Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

We will provide a taxable benefit of $2,000 every 4 weeks for up to 16 weeks to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19.

The CERB is available to workers who meet all of the following conditions:

* live in Canada and are at least 15 years old
* stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits
* have not voluntarily quit their job
* had income of at least $5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application.

On April 15, we announced changes to the eligibility rules to:

* Allow people to earn up to $1,000 per month while collecting the CERB.
* Extend the CERB to seasonal workers who have exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to undertake their regular seasonal work because of COVID-19.
* Extend the CERB to workers who have recently exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to find a job because of COVID-19.

An online questionnaire will help us direct you to the service option that best fits your situation (i.e. eligibility for Employment Insurance benefits or not).

**Do not apply for the CERB if you have already applied for EI.**

[Apply for the CERB](https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html)

You can also apply over the phone: 1‑800‑959‑2019 or 1‑800‑959‑2041