

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
CRA COVID-19 information
canada.ca/cra-coronavirus
Child and family benefits
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