Are you an employee with questions related to financial supports available during COVID-19? Below you will find information and resources curated to help guide you in accessing financial supports provided by the Government of Canada.

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- Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) Application [apply here](#)
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- Employment Insurance Benefits and Leave [click here](#)
- Record of Employment [click here](#)

### What is the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) provides temporary income support to workers who have stopped working and are without employment or self-employment income for reasons related to COVID-19. The CERB also applies to individuals who are eligible for Employment Insurance, regular or sickness benefits. Thus, if you have stopped working due to COVID-19 mandatory closures for non-essential workplaces, you can apply for the CERB.

The CERB provides $500/week, with a maximum of 16 weeks of benefits being paid.


### Eligibility

The CERB is available to workers who:

- Reside in Canada, who are at least 15 years’ old
- Have stopped working because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits
- Had an income of at least $5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application
- Who are or expect to be without employment or self-employment income for at least 14 consecutive days in the initial four-week period
- Canadians who have already applied for EI and whose application was made after March 15th do not need to re-apply, your claim will automatically be moved over to CERB
Those who are currently receiving EI regular and sickness benefits as of today will continue to receive benefits and should not re-apply to the CERB.

**Applying**

- CERB applications opened up on Monday April 6th 2020. Applications will work on a system ordered by birth date:
  - January – March: You can apply on April 6th
  - April – June: You can apply on April 7th
  - July – September: You can apply on April 8th
  - October – December: You can apply on April 9th

- You will need to provide your social insurance number, your personal contact information, and confirm that you meet eligibility requirements when you apply. You may be asked to provide additional documentation to verify your eligibility at a future date.

- Applications can be made through the online application [here](#).

- To apply by phone call: 1-800-959-2019 the dedicated CERB application number.

**Additional Information about CERB**

- CERB will be retroactive to March 15th.

- CERB is also accessible to those who are sick, quarantined OR taking care of someone sick, or looking after children.

- CERB is also available to those who are still employed, but who are *not receiving income* due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

- The CERB would be paid out every four weeks, available from March 15 until October 3, 2020.

- Canadians who are eligible for EI regular and sickness benefits will still be able to access those benefits if still unemployed after the 16 weeks covered by the CERB.

**Should I Apply for Employment Insurance (EI) or for the CERB?**

If you have stopped working due to COVID-19, you can apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, whether or not you are eligible for Employment Insurance.

Starting April 6, 2020, there will be a single portal to assist you with the application process. From this portal, you will be guided through a process of answering simple questions, which will help determine the application best suited to your situation (i.e. eligibility for Employment Insurance benefits or not).
Canadians who are eligible for Employment Insurance and who have lost their job can continue to apply for Employment Insurance.

If you became eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits on March 15, 2020 or later, your claim will be automatically processed through the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

**Additional Resources**

Information on Financial Support for Child Care and Early Years Workers Relating to Covid-19
[https://www.aeceo.ca/information_for_child_care_and_early_years_workers_related_to_covid_19](https://www.aeceo.ca/information_for_child_care_and_early_years_workers_related_to_covid_19)

Questions and Answers on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit

Benefits


Region of Peel: [https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/prevention/](https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/prevention/)

For Additional information and resources please visit the [Government of Canada](https://www.canada.ca)