



COVID-19: AVAILABLE RESOURCES

We're here for you!

A WORD FROM YOUR M.P.

Hello,

To support Canadians during this unprecedented crisis, the Government of Canada has put in place a vast economic response plan which has proven to be the largest and most comprehensive peacetime investment in the history of our country.

To ease the financial burden on businesses and to protect as many jobs as possible, we created the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS). This measure has enabled more than 500,000 companies to keep three million employees on the job or to call them back to work, thereby facilitating the recovery of our economy.

I am pleased to inform you that this week Prime Minister Trudeau announced that the CEWS will be extended until December in order to ensure an effective and stable transition. The new admissibility criteria will be known very soon.

As every week, through this newsletter I wish to share with you the latest information available on programs to support people and businesses affected by COVID-19. I also invite you to visit the CANADA.CA website for all the reliable information you need.

Please don't hesitate to contact my team and me if you have any questions or comments.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones!

Marie-Claude Bibeau



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ECONOMIC AND FISCAL SNAPSHOT

COVID-19 required the implementation of effective and rapid measures. The Government of Canada's support during the pandemic is the largest peacetime investment in the history of the country. It has enabled millions of Canadians to continue to earn an income, to put food on the table and to continue to have shelter during a period of great uncertainty.

An overview of some of the federal government's COVID-related investments is available on the following page.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2Otz6U>.

ECONOMIC AND FISCAL SNAPSHOT

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

As of June 28, more than **8.16 million people** have received CERB assistance.

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

The CEWS has supported approximately **3 million employees** so far by helping them stay on the job or return to work.

Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

About **3.7 million families** have received an additional payment of \$ 300 for each child from the ACE.

GST / HST Credit

12 million individuals and families on low or modest incomes received a special one-time payment via the GST Credit. On average, single adults received \$ 375 in additional benefits and couples received \$ 510.

Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

More than \$ 1.4 billion has been paid to **more than 600,000 students** who have been unable to find summer employment due to the pandemic. This benefit offers a basic amount of \$ 1,250 to eligible students and an additional \$ 750 per month to those who have dependents or have a disability.

Single payment for Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)

6.7 million seniors received a one-time, tax-free OAS payment of \$ 300. **2.2 million of them** also received \$ 200 more if they qualified for the GIS.

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)

As of July 3, **688,000 small businesses and non-profits** have been approved for the \$ 40,000 CEBA assistance.

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY

The **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)** provides eligible employers affected by COVID-19 with a wage subsidy equal to 75% of their employees' wages.

In order to continue supporting Canadian businesses, the Government of Canada has announced its intention to extend the CEWS **until December**. The new admissibility criteria will be known very soon.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/38YIJjl>.

A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The Government of Canada is committed to fostering innovation and building a clean energy future. This commitment will be more important than ever as we begin to reopen the economy and plan for our post-COVID-19 recovery.

Canada participated in the International Energy Agency's (IEA) Clean Energy Transitions Summit last week. This is the first IEA ministerial-level meeting focusing entirely on a clean energy future.

The Minister of Natural Resources Canada met with government and industry leaders from around the world to discuss what can be done to foster innovation and a sustainable recovery in the clean energy technology sector.

As part of the Equal by 30 initiative, our country is leading the development of an international framework that will allow signatories to monitor and report on the concrete measures they are taking to close the gender gap in the energy sector.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2ZxTDtY>.

SECTORAL SUPPORT

COVID-19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND FOR ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SPORT

The **COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund** provides financial assistance to organizations responsible for culture, heritage and sport. The fund will help maintain jobs and support business continuity for organizations whose viability has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Phase 1 was launched on May 8, while the first component of Phase 2 was announced on June 18.

On July 8, the details of the final components of Phase 2 were announced. They primarily include funding for arts and culture organizations that do not currently receive funding from Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, Telefilm Canada, the Canada Media Fund, Musicaction or FACTOR, and/or did not receive funding in Phase 1.

The second component of Phase 2 of the Emergency Support Fund will be provided through grants and contributions. The distribution of funding is as follows:

- \$45 million for special measures in support of journalism under the Canada Periodical Fund to assist free magazines and weekly newspapers, including those that serve official-language minority or ethnocultural communities.
- \$25 million distributed through partners to help independent broadcasters that invest in news and community broadcasts.
- \$20 million to help presenters in the live music industry (artist managers, booking agents, concert promoters, for-profit festivals and venues, etc.) through the Canada Music Fund.
- \$2.5 million to support producers of content in a language other than English or French through the Canada Media Fund.

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- \$52.1 million to various arts and culture organizations that do not usually receive funding from Canadian Heritage programs and/or did not receive funding in Phase 1. This amount will be provided as follows:
 - \$8.2 million for the arts sector;
 - \$27.8 million for the audiovisual and digital media sector;
 - \$5 million for the music industry;
 - \$10 million for the publishing sector; and
 - \$1 million for arts and culture organizations that serve official-language communities.

A simplified funding application process has been put in place to support organizations in need as quickly and efficiently as possible. **It is now possible to submit an application for assistance under the Canada Periodical Fund (<https://bit.ly/3gBSJIG>).**

Application details for the other Phase 2 funding opportunities will be available shortly on the dedicated COVID-19 emergency funding section of the Canadian Heritage website.

More information is available here: <https://bit.ly/3h4OpeO>.

SECTORAL SUPPORT

SUPPORTING FISH FARMERS IN QUEBEC

The closure of restaurants and the halt of fishing-related activities had significant consequences for the Quebec fish farming industry. This situation led to a decrease in the amount of fish bought from fish farmers and created an inventory surplus.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I have reached an agreement with the Government of Quebec to help Quebec fish farmers cope with the impact of COVID-19 on their activities. The \$ 1.02 million agreement will help minimize fish mortality associated with this surplus situation and will limit financial losses by promoting the stocking of public bodies of water.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3fxObN0>.

INFORMATION ON OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPEN

Canada Emergency Business Account (<https://ceba-cuec.ca/>): Open

Local Food Infrastructure Fund (<https://bit.ly/2W0ltg1>) : Open until funds are exhausted

Young Canada Works in Both Official Languages (<https://bit.ly/2ZaY7GI>) : Open until funds are exhausted

Investments in Forest Industry Transformation - Study projects
(<https://bit.ly/2W1uV2V>) : Open until funds are exhausted

Canada Periodical Fund - Special Measures for Journalism component
(<https://bit.ly/3gBSJIG>): Open until July 27, 2020

Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF)

- Estrie Community Foundation (<https://bit.ly/3fVf4dE>) : Open until July 27, 2020
- Canadian Red Cross (<https://bit.ly/2CGdeiy>): Open until July 31, 2020

INFORMATION ON OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPEN

Supporting Black Communities in Canada (<https://bit.ly/38DohES>): Open until July 27, 2020

Emergency Processing Fund (<https://bit.ly/31g55eJ>): Open until July 31, 2020

Surplus Food Rescue Program (<https://bit.ly/3dEqLh6>): Open until July 31, 2020 or until funds are fully committed

Equipment and Training Program on Prevention of Disease Transmission (<https://bit.ly/2NsFSpr>) : Open until July 31, 2020

Investments in Forest Industry Transformation - Capital investment projects (<https://bit.ly/2W1uV2V>) : Open until August 13, 2020

Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Workers Program (<https://bit.ly/2VimgbO>): Open until August 31, 2020

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (<https://bit.ly/3dFe8c1>): Open until August 31, 2020

Canada Emergency Student Benefit (<https://bit.ly/2NqLvEJ>): Open until September 30, 2020

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (<https://bit.ly/2YvHLYI>): Open until October 3rd, 2020

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (<https://bit.ly/2Vk7JfN>): Open until December 2020

BEST SANITARY PRACTICES

To have up-to-date information concerning the coronavirus, we invite you to contact:

- The Canadian Government Website : <https://bit.ly/2QFBAwY>
- Phone **1-833-347-4397** (toll free).

If ever you are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough or difficulty breathing), contact **1-877-644-4545** (toll free).

For more information on ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the **workplace**, consult the following link: <https://bit.ly/3adWvz3>.



Public health experts recommend that we:

- Limit our contact with other people by practicing social distancing;
- Frequently wash our hands for a minimum of 20 seconds;
- Use an alcohol-based sanitizer if we don't have access to water and soap;
- Cough and sneeze in a tissue or in the crux of our arm
- Avoid touching our eyes, nose or mouth if we haven't previously washed our hands;
- Use approved sanitizers to clean hard surfaces;
- Clean surfaces that are frequently touched (telephones, door handles, etc...)

To learn more on risk prevention, consult the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Uv9d5M> or send an email to phac.inof.aspc@canada.ca.