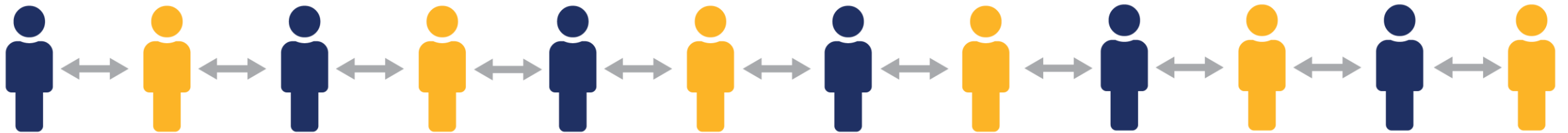


COVID-19

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El Emergency Benefit and Canadian Emergency Response Benefit

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EI AND CERB

➤ WHAT?

- Yes, TWO parallel programs, similar eligibility criteria and benefit. EI Regular and Sickness Benefits temporarily suspended

➤ WHY?

- Administrative division of labour. Both Service Canada and Canada Revenue Agency

➤ WHEN? Depends...

- Before March 15: Stay with EI
- After March 15: EI Emergency Benefit
- Starting April 6: “Funneled” to EI or CERB



EI AND CERB ELIGIBILITY

- **Must have stopped working because of COVID-19**
 - Laid off or zero hours. No voluntary separation
 - Sick, quarantined or in self-isolation
 - Caring for someone with COVID-19
 - Must stay home because of school/childcare closure
 - Must have earned at least \$5,000 of insurable earnings in 2019 or previous 12 months. Includes mat/par EI benefits
 - Must be Canadian resident
 - No job search requirement



EI AND CERB ELIGIBILITY (continued)

➤ EI

- Without work for 7 of the last 14 days

➤ CERB

- Without work for 14 days

➤ No employment income is permitted

- No employer SUB plans

➤ EI and CERB cannot be combined

➤ Pension income, scholarships and provincial transfers permitted



EI AND CERB BENEFIT

➤ EI

- \$2,000/month
- Paid every two weeks
- Up to 16 weeks

➤ CERB

- \$2,000/month
- Paid monthly
- Up to 16 weeks

- For people receiving EI before March 15, regular benefits will continue. They can apply for CERB at conclusion of benefit period.
- After the 16-week period, if you are eligible for EI Regular Benefits, you can begin a new claim without a reduction in entitlement period.



EI AND CERB ADMINISTRATION

➤ EI

- Administered by Service Canada

➤ CERB

- Administered by CRA

- You will need to regularly attest that you are without income and do not expect income during benefit period.
- Available from March 15, 2020, to October 3, 2020. You can apply no later than December 2, 2020.



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Canada Emergency Response Benefit

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

What is the Canada Emergency Response Benefit

If you have stopped working because of COVID-19, the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) may provide you with temporary income support. The CERB provides \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

Who is eligible

The benefit will be available to workers:

- Residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- Who have stopped working because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits;
- Who had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and
- Who are or expect to be without employment or self-employment income for at least 14 consecutive days in the initial four-week period. For subsequent benefit periods, they expect to have no employment or self-employment income.

How to apply

To deliver payments to Canadians in a fast and easy way, the CERB is being jointly delivered by Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency.

To begin the application process, please answer a few simple questions. The answers you provide will help us direct you to the service option that best fits your situation.

Please read these [questions and answers](#) for more details.



Get started

* Thinking about your main source of income in the last year - were you an employee or self-employed? **(required)**

- I was self-employed
- I was an employee

Thank you! You should apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit through the Canada Revenue Agency.

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Get started

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- I was self-employed
- I was an employee

* Were you a full-time employee for at least four months last year? ("full-time" means someone who works 30 or more hours per week) (required)

- Yes
- No

* Were you a part-time employee for at least eight months last year? (part-time means someone who works less than 30 hours per week) (required)

- Yes
- No

Thank you! You should apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit through Service Canada and the Employment Insurance program.

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