

Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

This benefit will apply to any Canadian, whether EI eligible or not, that has had their employment income ceased due to COVID-19. Payments will be up to \$2,000 a month for a maximum of four months. Payments are expected to be made within ten days of any Canadian eligible applying for the benefit. It will be a monthly payment (every four weeks) and will cease on October 3, 2020.

Who is Covered

- Canadians who have lost their job
- Are sick, quarantined, or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19
- Are working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children who are sick or at home because of school and daycare closures
- Are still employed, but are not receiving income because of disruptions to their work situation due to COVID-19

Who is Being Targeted in the Benefit

- Wage earners
- Contract workers
- Self-employed individuals who would not otherwise be eligible for EI.
NOTE: Any individual currently receiving EI and various sickness benefits will continue receiving such and thus should not apply for this benefit.

How to Apply

The portal for accessing the CERB will be available in early April.