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## FEDERAL SUPPORTS COVID-19 Information for Members

### If you...

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic may impact your employment. Below are some of the different situations you may face and how to access support via the federal government. This information is accurate as of March 27, 2020.

Have lost your job,  
even if you don't qualify for EI

Have a job, but are not  
being paid and asked to work

Are taking care of someone  
who is sick with COVID-19

Must stay home without pay  
to take care of children

### Apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

- Application available April 6. You can apply in one of three ways:
  - by accessing it on your CRA MyAccount secure portal;
  - by accessing it from your My Service Canada Account;
  - by calling a soon-to-be available toll-free number.
- Pays \$2000/month for up to 4 months, backdated to March 15.
- Benefits should be available 10 days after you submit your application.
- If you've already applied for EI, your claim will be moved to the CERB automatically and benefits will be paid from this program first.
- If you're currently on EI, you will continue to receive your EI benefits, and if those benefits end before October 3, you can apply for the CERB.
- If you are sick or unemployed after CERB coverage ends, and you have EI insurable hours, you can apply for normal EI benefits at that time.
- No sick note will be required.

Are sick, quarantined, or  
in self-isolation with COVID-19

### Apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

- As described above.

### Apply for Employment Insurance Sickness Benefits

- After completing the online form, call 1-833-381-2725 to have the one-week waiting period waived.
- Have SIN #, first & last day worked, pay stub with highest 2-week pay from the last year, as well as payment information ready.
- If you apply after quarantine, benefits will be backdated.
- No sick note will be required.

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### Easing cashflow challenges

- Income tax filing deadline extended to June 1.
- Deadline to make income tax payments extended until September 1.
- Many banks allow deferral of mortgage payments for up to six months. Contact your bank to determine what is available for you.
- Federal student loan payments are deferred until September 30. This moratorium is interest-free and no interest will accrue during this time.
- The Canada Child Benefit will have a top-up.
  - An extra \$300 per child.
  - Those who already received this benefit do not need to reapply.
  - It will be delivered with the scheduled payment in May.
- There will be a one-time special top-up on GST payments for low- and modest-income households.
  - An extra \$400 for single individuals and up to \$600 for couples.
  - No need to apply. If eligible, you will get it automatically.
  - It will be delivered with the scheduled payment in May.
- The federal government will be making more funds available for people who need to borrow money to pay bills. Details to come.

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