

Canada Emergency Response Benefit

This benefit is available to workers who are residing in Canada and are at least 15 years old. You could be eligible if you have stopped working due to COVID-19 related reasons. You must have been employed/and or self-employed and had an income of at least \$5000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to date of application to qualify. If eligible you may receive \$500/week for up to 16 weeks.

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

Canada Emergency Student Benefit

Available to post-secondary students and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID -19. It is available to students who are not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Employment Insurance. It is a direct benefit of \$1250/month for single students and up to \$2000/month for students with dependents or disabilities. Benefits are available from May 2020 to August 2020.

For more information visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergency-student-benefit.html>

Canada Student Loans and Canada Student Grants

Canada Student Loans is suspending repayment/interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans. Borrowers will automatically have their loan repayments and interest suspended from March 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

Eligibility for financial assistance is being expanded. Removing expected student and spouse contribution for 2020/2021 due to understanding many will struggle to save money for education. Canada Student Loans weekly amount will also increase from \$210 to \$350.

In the fall Canada Student Grants for eligible full time students is doubled up to \$6000 and \$3600 for part time students. The Canada Student Grants for students with disabilities and dependents is also doubled.

Canada Service Grant

The Canada Service Grant provides an opportunity for students to take part in national service activities while COVID-19 limits employment opportunity for students. Can provide up to \$5000 for students who do National Service and serve their community during the pandemic.

For more information visit <https://volunteer.ca/index.php?MenuitemID=355>