

Provincial & Federal Financial Support for BC Residents

Information
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Empoyment Insurance



- Calculated based on income, **maximum \$573 per week.**
- If you applied for EI (medical or regular) **on or after March 15th, 2020**, you will be automatically switched to the CERB. **No need to reapply.**
- If you applied **before March 15th, 2020** or are already receiving EI you will NOT be switched over to CERB and will continue to receive regular EI payments.
- If EI ends before **October 3rd, 2020** and you are still unable to work, **you CAN apply for CERB.**
- EI & CERB benefits will **NOT** be paid during the same time period.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>

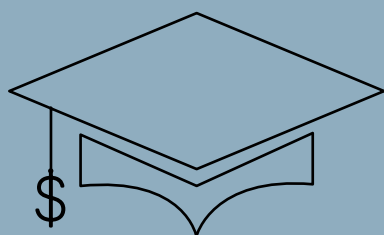
Income & Disability Assistance



- **If you are** receiving income or disability assistance, comforts allowance or BC senior's supplement and **ARE NOT** also receiving CERB or EI, automatic **\$300 increase** to monthly cheques issued in **April, May and June.**
- **If you are** receiving income or disability assistance, comforts allowance or BC senior's supplement and ARE also receiving CERB or EI, no increase is given.
- Applying for and receiving EI or CERB **WILL NOT negatively** affect your regular assistance income.
- For individuals in the **BC Bus Pass program**, because of the suspension of bus fares across BC you **WILL NOT** receive a bus pass, **instead** you will receive a **\$52 Monthly Transportation Supplement.**
- No change to individuals who already receive the **\$52 Monthly Transportation Supplement.**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/on-assistance/covid>

Support for Students



- As of **March 30th, 2020**, all BC & Federal student loan payments have been automatically frozen for 6 months.
- **\$3.5 million increase** to the Student Emergency Assistance Fund, for students struggling to pay living expenses.
- **\$1.5 million increase** to the Student Emergency Assistance Fund, specifically to support indigenous students.
- **Canada Emergency Student Benefit** provides students and new graduates who are ineligible for CERB with **\$1,250 per month** (\$1,750 per month for those with dependents or disabilities) from **May to August 2020.**

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0018-000615>