



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

Direct Financial Assistance Programs & Support Programs Available for Quebec

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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/department-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>

Temporary Aid for Workers Program

This program is for Canadians who are in isolation to counter the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The lump-sum amount granted to an eligible person is \$573 per week, for a period of 14 days of isolation, with possible extension up to 28 days.

Who is Eligible?

This program is for workers who reside in Québec and are in isolation for one of the following reasons: (i) have contracted the virus or present symptoms; (ii) have been contact with an infected person; (iii) have recently returned from abroad; (iv) not receiving compensation from your employer; (v) do not have private insurance; (vi) not covered by another government program, such as employment insurance from the federal government.

Where to Apply

Complete the registration form found on the Province's website. Once complete, an email containing the application form will be sent to your email. Each adult must submit his or her own application.

More Information

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/>

Suspension of student debt repayment for 6 months without interest

Due to COVID-19, the government is postponing student loan debt repayment, which means that you will have no payments to make during the next six months. In addition, no interest will be calculated or added to your loan debt.

Who is Eligible?

The measure automatically applies to all.

Where to Apply

Do not need to apply

More Information

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/education/student-financial-assistance/repayment/loan-remission/>

Emergency daycare services for children of parents who are entitled to emergency childcare services by governmental decree

Emergency daycare services will be offered free of charge, Monday through Friday, until May 1, 2020, inclusively.

Who is Eligible?

Consult the list of workers who are entitled to emergency childcare services on the Quebec government website.

Where to Apply

Complete the form on the Quebec Government website

More Information

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/>