

COVID-19

As of April 6, 2020

B.C. EMERGENCY BENEFIT FOR WORKERS

The B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers will provide a one-time \$1,000 payment to people who lost income because of COVID-19.

B.C. residents who receive federal Employment Insurance, or the new federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit are eligible.

Applications for the one-time payment will open soon

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: **no action is needed, benefits will be paid based on income tax.**

An adult will receive up to \$218.00 (increased from \$43.50)

A child will receive \$64.00 (increased from \$12.75)

B.C. STUDENT LOANS

Starting March 30, 2020, B.C. student loan payments are automatically frozen for six months.

ICBC

Customers on a monthly payment plan who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19 may defer their payment for up to 90 days with no penalty apply on line or call 1-800-665-6442.

Apply on-line <https://bit.ly/2Xbd62B>



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Provincial Benefits Available at a Glance BRITISH COLUMBIA



RENTERS, HOMEOWNERS & PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The temporary rent supplement will provide up to \$500/month. It will be available to low to-moderate-income renters who are facing financial hardship, but do not qualify for existing rental assistance programs. Applications for the supplement will open soon on the BC Housing website: <https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance>

Note: The supplement will be paid directly to landlords.

BC Housing has temporarily suspended evictions of tenants in subsidized and affordable housing due to non-payment of rent.

BC HYDRO

Customers can defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty through the COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program. Customers experiencing job loss, illness or lost wages due to COVID-19 can access grants up to \$600 to pay their hydro bills through the Customer Crisis Fund.

Apply online, but you can also fill out and submit a paper application: <https://bit.ly/3aNhVmT>

Mail it in to PO Box 8910, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 4X3
If you need help filling out the online application form you can call 1-844-708-3208.

FORTIS BC

Late payment fees will be temporarily waived. To contact Fortis call 1-866-436-7847 for electricity or 1-888-224-2710 for natural gas.



BC Transit & TransLink Fare-free boarding on all buses. Enter through rear of the bus, unless accessible loading is required.

Emergency Travel Loan

Emergency loan of \$5000 available to Canadians travelling abroad. Call: 1-613-996-8885

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