

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT HERE TO HELP YOU

We're here to help you get benefit payments quickly and easily.



WHAT IS THE CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)?

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will support Canadians who have lost their income because of COVID-19 by providing \$500/week for up to 16 weeks.

- ▶ This benefit is for Canadians who would be eligible for EI **AND** Canadians who would not generally be eligible for EI including contract workers and self-employed.



THE CERB WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WORKERS:

- ▶ Residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- ▶ Who have stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits;
- ▶ Who had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and
- ▶ Who are or expect to be without employment or self-employment income for at least 14 consecutive days in the initial 4-week period. For subsequent benefit periods, they expect to have no employment income.

The income of at least \$5,000 may be from any or a combination of the following sources: employment; self-employment; maternity and parental benefits under the Employment Insurance program and/or similar benefits paid in Quebec under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan.

The CERB is only available to individuals who stopped work and are not earning employment or self-employment income as a result of reasons related to COVID-19. If you have not stopped working because of COVID-19, you are not eligible for the CERB.



HOW MUCH WILL I GET?

If you are eligible for the CERB, you can expect \$2,000* in a single payment for a 4-week period. You can re-apply for a payment for multiple 4-week periods, to a maximum of 16 weeks (4 periods).

* The CERB is taxable and you will need to report any payments received on next year's tax filing.



HOW CAN YOU GET IT?

You can apply starting on **April 6**.

- ▶ Go to Canada.ca/coronavirus for more information



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