

Federal Government COVID-19 Financial Supports

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| Increased Canada Child Benefit | <i>Increased Canada Child Benefit this year</i> | 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 | <i>One-time payment of increased GST</i> | 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 | <i>Improved access to Employment Insurance (EI)</i> | 1 week waiting period is waived | Apply online at EI |
| Emergency Response Benefit (for those not eligible for EI) | <i>For those not covered under EI and those unable to work for COVID-19 related reasons, up to \$2000/month for 4 months</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 | Apply via website which will be available April 6, 2020 Applicants can also apply via an automated telephone line or a toll-free number |

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| 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 April 6, 2020 Applicants can also apply via an automated telephone line or a toll-free number Applicants would begin to receive CERB payments within 3-5 days of application through direct deposit |
| 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 |

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