

COVID-19

As of April 6, 2020

Federal Benefits Available at a Glance

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The Employment Insurance (EI) program provides temporary income support to unemployed workers. The EI program also provides special benefits to workers who take time off work due to specific life events (illness; pregnancy; caring for a new child; or a family member who is seriously ill are some examples).

HOW TO APPLY? VISIT THE EI WEBSITE

www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

Provides \$2,000/month for up to 4 months to workers without paid sick leave or the equivalent, who are unable to work, sick, quarantined or forced to stay home to care for children.

HOW TO APPLY

CALL: the automated CERB application phone service 1-800-959-2019.

ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/2x8iwAW>

You will need a CRA My Account. Go to the COVID-19: Canada Emergency Response Benefit information page to confirm you meet the eligibility criteria. Sign in to your CRA My Account

- Go to the COVID-19: Canada Emergency Response Benefit in the alert banner at the top of the web page
- Select the period you want to apply for
- Declare that you qualify for the benefit
- Confirm the government has the right payment info information

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SICKNESS BENEFITS WAITING PERIOD WAIVED



The one-week waiting period for EI sickness benefits will be waived for new claimants who are quarantined and will not have to provide a medical certificate. A new toll-free phone number to support inquiries related to waiving the EI sickness benefits waiting period will be launched soon.

People who cannot complete their claim for EI sickness benefits due to quarantine may apply later and have their EI claim backdated to cover the period of delay.

If you have already completed the application for EI sickness benefits whether you are sick or quarantined and would like to have the one-week waiting period waived, call 1-833-381-2725 (toll-free).



GST REBATE INCREASE

Provides Canadians with low or modest income a one-time special payment in April of up to \$400 for single people and \$600 for couples. **You don't have to apply for this, it will be based on your tax return amount.**



HEALTH CANADA APP

Health Canada in partnership with Thrive Health has created the Canada COVID-19 app. Find it on your App Store or Google Play.

<https://www.thrive.health/canada-covid19-app>

If you are experiencing symptoms such as cough, fever, difficulty breathing or you are in self-isolation or quarantine, Call 1-800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)

FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEFERRALS

For individuals, the deadline to file taxes is now June 1, 2020. But this is only an advantage if you expect the owe taxes — do not delay if you expect a refund! If you do owe taxes after this later filing date, you will now have until August 31 to make the payment.



CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

Eligible recipients will receive \$300 more per child with their regular May CCB payment. If you have previously applied for the CCB, you do not need to re-apply.

For more info: such as how to apply and eligibility requirements, go to Canada child benefit or call 1-800-387-1193.



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