

Province	Financial Relief Announcements	Link
<p>Alberta</p>	<p>All private sector employers will have their 2020 WCB premiums deferred to 2021. When invoicing resumes in 2021, small and medium sized private sector employers (must be \$10 million or less in insurable earnings) will have 50% of their 2020 premiums waived.</p> <p>Invoices for 2020 premiums have been stopped for the remainder of the year and WCB will refund employers who have already made payments towards their 2020 premiums. No interest charges will be applied for unpaid 2020 premiums. Eligibility for deferral includes businesses with coverage only in place for business owners and directors (personal coverage), as well as those in voluntary industries with coverage in place on or before March 23, 2020.</p> <p>Invoices will be sent out in or after February 2021 and will include the premium balance for 2020 in addition to any new balance owing for 2021. Waived premiums will be calculated based on 50% of assessed premiums for 2020 and will be automatically applied. Premium rates for 2021 will be set based on the expected costs of 2021 claims. Premium relief in 2020 will have no impact on future rates.</p> <p>Cost relief measures have been implemented. Costs will be removed by the end of 2020 through five applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. COVID-19 claims. II. Claims where modified work was no longer available for no-time-loss claims due to provincial shutdown. III. Claims where the worker became fit for work during the shutdown but could not be provided modified work because of shutdown (modified work must have been offered within two weeks of the provincial reopening). IV. Cost relief for delays in hospital admission and surgeries due to the pandemic. Treatment delays for physiotherapy and other similar treatments are not included. V. Recording claims as no-time-loss when modified work is no longer available – although there are no actual costs to relieve, the status of the claim on the 	<p>https://wcb.ab.ca/assets/pdfs/employers/EFS_Premium_relief.pdf</p> <p>https://www.wcb.ab.ca/assets/pdfs/employers/COVID19_cost_relief.pdf</p>

	<p>experience record will be changed, which can impact premiums.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the links to the right.</p>	
British Columbia	<p>Premium payments for the first and second quarter can be deferred until October 20, 2020, when third quarter payments are due. This impacts employers who report and pay premiums on a quarterly basis. Employers are still required to report payroll for the first and second quarters by July 20, 2020. Employers who report and pay on an annual basis do not need to report their 2020 payroll or pay their 2020 premiums until March 2021.</p> <p>For employers receiving the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), premiums will be waived on wages paid to furloughed workers, retroactive to March 15, 2020. This will continue for the duration of the CEWS program. Employers need to maintain documentation to identify workers who were furloughed.</p> <p>Personal Optional Protection coverage holders can defer their payments that are due on April 20, 2020, until June 30, 2020 with out risk of cancellation.</p>	<p>https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/news-events/announcements/2020/March/covid-19-situation-your-reporting-payment-deadline</p>
Manitoba	<p>Employer premium payments have been deferred until the end of May 2020. Late penalties will be waived until further notice. Payroll reporting deadlines have been extended without penalty until the end of May 2020.</p> <p>Employers that are expecting to see a dramatic change in their payroll compared to what they initially reported earlier in the year can submit a revised 2020 payroll estimate, and premiums will be adjusted accordingly. WCB will continue to monitor the dates above and will adjust them as needed as they assess the situation.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>https://www.wcb.mb.ca/wcb/E2%80%99s-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic</p>
New Brunswick	<p>Deferral of premium payments to end and monthly premium payments will resume late June 2020. Deferred premiums owed will be collected in three equal amounts in June, July, and August 2020. There amounts are in addition to the regular monthly payment owed for these three months.</p>	<p>https://www.worksafenb.ca/about-us/news-and-events/news/2020/as-we-face-the-global-pandemic-of-covid-19-worksafenb</p>

	<p>Employers who pay premiums annually and still have a balance owing must also resume payment at this time.</p> <p>Premium rates for 2021 have been set at \$2.17 per \$100 of assessable payroll, a reduction of 9.6% from \$2.40 in 2020 <i>(Not as a direct result of COVID-19)</i>.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>defers-premium-payments-for-three-months-with-qa/</p>
<p>Newfoundland and Labrador</p>	<p>Deferral of the collection of employment assessment payments and waiving of interest charges or penalties until August 31, 2020.</p> <p>Deferral will be applied to all existing payment plans and post-dated cheques. Employers do not need to apply or contact Workplace Newfoundland regarding this deferral. Employers can revise 2020 payroll estimates before payments are reinstated.</p> <p>Interest free payment plan extended past 2020, so employers can pay by installments from September 2020 to March 31, 2021.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>https://workplacenl.ca/article/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/</p>
<p>Northwest Territories</p>	<p>Employer assessment payments that were due on April 1, 2020, will be extended to May 1, 2020. All other payments are due as set out in existing payment plans with WSCC.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>https://www.wsc.nt.ca/news/employer-assessment-payments-due-date-extended</p>
<p>Nova Scotia</p>	<p>All WCB premium payments from employers are deferred until October 2020. Interest and late payment fees will be waived until further notice.</p> <p>Claims costs arising from front-line workers who contract COVID-19 will be spread across the collective liability and will not impact industry rates or the experience rating of individual employers.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>https://www.wcb.ns.ca/About-Us/WCB-Nova-Scotias-Response-to-COVID-19/Information-for-Employers.aspx</p>

<p>Nunavut</p>	<p>Employer assessment payments that were due on April 1, 2020, will be extended to May 1, 2020. All other payments are due as set out in existing payment plans with WSCC.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>https://www.wsc.nt.ca/news/employer-assessment-payments-due-date-extended</p>
<p>Ontario</p>	<p>Repayment of deferred WSIB premiums will not be required before January 2021. If able, businesses can begin repayments before January 2021. If a business requires longer repayment terms due to the ongoing pandemic, they must contact WSIB to discuss arrangements.</p> <p>Reporting of deferred amounts must be submitted by October 21, 2020. Repayment schedules for deferred amounts and 2021 premium rate information will be provided in the fall of 2021.</p> <p>Regular reporting and payment schedules for all businesses who report monthly, quarterly, or annually based on their insurable earnings will resume in September 2020.</p> <p>Deferral also applies to Schedule 2 organizations – publicly funded organizations such as municipalities, hospitals, school boards, and other businesses who are involved in federally regulated industries.</p> <p>No interest will accrue on outstanding premium payments and no penalties will be charged during the deferral period. Automatic eligibility. No application required.</p> <p>Costs associated with COVID-19 related claims will not be allocated at an employer or class level. Instead, they will be allocated on a Schedule-wide basis and there will be no change in premium rates for 2020.</p> <p>There will be no premium rate changes for 2021. All businesses covered by the WSIB will pay the same rate in 2021 that they paid in 2020. The staggered plan to move towards projected rate increases updated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. In 2022 businesses with projected rate increases will move a maximum of 5% from their 2021 rate II. In 2023, businesses that have not yet reached their projected rate will move up a maximum of 10% from their 2022 rate 	<p>https://www.wsib.ca/en/financialrelief</p>

	<p>III. Decreases will be automatically applied to 2022 and 2023 rate;</p> <p>IV. In 2024, policies in full effect, business can move 15% per year until reaching their premium projected rate.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	
Prince Edward Island	<p>Employer assessment fee deferral extended to September 30, 2020, with neither interest nor penalties accruing during this period. Revisions to payroll estimates must be submitted by August 15, 2020, to be reflected in the September statement.</p> <p>It is not a permanent reduction in assessments payable, but a temporary postponement of payment due date. Payroll still needs to be reported, even if it is \$0.</p> <p>Premium rates will be maintained at the 2020 rate levels for 2021 and will be funded from the WCB's Fund Balance.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/NewsItem/499</p>
Quebec	<p>Employers have until August 31, 2020 to make payments to their Statement of Account linked to the CNESST contribution. No penalties or interest will be accrued during this period.</p> <p>Financial relief will not be extended past the original date of August 31, 2020. For employers with overdue accounts, interest will be charged starting September 1, 2020. Interest charges will not be retroactive.</p> <p>The deadline for reporting the 2019 Wage Declaration has been extended until June 1, 2020.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/communiqués/Pages/20-mars-2020-quebec.aspx</p>
Saskatchewan	<p>Effective April 1 until July 31, 2020, penalties and interest charges for late premium payments will be waived. If no further extensions are allowed, interest will be applied August 8, 2020. Extensions to be monitored monthly. Employer payroll revisions will be prioritized to reduce premium amounts. Payroll audits are being suspended until further</p>	<p>http://www.wcbsask.com/sask-wcb-offers-relief-measures-for-employers/</p>

	<p>notice except in situations where the employer may be eligible for a refund.</p> <p>A Board level hold has been placed on the 2021 average employer premium rates to support economic recovery. Premium rates will remain the same as 2020 at \$1.17 per hundred dollars of payroll. Rate increases should be expected as early as 2022.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	
<p>Yukon Territories</p>	<p>Two financial relief options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The opportunity to revise annual payroll estimates, potentially resulting in lower assessment premiums. Employers may be eligible for a refund of their 2020 assessment premiums if they have experienced a significant change in their account due directly to the effects of COVID-19 such as having projects cancelled, bookings cancelled, or a significant decrease in staff 2. The opportunity to defer their assessment premiums without penalty or interest charges to a date that is appropriate for an employer’s business situation. <p>If interested in taking advantage of either of these options, employers must contact YWCHSB for further information at 667-5645.</p> <p>For additional information, please visit the link to the right.</p>	<p>https://wcb.yk.ca/PG-0042/News-Releases/NEWS-0092.aspx</p>