



Resident's Guide to Emergency Relief Funding for COVID-19

Direct Financial Assistance Programs & Support Programs Available for Nova Scotia

Updated March 30, 2020

We have collated a list of emergency financial support being provided by the Federal and Provincial sectors. For the most up-to-date information, please reference the government websites found in each section under the subheading "More Information."

Canada Emergency Response Benefit

Every Canadian who is losing income due to the pandemic is eligible to apply for CERB, which offers \$2,000 per month for up to four (4) months.

Who is Eligible?

Canadians who:

- lost their job
- are sick with COVID-19
- are quarantined
- are 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 out of school/daycare or who are sick
- are contract workers and self-employed who would not otherwise be eligible for EI
- are workers still employed, but not receiving income because of disruptions to their work situation due to COVID-19

Where to Apply

The online portal will be available on April 6, 2020. To speed up the application process, sign up now for My Account through the CRA. Secondly, signing up for Direct Deposit will help get money in to your account faster once your application has processed.

More Information

<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html>

Employment Insurance (Federal)

The EI Sickness Benefits Employment Insurance one week waiting period has been waived for people in self-isolation. It can provide up to 15 weeks of financial assistance for those who cannot work for medical reasons up to 55% of earnings up to a maximum of \$573 a week.

Who is Eligible?

Canadians who are unable to work for medical reasons, whose regular weekly earnings from work have decreased by more than 40% for at least one week and who have accumulated 600 insured hours of work in the 52 weeks before the start of the claim or since the start of the last claim, whichever is shorter.

Where to Apply

Government of Canada website

More Information

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness.html>

Additional Income Assistance

Every individual and family member on income assistance will receive an additional \$50 with each payment starting Friday, March 20, 2020.

Who is Eligible?

Every individual and family member already on income assistance.

Where to Apply

Do not need to apply

More Information

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#support>

Student Loan Repayment Deferral

Nova Scotia Student Loan payments are suspended, interest-free, until 30 September 2020.

Who is Eligible?

All Nova Scotians in the process of repaying these loans.

Where to Apply

Do not need to apply

More Information

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#support>