy will provide payments directly to qualifying renters and property owners, without requiring the participation of landlords.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

For more information click [here](#).

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 27, 2020

**DELIVERY AND PERSONAL
OUTREACH FOR SENIORS**

WHAT IS IT?

Support through United Way Canada for local organizations to support practical services to Canadian seniors. These services could include the delivery of groceries, medications, or other needed items, or personal outreach to assess individuals' needs and connect them to community supports.

AMOUNT
\$9 million

EFFECTIVE DATE
Announced
March 29, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
N/A

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Contact your local organization for access to services:
[The United Way](#)
Find more information [here](#).

**SENIORS' ONE-TIME
TAX-FREE PAYMENT**

WHAT IS IT?

A one-time, tax-free payment of up to \$500 to qualifying individuals.

AMOUNT
Up to \$500
to qualifying
individuals.

EFFECTIVE DATE
To be announced

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Individuals eligible for Old Age Security Pension may receive \$300 and those eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement are eligible for an additional \$200.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

No application necessary. All individuals who are eligible to receive Old Age Security or the Guaranteed Income Supplement in June 2020 will receive the one-time payment for seniors.
Find more information [here](#).

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S SHELTERS AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRES

WHAT IS IT?

Support for women and children fleeing violence, by providing increased funding to women's shelters and sexual assault centres to help with their capacity to manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities.

AMOUNT

\$50 million in emergency funding for organizations providing supports and services to those experiencing gender-based violence.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Initial funding was distributed in May 2020
 Additional funding was announced in October 2020 and details regarding distribution are still being determined.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

WAGE worked with the provincial and territorial counterparts and stakeholders to identify women's shelters and sexual assault centres in each jurisdiction who were eligible for funding.

**HOW TO APPLY/
 MORE INFORMATION**

[Supporting women's shelters and sexual assault centres across Canada during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Federal

FOR STUDENTS

CANADA STUDENT
LOANS PROGRAM (CSLP)

WHAT IS IT?

Enhancing student financial assistance for the fall of 2020 with changes to this program's eligibility requirements for 2020-21 to allow more students to qualify for support and be eligible for greater amounts. See also "Support for Students" section.

AMOUNT

Canada Student Grants have been increased to \$6000 for all eligible full-time students and \$3600 for part-time students in 2020-21
Weekly maximum that can be provided to a student raised from \$210 to \$350

EFFECTIVE DATE

2020 to 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility for student financial assistance has been broadened by removing the expected student's and spouse's contributions in 2020-2021.
All student loan borrowers will automatically have their loan repayments and interest suspended until September 30, 2020.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan - Youth, post-secondary students and recent graduates section](#)
[Canada Student Grants and Loans](#)

CANADA STUDENT
SERVICE GRANT (CSSG)

WHAT IS IT?

Created to help students gain valuable work experience and skills while they help their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. See also "Support for Students" section.

AMOUNT

Up to \$5,000 to support eligible students' post-secondary education costs in the fall of 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE

More details to follow

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

For students who choose to do national service and serve their communities.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Canada Student Grants and Loans](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

WHAT IS IT?

A temporary rule change allowing international students to work in excess of the current maximum of 20 hours per week provided they are working in an essential service or function, until August 31, 2020. See also “Support for Students” section.

AMOUNT

Rule change

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

International students.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Support for Students and Recent Graduated Impacted by COVID-19](#)

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

WHAT IS IT?

As part of its COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan, the Federal government has announced a series of measures to aid post-secondary students and recent graduates impacted by COVID-19.

AMOUNT

\$9 billion

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 23, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students and recent graduates.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Prime Minister Trudeau announces support for students and new grads affected by COVID-19](#)

Federal

FOR BUSINESSES

10% TEMPORARY WAGE
SUBSIDY FOR EMPLOYERS**WHAT IS IT?**

A three-month measure allowing eligible employers to reduce the amount of payroll deductions required to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Note: The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, which provides a 75% wage subsidy to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks, is a separate program.

AMOUNT

The subsidy is equal to 10% of the remuneration you pay from March 18, 2020 to June 19, 2020, up to \$1,375 for each eligible employee to a maximum of \$25,000 total per employer

Note: Associated CCPCs will not be required to share the maximum subsidy of \$25,000 per employer.

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are an eligible employer if you:

are a(n):

- individual (excluding trusts),
 - partnership (see note below),
 - non-profit organization,
 - registered charity, or
 - Canadian-controlled private corporation (including a cooperative corporation) eligible for the small business deduction;
 - have an existing business number and payroll program account with the CRA on March 18, 2020; and
 - pay salary, wages, bonuses, or other remuneration to an eligible employee.
- An eligible employee is an individual who is employed in Canada.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**
[Details on how to receive the subsidy.](#)

**BUSINESS CREDIT
AVAILABILITY
PROGRAM (BCAP)**

WHAT IS IT?

Program to provide additional support through the Business Development Bank of Canada (z) and Export Development Canada (EDC).

AMOUNT

The amount of credit for qualified businesses supported by the BCAP cannot exceed \$6.25 million

EDC or BDC provides an 80% guarantee to the business' financial institution on the money they borrow and the financial institution takes on the remaining 20% of the risk.

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 2020 to June 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Loan guarantee for small and medium sized enterprises to issue new operating credit and cash flow term loans.

Co-Lending Program for small and medium sized enterprises for operational cash flow requirements.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Businesses should work with their current financial institutions.

[Business Credit
Availability Program](#)

[EDC Business Credit
Availability Program](#)

[EDC COVID-19 Relief](#)

[BDC](#)

**CANADA EMERGENCY COMMERCIAL
RENT ASSISTANCE (CECRA)**

WHAT IS IT?

Seeks to provide loans and/or forgivable loans to commercial property owners who in turn will lower or forgo the rent of small businesses for the months of April (retroactive), May, and June.

AMOUNT

This program provides eligible tenants with a 75% reduction in their rent. In turn, commercial property owners are provided with 50% of the rent they would typically receive from the tenant in the form of a forgivable loan.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The application portal is now open; it is requested that applicants stagger their registration based upon their geographic location.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Small Businesses and commercial property owners

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/covid19-cecra-small-business)
<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/covid19-cecra-small-business>

WHAT IS IT?

Interest free loans to small businesses and not for profits to help cover operating costs during a period where their revenues have been temporarily reduced.

The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) provides interest-free, partially forgivable, loans of up to \$60,000, to small businesses and not-for-profits, that have experienced diminished revenues due to COVID-19 but face ongoing non-deferrable costs, such as rent, utilities, insurance, taxes and wages.

They recently expanded CEBA to include an additional interest-free \$20,000 loan, 50% of which would be forgivable if repaid by December 31, 2022.

AMOUNT

Up to \$60,000.00

EFFECTIVE DATE

Approx.
April 21, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The program has now been expanded to be available to businesses with payrolls between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million in 2019.

On May 19, the government announced a further expansion to businesses with a payroll of less than \$20,000. The launch date and details for this expansion are expected to be announced in the coming days.

As of December 4, 2020, CEBA loans for eligible businesses will increase from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

Applicants who have received the \$40,000 CEBA loan may apply for the \$20,000 expansion, which provides eligible businesses with an additional \$20,000 in financing.

All applicants have until March 31, 2021, to apply for \$60,000 CEBA loan or the \$20,000 expansion.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Businesses should work with their current financial institutions.

[Canada Emergency Business Account](#)

[May 19, 2020 - Announcement](#)

Repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 will result in loan forgiveness of 25% (up to \$10,000)

All applicants can now check the status of their CEBA Loan online [here](#).

WHAT IS IT?

Provision of a wage subsidy of 65% up to a maximum for Canadian businesses.

Put in place to enable employers to rehire workers who were previously laid off as a result of COVID-19, to help prevent further job losses and to put employers in a better position to resume normal operations after the pandemic.

AMOUNT

65% of wages of an employee’s wages, up to a maximum benefit of \$847.00 per employee per week, for a period of 24 weeks, retroactive from March 15 to August 29, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 27, 2020
New changes
November 19, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicable to all Canadian businesses as well as non-profit organizations and registered charities.

Eligibility for the subsidy is determined based on a revenue reduction of 15% in March and 30% in April and May.

Public bodies are not eligible.

Eligibility for CEWS was expanded on May 15, 2020 to include the following groups:

- Partnerships that are up to 50-per-cent owned by non-eligible members;
- Indigenous government-owned corporations that are carrying on a business, as well as partnerships where the partners are Indigenous governments and eligible employers;
- Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Associations;

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Applications can now be made through the CRA. For calculating your subsidy and more details on how to apply click [here](#).

CANADA EMERGENCY
WAGE SUBSIDY (CEWS)

- Registered Journalism Organizations; and
- Non-public colleges and schools, including institutions that offer specialized services, such as arts schools, driving schools, language schools or flight schools.

**EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND:
FOR CHARITIES AND NON-PROFITS ORGANIZATIONS****WHAT IS IT?**

An emergency fund to help charities and non-profit organizations continue helping vulnerable Canadian populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A portion of the funds will go directly to small independent organizations, and the remainders will go to national intermediaries such as the United Way Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and the Community Foundations of Canada. These organizations will then disburse the funds to local community-based groups that focus on working with vulnerable populations.

AMOUNT
\$350 million

EFFECTIVE DATE

Applications are now open

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To receive funding from an intermediary, a community organization must have a project that:

- addresses a pressing social inclusion or well-being need caused by COVID-19, by supplying the necessities of life and supporting activities of daily living, such as:
 - through education materials for children in low-income homes
 - mental health supports for people in crisis, and
 - accessibility services to persons with disabilities
 - serves one or more vulnerable populations during COVID-19
 - can be carried out in a short timeframe with a reasonable budget, and
 - can attest to not having secured funds to cover the costs of the activities for which they have applied from another intermediary, another federal COVID-19 response program or a different source

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Emergency Community Support Fund

More details can be found [here](#).

INCREASING CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS

WHAT IS IT?

Allowing an additional \$5 billion in lending capacity to producers, agricultural businesses and food processors.

AMOUNT

Increased lending

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 18, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Will provide increased flexibility to farmers who face cashflow issues and to processors who are impacted by lost sales.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[FCC Latest Updates](#)

LARGE EMPLOYER EMERGENCY FINANCING FACILITY (“LEEFF”)

WHAT IS IT?

LEEFF provides bridge financing to companies where their financial needs are not being met by private-sector lenders and conventional financing.

The objective is to help keep Canada’s largest employers operating, avoid bankruptcy of otherwise viable firms if possible, and protect Canadian jobs by allowing businesses to keep their employees on payroll.

AMOUNT

Up to \$60 million in bridge financing

EFFECTIVE DATE

Applications now open as of May 20, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Canadian for-profit businesses that:

- Are seeking financing of \$60 million or more
- Have annual revenues generally in the order of \$300 million or higher
- Have significant operations or workforce in Canada
- Are not involved in ongoing insolvency proceedings

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

More details can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

NRC IRAP INNOVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IAP)

WHAT IS IT?

The call for applications is now closed

On April 17, 2020, the Government of Canada announced \$250 million in funding for the Innovation Assistance Program (IAP) to assist Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

IRAP IAP provides a wage subsidy to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks.

On November 6, 2020, the Government of Canada announced over \$155 million to extend Innovation Assistance Program funding for existing recipients.

AMOUNT

\$250 million

EFFECTIVE DATE

The call for applications is now closed

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Your company must meet the following to be eligible:

- Be ineligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy
- Be an incorporated, profit-oriented small or medium-sized business in Canada
- Be a company with 500 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
 - Plan to pursue growth and profit by developing and commercializing innovative, technology-driven new or improved products, services or processes in Canada
 - Lack sufficient financial resources to sustain operations from April 1, 2020 to June 23, 2020 inclusive
 - Have a Canada Revenue Agency business number
- Be incorporated by no later than March 1, 2020

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[NRC IRAP Innovation Assistance Program \(IAP\)](#)

WHAT IS IT?

An interest free repayable contribution of up to \$40,000 for eligible businesses to assist with easing the hardship caused by COVID-19.

AMOUNT

Interest free repayable contribution of up to \$40,000 for small and medium enterprises. The total government funding is \$962 million.

EFFECTIVE DATE

May 13, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This program is only open to businesses that do not qualify for the Canadian Emergency Business Account program or RRRF Community Futures stream.

The business must have less than 500 full time employees, have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19, be located in Western Canada and intend to continue to operate in Western Canada, not be located in an area which is serviced by a Community Futures Office, have been declined funding from the Canada Emergency Business Account or was not eligible to receive funding, and was operational on March 1, 2020.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

More details can be found [here](#).

**DEFERRED SALES TAX
REMITTANCE AND CUSTOMS
DUTY PAYMENTS**

WHAT IS IT?

Extension of time for payment of GST/HST and customs duty owing on imports until June 30, 2020.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

Any GST/HST or customs duty payments that become owing from March 27 to May 31, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

N/A

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

More details can be found [here](#).

**EXTENDING THE
WORK-SHARING PROGRAM**

WHAT IS IT?

Extension of the maximum duration of the Work-Sharing program from 38 weeks to 76 weeks.

AMOUNT

Extension of program length

EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective March 15, 2020 to March 14, 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Work-Sharing program is offered to workers who agree to reduce their normal working hours because of developments beyond the control of their employers.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

The Work-Sharing program allows workers to receive wages that are not deductible from the EI benefits that they are receiving.

[Work Sharing - Apply](#)

**WAIVING TARIFFS ON CERTAIN
MEDICAL GOODS**

WHAT IS IT?

Waiving tariffs on certain medical goods, including PPE such as masks and gloves.

This will reduce the cost of imported PPE for Canadians, help protect workers, and ensure our supply chains can keep functioning well.

AMOUNT

Waiver of tariff

EFFECTIVE DATE

May 5, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Certain Goods Remission Order (COVID-19) allows for the relief of customs duty for eligible goods which were imported on or after May 5, 2020. This relief can be claimed at the time of importation or within two years of the date of importation.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

[Customs Notice 20-19](#)

**SUPPORT FOR
YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS**

WHAT IS IT?

Support for Futurpreneur Canada to continue supporting young entrepreneurs across Canada who are facing challenges due to COVID-19.

The funding will allow Futurpreneur Canada to provide payment relief for its clients for up to 12 months.

AMOUNT

\$20.1 million

EFFECTIVE DATE

Announced
April 17, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

More details about the program and eligibility can be found on [Futurpreneur Canada's website](#).

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

More details [here](#).

Please see a list of discontinued services and support in the following pages of this document.



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DISCONTINUED PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL COVID-19 BENEFITS*

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PROVINCIAL (BRITISH COLUMBIA) - FOR INDIVIDUALS

BC EMERGENCY BENEFIT FOR WORKERS

WHAT IS IT?

A one-time, tax-free payment for BC residents who are unable to work due to COVID-19.

AMOUNT

\$1,000

EFFECTIVE DATE

May 1, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Resident of British Columbia on March 15, 2020
2. Approved for the CERB
3. At least 15 years old
4. Have filed, or agree to file, a 2019 B.C. income tax return
5. Not receiving provincial income assistance or disability assistance

**Applications closed
December 2, 2020.**

Note that applicants who received the benefit and were not eligible are issued a Notice of Determination. They are required to pay the amount back with interest. Penalties may apply.

[BC Emergency Benefit for Workers](#)

**BC-TEMPORARY
RENTAL SUPPLEMENT
(BC-TRS) PROGRAM**

WHAT IS IT?

This program will provide a temporary rental supplement to assist renters struggling to pay rent as a result of income loss or income reduction due to COVID-19. Along with this supplement, the province is also halting evictions for non-payment of rent, and freezing rent increases.

AMOUNT

\$500.00, paid directly to the landlord (at this time) for a period of 3 months

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 9, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility requirements include:

- A 2019 gross household income of less than: \$74,150 for singles and couples without dependents, or \$113,040 for households with dependents.
- As a result of COVID-19:
 - Receiving or eligible for EI; or
 - Receiving or eligible for the CERB; or
 - Experienced a drop of at least 25% in monthly household employment income
- Paying more than 30% of current household income towards rents.
- Renting a primary residence in B.C.
- Not receiving rent subsidies through any other government program

This program ended August 31, 2020.

[BC Housing](#)

Lower mainland: 778-452-2836

Toll Free: 1-877-757-2577

The ban on issuing evictions for non-payment of rent ended on August 18, 2020 and renters are expected to pay rent in full as of September 1, 2020.

**BC HYDRO COVID-19
CUSTOMER
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHAT IS IT?

This program provides customers the option to defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 13, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Customers experiencing financial hardship during the Coronavirus outbreak.

This program closed as of June 30, 2020.

For more information click [here](#).

**BC HYDRO
COVID-19 RELIEF FUND**

WHAT IS IT?

Bill credit based on average consumption for individuals facing job loss due to COVID-19.

AMOUNT

Bill credit for up to 3 months based on average consumption

EFFECTIVE DATE

Applications accepted from April 8 to June 30, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must be a residential account holder as of March 31, 2020
- Must be eligible for EI, CERB, or B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers
- Account holder (or their spouse/partner) must have stopped working due to COVID-19
- Average monthly electricity consumption does not exceed 2,500 kWh

The program was available April 1 - June 30, 2020. It is now closed.

CHILD CARE RESPONSE

WHAT IS IT?

Licensed child care providers receiving Temporary Emergency Funding must not charge parents fees for vacant spaces, including when a parent temporarily withdraws a child due to COVID-19.

AMOUNT

Payment cessation

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

N/A

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2020

Temporary Emergency Funding was available until August, 21, 2020

[Child Care Response to COVID-19](#)

TEMPORARY SALARY TOP-UP FOR LOW-INCOME ESSENTIAL WORKERS

WHAT IS IT?

Temporary top up to the salaries of low-income essential workers, making less than \$2,500 per month on a full time basis. No application required. The Government provides the funds to employers, who are then responsible for distributing the funds to eligible employees as lump sum payments.

AMOUNT

Lump-sum payment equivalent to about \$4 per hour for straight time hours worked

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To receive temporary pandemic pay, an employee must:

- Have been working straight-time hours at any point during the 16-week period starting on March 15, 2020, at the height of the Province’s response to the pandemic.
- Work in an eligible sector, workplace and role delivering in-person, front-line care in health, social services and corrections.
- Provide additional support and relief to front-line workers by working in ways that directly serve vulnerable populations.

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 15, 2020 to July 5, 2020

Eligibility under the B.C. Temporary Pandemic Pay program has now ended.

**ICBC AUTOPLAN
FEE WAIVERS**

WHAT IS IT?

ICBC will waive the \$30 cancellation fee for cancelling insurance and the \$18 re-plating fee when reinstating the policy on a vehicle.

AMOUNT

Fee waiver

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 23, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

N/A

This ended on October 19, 2020.

FORTIS COVID-19 CUSTOMER RECOVERY FUND

WHAT IS IT?

Bill deferral program to assist residential customers that are unable to work or have lost their job.

Note, Fortis has waived late payment fees for natural gas, electricity and propane bills

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1 to
June 30, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for this program customers acknowledge loss of employment, livelihood or being forced to take a voluntary leave due to the COVID-19 outbreak and agree to enter into a payment arrangement for the deferred balance.

Customers who took part in the program have been automatically enrolled in an interest-free repayment program, with payments spread over one year from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021.

**The deferral period ended on
June 30, 2020.**

Click [here](#) for more information.

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PROVINCIAL (BRITISH COLUMBIA) - FOR STUDENTS

**BC STUDENT
LOANS**

WHAT IS IT?

No payments will be required for these loans and interest that currently applies will not accrue. Repayment will be paused automatically.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 30 -
September 30,
2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All British Columbia student loan borrowers.

British Columbia has provided a total of \$3.5 million in emergency student financial assistance for eligible students studying at B.C.'s 25 public post-secondary institutions.

Regular monthly payments resumed in October 2020 and federal interest began to accrue on October 1, 2020.

[Student Aid BC](#)

Discontinued Services and Support

PROVINCIAL (BRITISH COLUMBIA) - FOR BUSINESSES

BC HYDRO COVID-19 CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

This program provides customers the option to defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty.

AMOUNT

Deferred bill payments or flexible payment plans, without penalty

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 13, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Must be a residential or commercial customer that does not qualify for the BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief Fund

This program is closed as of **June 30, 2020.**

For more information, click [here](#).

BC HYDRO COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

WHAT IS IT?

This program allows small businesses to apply to waive electricity use charges for up to three months.

AMOUNT

Waiver of up to three months of electricity use charges

EFFECTIVE DATE

Applications accepted from April 14 to June 20, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Must be a business account holder as of March 31, 2020
- Business must have been closed for at least 14 consecutive days, ceased most operations, and not earning any revenue
- Proof that business has been closed
- If you have more than one eligible account, you need to submit an application for each account. You can get the charges waived for up to 10 accounts.

This program is closed as of June 30, 2020.

For more information, click [here](#).

DEFERRED EMPLOYER HEALTH TAX AND SALES TAX PAYMENTS

WHAT IS IT?

Extension of time for filing and payment for the Employer Health Tax and Sales taxes including provincial sales tax, carbon tax, motor fuel tax and tobacco tax.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 31, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

BC businesses.

Deferral ended September 30, 2020.

[Ministry of Finance Tax Notice](#)

**FORTIS COVID-19
CUSTOMER RECOVERY FUND**

WHAT IS IT?

Bill credit and deferral program for small business that have experienced income loss or been forced to close.

AMOUNT

Bill credits and payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1 to June 30, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Must be a small business that has lost income or has been forced to close due to COVID-19 and must agree to enter into a payment arrangement for the deferred balance.

Customers who took part in the program have been automatically enrolled in an interest-free repayment program, with payments spread over one year from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021.

This program ended on June 30, 2020.

**BC LOGGING
TAX DEFERRAL**

WHAT IS IT?

The BC Logging tax filing deadline has been extended. Logging tax returns are now due by September 1, 2020.

AMOUNT

Tax deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 18, 2020 to August 31, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals or corporations that have income from logging operations on private or Crown land.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Deadline to submit tax returns has passed.

[Provincial Tax and Revenue Update](#)

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FEDERAL - FOR INDIVIDUALS

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

WHAT IS IT?

Temporary emergency benefit for those individuals not entitled to EI or CEWS.

AMOUNT

\$2,000.00 per month

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 15 to September 26, 2020.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The April 15, 2020 changes to eligibility requirements are retroactive to March 15, 2020.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. resident of Canada;
2. 15 years of age or older;
3. have stopped work due to COVID-19 or is eligible for EI benefits, either regular or sickness;
4. has not voluntarily quit their job;
5. have had a total income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application;
6. not earning more than \$1,000 per month while in receipt of the CERB;
7. seasonal workers who

The CERB closed to retroactive applications on December 2, 2020. You can no longer apply for this benefit.

This has transitioned to new benefits – EI, CRB, CRCB and CRSB.

CANADA EMERGENCY
RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

have exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to undertake their regular seasonal work as a result of COVID-19; workers who have recently exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to find a job or return to work because of COVID-19.

EXTRA TIME TO FILE
INCOME TAX RETURNS

WHAT IS IT?

Deferral of the filing date for 2019 tax returns until June 1, 2020 with deferral of income tax balances until August 31, 2020 without incurring interest or penalties.

Update: the CRA extended the payment due date for 2019 individual tax returns and 2019 or 2020 corporation, or trust returns, as well as for instalment payments, from September 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020.

AMOUNT

Filing deferral

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All individuals who are required to file tax returns in Canada.

EFFECTIVE DATE

June 1, 2020

Deferral deadline has passed.

[CRA - COVID-19 Changes to Canadian Tax and Benefits](#)

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY
SUPPORT FUND

WHAT IS IT?

Distinctions-based Indigenous Community Support Fund to address immediate needs in First Nations, Inuit and Metis Nation communities.

AMOUNT

\$305 million

EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2020

For needs-based COVID-19 support funding, applicants are asked to submit their applications by November 30, as funding must be disbursed by Indigenous Services Canada by December 31, 2020.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Funds will flow directly to Indigenous communities and groups across the country and will provide Indigenous leadership with the flexibility needed as they prepare for and react to the spread of COVID-19.

**HOW TO APPLY/
MORE INFORMATION**

Deadline has passed

[Indigenous Community Support Fund](#)

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FEDERAL - FOR STUDENTS

CANADA EMERGENCY STUDENT BENEFIT (CESB)

WHAT IS IT?

Creation of this benefit to provide financial support to eligible post-secondary students experiencing financial hardship over the summer of 2020 due to COVID-19. See also "Support for Students" section.

AMOUNT

\$1,250 per month for eligible students
 \$2,000 per month for eligible students with dependents and those with permanent disabilities

EFFECTIVE DATE

May through August 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility requirements include:

- post-secondary student or recent graduate; and
- ineligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Employment Insurance; and
- unable to find full-time employment or are unable to work due to COVID-19.

Closed on September 30, 2020

[Canada Emergency Student Benefit](#)

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

WHAT IS IT?

Student loan repayment was suspended until September 30, 2020 and no interest was be charged on loans from March 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 30, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Anyone with a National Student Loan.

This deferral period ended September 30, 2020

[National Students Loan Service Centre](#)

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FEDERAL - FOR BUSINESSES

MORE TIME TO PAY INCOME TAXES

WHAT IS IT?

Businesses can defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after March 18 and before September 2020.

The CRA will not charge late-filing penalties where a 2019 individual return or a 2019 or 2020 corporation, or trust return is filed late as long as it is filed by September 30, 2020.

AMOUNT

Payment deferral

EFFECTIVE DATE

March 18, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The deferral applies to tax balances due as well as installments.

No interest or penalties will accumulate on these amounts during this period.

The deadline for this deferral has passed.

[Income tax filing and payment dates: CRA and COVID-19](#)