

Provincial Government COVID-19 Financial Supports March 29, 2020

Provincial Government Benefit	What is it?	Additional information	How to Apply
BC Emergency Benefit for Workers	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	BC 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 https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports#BCEBW
Climate Action Tax Credit	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
Renters, Homeowners and People Experiencing Homelessness	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 BC Housing website
Eviction Ban	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 BC Housing website
Rent Relief	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 BC Housing website

			May also consider reaching out to your landlord to make individual arrangements
Additional Rent Relief	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 BC Housing website
Rent increase freeze	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 BC Housing website
Translink	Bus fares suspended indefinitely	Riders on buses must enter from the rear of the bus (except riders requiring mobility assistance) Skytrain fares still apply	For further information, see https://new.translink.ca/rider-guide/coronavirus-precautions
ICBC	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 www.icbc.com , or call the customer support team at 1-800-665-6442
ICBC	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
BC Student Loans	Starting March 30, 2020, BC 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