

# COVID-19 MEASURES TO HELP CANADIANS

You may be eligible to receive some of these credits and benefits that the Government of Canada has introduced to help Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

The 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 benefit amount of \$2,000 will be paid in blocks of four weeks (up to a maximum of 16 weeks).

**Canadians can now apply for CERB through My Account or the automated phone line.**



## Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

The CESB provides financial support to post-secondary students and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. This benefit is for students who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI). From May to August 2020, CESB provides a payment to eligible students of \$1,250 for each 4-week period or \$2,000 for each 4-week period to students with dependents or a disability.

**Students and recent graduates will be able to apply for CESB through My Account or the automated phone line starting May 15, 2020.**



## Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) Credit

The Government provided a one-time special payment on April 9, 2020. This payment doubles the maximum annual GST/HST credit amounts for the 2019-2020 benefit year. The average increase for those eligible will be close to \$400 for single individuals and \$600 for couples.

**You got the extra payment automatically if you normally receive the GST/HST credit and have filed a 2018 tax return.**



## Canada child benefit (CCB)

The Government increased the maximum annual CCB amounts for the 2019-2020 benefit year, by up to \$300 per child. The overall increase for families will be, on average, \$550.

**You will get the payment increase automatically as part of your May payment if you normally receive the CCB, have filed a 2018 tax return, and have a child under the age of 18.**

**The income tax deadline for individuals has been extended to June 1, 2020, and the deadline to pay amounts owed has been extended to September 1, 2020.**

My Account  
[canada.ca/my-cra-account](https://canada.ca/my-cra-account)  
CRA COVID-19 information  
[canada.ca/cra-coronavirus](https://canada.ca/cra-coronavirus)  
Child and family benefits  
[canada.ca/child-family-benefits](https://canada.ca/child-family-benefits)

Benefit enquiries  
**1-800-387-1193**  
Territorial tax and benefit enquiries  
**1-866-426-1527**  
(accessible from 867 area code only)

General tax enquiries  
**1-800-959-8281**  
CRA automated phone service for CERB  
**1-800-959-2019** or  
**1-800-959-2041**