

COVID-19 Benefits

	Who's Eligible	Amount and Where to Apply	Notes
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stopped working because of COVID-19 ¹ made more than \$5,000 in 2019 or in the year before you apply ² employees, people who are self-employed, contract workers, parents who were getting Employment Insurance (EI) parental benefits, and some temporary foreign workers qualify for EI regular or sickness benefits and you qualify for the CERB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks apply through your Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) MyAccount or online with Service Canada at https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/apply-for-cerb-with-cra.html 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To qualify through Service Canada, you must stop working for 7 days in a row. To qualify through the CRA, it must be 14 days in a row. You can make up to \$1,000 a month while getting the CERB. This income can come from employment, self-employment, or maternity or parental benefits.
Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in a post-secondary program between Dec 1, 2019, and Aug 31, 2020, or graduated from high school in 2020 and applied for post-secondary school that begins before February 1, 2021 unable to work or unable to find work because of COVID-19 ¹ citizens, permanent residents, anyone registered as an Indian under the Indian Act, and protected persons under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act ² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1,250 every 4 weeks, with more money available for students with disabilities or dependents apply through your CRA MyAccount 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> You can earn up to \$1,000 per month and still receive the CESB. It's not available to international students but is available to Canadian students studying outside of Canada.
Ontario Emergency Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have a financial emergency because of COVID-19, such as not having enough money for things like food and housing live in Ontario not for people who are already getting benefits from Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> how much you get is up to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services but you're not likely to get more than you would through OW apply through OW 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Details not yet released but the amount appears to be discretionary, which means it's up to the Ministry. Apply at https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-children-community-and-social-services. You can apply for OW once Emergency Assistance runs out.
Ontario Works Emergency Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> already on OW or ODSP not getting the CERB must be for needs related to COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> single people can get up to \$100 more a month and people with families may be able to up to \$200 extra apply through OW or ODSP worker 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Originally a one-time benefit for the months of March and April but it's been extended for 3 more months. It's now available for May, June, and July.

These programs are new or have been changed to deal with COVID-19. Other benefits, such as workers' compensation and parental benefits, have stayed the same. Applications for EI regular benefits and sick benefits are being processed through the CERB program. For more information about COVID-19 benefits and issues at work, visit <https://stepstojustice.ca/covid-19>.

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