

Federal	Financial Relief Announcements	Link
<b>Canada</b>	<p>To support workers and help businesses keep their employees, the government has proposed legislation to establish the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). This taxable benefit would provide \$2,000 a month for up to four months for workers who lose their income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CERB would be a simpler and more accessible combination of the previously announced Emergency Care Benefit and Emergency Support Benefit.</p> <p>The CERB would cover Canadians who have lost their job, are sick, quarantined, or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19, as well as working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children who are sick or at home because of school or daycare closures. The CERB would apply to wage earnings, as well as contract workers and self-employed individuals who would not otherwise be eligible for Employment Insurance (EI).</p> <p>The CERB received Royal Assent on March 25, 2020, as part of Bill C-13, the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html?fbclid=IwAR14g5glhsxSQx4P2askBEQvycgvLvGtE97kf-3Wc5PCfziltcn7T2TBcFE">https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html?fbclid=IwAR14g5glhsxSQx4P2askBEQvycgvLvGtE97kf-3Wc5PCfziltcn7T2TBcFE</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/the-covid-19-emergency-response-act-receives-royal-assent0.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/the-covid-19-emergency-response-act-receives-royal-assent0.html</a></p>

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<b>Alberta</b>	<p>The Alberta Government will provide immediate funding and supportive measures to support local businesses, employers, and employees.</p> <p>Eligible working Albertans can receive a one-time isolation support payment of \$1,146 if they;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Experienced total or significant loss of income as a result of having to self-isolate, or are the sole caregiver of a dependent who is self-isolating, and</li> <li>○ Have no other source of compensation, such as workplace sick leave benefits or federal employment insurance benefits</li> </ul> <p>In addition, other measures have been put in place to defer taxes and provide Albertans with more financial support.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-support-for-employers.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-support-for-employers.aspx</a></p>
<b>British Columbia</b>	<p>A new B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers will provide a tax-free \$1,000 payment to British Columbians whose ability to</p>	

	<p>work has been affected by the outbreak. B.C. residents who receive federal EI or the new federal CERB are eligible.</p> <p>A one-time enhancement to the climate action tax credit will be paid in July 2020 for moderate to low-income families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An adult will receive up to \$218 (increased from \$43.50)</li> <li>• A child will receive \$64.00 (increased from \$12.75)</li> </ul> <p>Tax relief for businesses is also being provided through deferred, delayed, or reduced provincial taxes.</p>	<p><a href="https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0013-000545">https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0013-000545</a></p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports</a></p>
<b>Manitoba</b>	The Manitoba Government has not announced any specific financial assistance related to COVID-19 at this time.	
<b>New Brunswick</b>	Le gouvernement provincial accordera une prestation de revenu unique aux travailleurs du Nouveau-Brunswick qui ont perdu leur emploi en raison de l'état d'urgence. Cette prestation unique de 900 \$ sera administrée par l'intermédiaire de la Croix-Rouge et contribuera à combler le délai entre le moment où les gens perdent leur emploi ou ferment leur entreprise et le moment où ils reçoivent leur prestation fédérale.	<a href="https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/fr/nouvelles/communiqu2020.03.0152.html">https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/fr/nouvelles/communiqu2020.03.0152.html</a>
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	The provincial government will provide compensation for private sector employers to ensure continuation of pay for employees affected by COVID-19. Details on the required documentation and processes for reimbursement to the private sector employers will be released in the coming days.	<a href="https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0314n02/">https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0314n02/</a>
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	The Government of Northwest Territories has put together an initial economic relief package valued at \$13.2 million that will take effect immediately. Immediate response measures include fee reductions, working capital loans, deferral of loan payments, income assistance, and more.	<a href="https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/northwest-territories-covid-19-economic-relief">https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/northwest-territories-covid-19-economic-relief</a>
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	Every individual and family member on income assistance will receive an additional \$50 starting March 20, 2020. People do not need to apply.	<a href="https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/">https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/</a>

	Support for businesses, including deferral of loan and rent payments, is also available for small and medium sized businesses in Nova Scotia.	
<b>Ontario</b>	<p>The Ontario Government is helping families pay for the extra costs associated with school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 outbreak by providing a one-time payment of \$200 per child up to 12 years of age, and \$250 for those with special needs, including children enrolled in private schools.</p> <p>They are also proposing to double the Guaranteed Annual Income System payment for low-income seniors for six months.</p> <p>Additional investments and tax credits for employers and individuals are also being applied by the Ontario Government to help lower costs and stimulate the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p><a href="https://news.ontario.ca/mol/en/2020/03/ontario-enabling-financial-relief-for-businesses-1.html">https://news.ontario.ca/mol/en/2020/03/ontario-enabling-financial-relief-for-businesses-1.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/3/ontarios-action-plan-responding-to-covid-19.html">https://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2020/3/ontarios-action-plan-responding-to-covid-19.html</a></p>
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	<p>The Emergency Relief – Worker Assistance Program is a temporary program to provide financial support to employers to assist their employed workers who have been impacted by reduced hours at work as a result of COVID-19. The employers who meet the program criteria are eligible to receive up to \$250 per week for each employed worker that experienced a reduction of at least 8 hours per week during the two-week period from March 16-29, 2020.</p> <p>Additional assistance for self-employed individuals, including up to \$500 per week for the period of March 16-29, is also available.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-income-relief-self-employed">https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-income-relief-self-employed</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-relief-worker-assistance-program">https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-relief-worker-assistance-program</a></p>
<b>Quebec</b>	<p>Le gouvernement du Québec offre un programme d'aide financière pour répondre aux besoins des travailleurs touchés par COVID-19 qui ne sont pas admissibles à un autre programme d'aide financière, comme l'assurance-emploi fédérale. Un montant forfaitaire de 573 \$ par semaine, pour une période de 14 jours d'isolement, sera accordé à tous les travailleurs admissibles. Cette période peut être portée à 28 jours, si votre état de santé le justifie.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.quebec.ca/famille-et-soutien-aux-personnes/aide-financiere/programme-aide-temporaire-aux-travailleurs/">https://www.quebec.ca/famille-et-soutien-aux-personnes/aide-financiere/programme-aide-temporaire-aux-travailleurs/</a></p>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<p>Saskatchewan has initiated the Self-Isolation Support Program which is targeted at workers forced to self-isolate in</p>	<p><a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-</a></p>

	<p>order to curb the spread of COVID-19, and who are not covered by recent federally announced employment insurance programs and other supports. Administered by the Ministry of Finance, the program will provide \$450 per week, for a maximum of two weeks.</p> <p>Saskatchewan is also providing support to businesses through deferral of PST remittance, deferral of provincial utility payments, and other tax deferrals.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-for-businesses-and-workers/support-for-businesses</u></a></p>
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