

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT

ELIGIBILITY

To receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) the following must apply:

- You must reside in Canada;
- You are 15 years of age or older at the time of application;
- You have stopped or will stop working for reasons related to COVID-19, you are unable to work due to illness or because you lost your employment for other reasons beyond your control; and
 - ⇒ If submitting for your first benefit period, that you have stopped or will stop working for at least 14 consecutive days within the 4-week benefit period; or
 - ⇒ If filing for a subsequent benefit period, you did not receive any employment or self employment income for the period for which you previously claimed the benefit and do not expect to receive any employment or self employment income in the 4-week benefit period.
 - ⇒ You have not quit your job voluntarily;
 - ⇒ You are not receiving or have applied for CERB, nor receiving Employment Insurance benefits for the same benefit period;
 - ⇒ You have earned a minimum of \$5,000 in income within the last 12 months or in the 2019 calendar year from one or more of the following sources:
 - ◇ Employment income;
 - ◇ Self-employment income.

How much will I receive?

\$2,000 every four weeks, for a maximum of 16 weeks available from March 15, 2020, to October 3, 2020.

When can I apply?

Through the Government of Canada website portal starting April 6, 2020. Benefits will start 10 days after submitting your application.

IMPORTANT: If you are not normally eligible for EI, please register for your CRA My Account and Direct Deposit ASAP, in advance of the application launch April 6.



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If you were born in the month of	Apply for CERB on	Your best day to apply
January, February, or March	Mondays	April 6
April, May or June	Tuesday	April 7
July, August, or September	Wednesdays	April 8
October, November, or December	Thursdays	April 9
Any month	Fridays, Saturdays , and Sundays	

What do I need to apply?

You will need to provide your personal contact information and your Social Insurance Number (SIN) to confirm eligibility. You may be asked to provide additional documentation at a future date.

Do I need to be laid off to access the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

No. Workers who remain attached to their company can receive the Benefit.

You must have stopped working as a result of COVID-19 and be without employment income for at least 14 consecutive days within the initial four-week period. For subsequent periods, you expect to have no employment income.

You can also apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit if you are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefit, but you can only choose to receive payments from EI or CERB.

Can I receive CERB and EI at the same time?

No, you cannot be paid EI benefits and CERB benefit for the same period of time.

Who is not eligible?

The Benefit is only available to individuals who stopped work as a result of reasons related to COVID-19. If you were unemployed or looking for work prior to COVID-19, you are not eligible.

For more information on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>

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