



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

Direct Financial Assistance Programs & Support Programs Available for Prince Edward Island

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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>

Emergency Relief - Worker Assistance Program

This is a temporary program to provide financial support to employers to assist their employed workers who have been impacted by reduced hours at work as a result of COVID-19.

Who is Eligible?

Each employed worker that experienced a reduction of at least 8 hours per week during the two week period March 16-29, 2020.

Where to Apply

Prince Edward Island government website application portal

More Information

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-relief-worker-assistance-program>

Emergency Income Relief for the Self-Employed

The Emergency Income Relief Fund is a temporary program put in place to support the self-employed who have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.

Who is Eligible?

A self-employed person who is able to demonstrate direct financial losses resulting from the COVID-19 isolation measures at the time of application and not EI eligible or receiving any other income support.

Where to Apply

Prince Edward Island government website application portal

More Information

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-relief-worker-assistance-program>

Employee Gift Card Program

The Employee Gift Card Program is a temporary program put in place to offer a \$100 Sobeys gift card to any employee, living and working on Prince Edward Island, who has received a lay-off notice as a direct result of the impacts associated with COVID-19.

Who is Eligible?

Anyone who lives and works in P.E.I., earns \$25 per hour or less and lost their job between March 13 and March 31.

Where to Apply

The application form is to be completed by the employer, who will then distribute the cards to affected employees

More Information

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/employee-gift-card-program>