

	Who's Eligible	Amount and Where to Apply	Notes
<b>Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>stopped working because of COVID-19 <sup>1</sup></li> <li>made more than \$5,000 in 2019 or in the year before you apply <sup>2</sup></li> <li>employees, people who are self-employed, contract workers, parents who were getting Employment Insurance (EI) parental benefits, and some temporary foreign workers</li> <li><b>qualify for EI regular or sickness benefits and you qualify for the CERB</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$500 a week for up to 24 weeks</li> <li>apply through your Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) MyAccount or online with Service Canada at <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/apply-for-cerb-with-cra.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/apply-for-cerb-with-cra.html</a></li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>This income can come from employment, self-employment, or maternity or parental benefits.</li> </ol>
<b>Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>unable to work or unable to find work because of COVID-19 <sup>1</sup></li> <li>citizens, permanent residents, anyone registered as an Indian under the Indian Act, and protected persons under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1,250 every 4 weeks, with more money available for students with disabilities or dependents</li> <li>apply through your CRA MyAccount</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can earn up to \$1,000 per month and still receive the CESB.</li> <li>It's not available to international students but is available to Canadian students studying outside of Canada.</li> </ol>
<b>Ontario Emergency Assistance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have a financial emergency because of COVID-19, such as not having enough money for things like food and housing</li> <li>live in Ontario</li> <li>not for people who are already getting benefits from Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how much you get is up to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services but you're <b>not</b> likely to get more than you would through OW</li> <li>apply through OW</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amount of money available is discretionary, which means it's up to the Ministry. Apply at <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-children-community-and-social-services">https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-children-community-and-social-services</a>.</li> <li>You can apply for OW once Emergency Assistance runs out.</li> </ol>

These programs are new or have been changed to deal with COVID-19. Some benefits, such as emergency funding under Ontario Works, have ended. Other benefits, such as workers' compensation and parental benefits, have stayed the same. For more information about COVID-19 benefits and issues at work, visit <https://stepstojustice.ca/covid-19>.

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