## Provincial & Federal

# Financial Support for BC Residents

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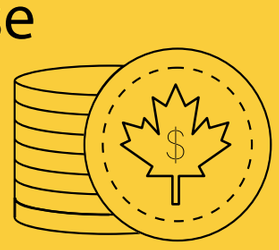
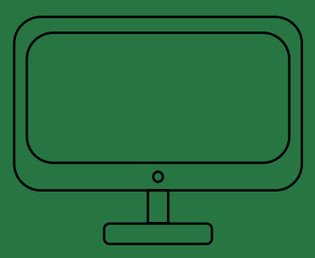
## Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)



- Benefit will provide **$500 per week** to a maximum of 16 weeks. **Benefit is the same regardless of income.**
- **Available to individuals who have lost income** - lost job or hours reduced, sick with virus, and/or can't work because of being primary caretaker of a dependent who is sick or unable to attend a care facility.
- Benefit available from **March 15th to October 3rd, 2020.**

## Apply



- Applications are now open via **CRA My Account** or by calling **1-800-959-2041**. Individuals can apply for the benefit daily based on their birth month:
- January, February or March birthdates – **Mondays;**
- April, May and June birthdates – **Tuesday**s**;**
- July, August, September birthdates – **Wednesdays;**
- October, November, December birthdates – **Thursdays;**
- No Restrictions – **Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays.**

## Eligibility

- **To receive benefit, you must be:**
- At least **15 years old;**
- **Forced** to stop working or reduce work because of COVID-19;
- Have made **at least $5,000** in 2019 or in 12 months prior to date of application;
- Are expecting to make **$1,000 or less** before taxes each month you apply for the CERB.
- **You DO NOT need to be laid off to apply**, if you are an employee receiving no income you can apply.
- **You DO NOT have to pay into EI to get CERB**, self-employed and contactors are eligible for benefit.
- Benefit will start within 10 days of application, **no waiting period.**
- **Benefit is taxable**, you will need to report it as income for the 2020 tax year.

https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application/questions.html