

## TMFD COVID-19 Response

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The Government of Canada has introduced various benefit programs for Canadian business owners to help with these difficult times. These programs mainly benefit those businesses struggling to meet their payment obligations as a result of reduced revenue.

The tax team at TMFD Financial has been consulting and assisting clients with these programs to obtain the maximum benefit. We have the expertise and experience to guide you as we helped file hundreds of applications for these programs. If you have any questions or would like assistance in applying to the benefits, please reply to this email or reach out to your contact at TMFD.

## COVID-19 Federal Government Emergency Benefits

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### **Canada Emergency Wage subsidy (CEWS)**

- Eligibility:** Canadian employers that have seen drop in revenue as compared to revenue in 2019 OR average revenue of January and February 2020.
- Amount:** Up to 85% of employee wages to a maximum of \$959.65/week  
Both the base and the top up subsidy will be determined by the year over year change in monthly revenue  
(Note: maximum percentage and amount varies by period)
- Period:** March 2020 to June 2021
- Deadline:** January 31, 2021 or 180 days after the end of the claim period, whichever comes later
- More Info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

## **Canada Emergency Rent subsidy (CERS)**

- Eligibility:** Canadian businesses that have seen drop in revenue as compared to revenue in 2019 OR average revenue of January and February 2020.  
Qualifying property could be rented or owned.  
Landlord and Tenants can apply directly with CRA.
- Amount:** Up to 65% of rent or eligible expenses
- Period:** September 27, 2020 to June 2021
- Deadline:** 180 days after the end of the claim period
- More Info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-rent-subsidy.html>

## **Canada Emergency Benefit Account (CEBA)**

- Eligibility:** Canadian businesses that had Payroll in 2019 in excess of \$20,000 OR those business with \$40,000 or more non-deferable expenses annually.
- Amount:** Up to a maximum of \$60,000 interest free loan.  
\$20,000 of the loan is forgivable if the full loan is paid by Dec 31, 2022.  
If not paid, loan will be converted to a three-year term loan with 5% interest.
- Deadline:** March 31, 2021
- Other info:** The forgivable portion of the loan is included in income in the year that the loan is received.
- More Info:** <https://ceba-cuec.ca/>

## **Reginal Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)**

- Eligibility:** Canadian incorporated businesses that that have applied to other COVID-19 relief measures and still need funding. The business must be financially viable and plan to continue to operate.
- Amount:** There are two options.  
**Option 1:** is the same as CEBA loan.  
**Option 2:** Funding supports 6 months of eligible expenses up to \$1 million. It is interest fee loan until Dec 31, 2022. Full amount needs to be repaid back.  
Eligible applicants that have received the CEBA loan will only be eligible to apply for Option 2.

**Deadline:** March 31, 2021 for Option 1, no deadline for Option 2  
**More Info:** <https://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/02583.html?OpenDocument>

### **Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) [Personal]**

**Eligibility:** You are not employed or self-employed for COVID-19 related reasons OR you have 50% reduction in your average weekly income compared to previous year for COVID-19 related reasons

**Clawback:** Starts at \$38,000 (Pay back \$0.50 for each dollar in excess of \$38,000 of net income)

**Amount:** Up to \$900 biweekly (Gross of \$1000 – Tax Withheld of \$100)

**Period:** Sept 27, 2020 to Sept 25, 2021 (maximum of 26 weekly payments)  
*Proposed Change: extending the benefit period from 26 weeks to 38 weeks.*

**Deadline:** 60 days after the end of the claim period

**More Info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-benefit.html>

### **Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) [Personal]**

**Eligibility:** You are unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work because you have or may have COVID-19 OR you are advised to self-isolate due to COVID-19

**Amount:** Up to \$450 (Gross of \$500 – Tax Withheld of \$50) per week

**Period:** Maximum 2 weeks between Sept 27, 2020 to Sept 25, 2021  
*Proposed Change: extending the benefit period from 2 weeks to 4 weeks.*

**Deadline:** 60 days after the period ended

**More Info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-sickness-benefit.html>

### **Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) [Personal]**

**Eligibility:** You are unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work because you are caring for a family member that is

1. Under 12 years and care facilities are unavailable due to COVID-19
2. Sick with COVID-19 OR has symptoms of COVID-19

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3. At risk of serious health complication as advised by medical professional
- Amount:** Up to \$450 (Gross of \$500 – Tax Withheld of \$50) per week
- Period:** Sept 27, 2020 to Sept 25, 2021 (maximum of 26 weekly payments)  
*Proposed Change: extending the benefit period from 26 weeks to 38 weeks*
- Deadline:** 60 days after the period ended
- More Info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-caregiving-benefit/crcb-who-apply.html>

## COVID-19 Provincial Government Emergency Benefits

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### **Ontario Small Business Support Grant**

- Eligibility:** Ontario businesses that were required to close or significantly restrict services due to the province wide shutdown being imposed across the province effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26.  
Have fewer than 100 employees at the enterprise level.  
Have experienced a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline in April 2020 compared to April 2019.
- Amount:** Ranges from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- Deadline:** March 31, 2021
- More Info:** <https://news.ontario.ca/en/backgrounder/59788/post-4>  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-people>

### **Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit**

- Eligibility:** A 10% refundable corporate income tax credit for capital investments.  
Regionally limited (not for clients in GTA)  
The tax credit is available for expenditures in excess of \$50,000 and has a cap of \$500,000.  
The tax credit is available for qualifying investments that become available for use on or after March 25, 2020.
- Amount:** \$5,000 - \$50,000
- More info:** <https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/annex.html#section-3>

### **Employer Health Tax Relief**

- Eligibility:** EHT exemption for 2020 has been increased from \$490,000 to \$1 million.  
All employers filing and remitting EHT
- How to Apply:** Automatic (The ministry of finance will be reviewing all 2020 EHT returns and correcting the returns for the new exemption level.)

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## Property Tax and Energy Cost Rebates

- Eligibility:** All small businesses that are eligible for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant are also eligible for these property tax and energy bill rebates.
- Amount:** Funding will cover the entire length of time that regionally targeted public health restrictions are in place
- More info:** <https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs>