

# Financial Assistance

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#### Business Support Programs COVID-19: Federal Government initiatives (as of April 24, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	This benefit provides eligible applicants \$2,000 a month for up to 16 weeks.	Available from March 15 – October 3, 2020.	Workers must:  - Be residing in Canada who are at least 15 years old;  - Have stopped working due to COVID-19 related issues, or are eligible for El regular or sickness benefits or have exhausted their El regular benefits between December 29, 2019 and October 3, 2020;  - Had employment and/or selfemployment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application;  - Have not voluntarily quit their job;  - Have not earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or selfemployment income for 14 or more consecutive days within the fourweek benefit period of claim when submitting the first claim;  - Have not earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for the entire four-week benefit period of subsequent claims.	canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html
			Workers who have already applied to El need not re-apply to receive CERB benefits.	

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Canada	Wage subsidies will cover	Available from March 15	Employers must demonstrate that	canada.ca/en/department-
Emergency Wage	75 per cent of employee	- June 6, 2020.	they have lost at least 15 per cent	finance/economic-response-
Subsidy	remuneration, for up to		for March, 2020 and 30 per cent	plan/wage-subsidy.html
	12 weeks, retroactive to		for April and May, 2020 of their	
	March 15, 2020.		revenue compared to this time last	canada.ca/en/department-
			year or their January and February	finance/news/2020/04/
			revenue. Employers include non-	government-provides-further-
			profit organizations, charities, and	flexibility-for-employers-to-
			corporations.	access-the-canada-emergency-
				wage-subsidy.html
Temporary Wage	Wage subsidies will	Available from March 18	Open to employers who are otherwise	canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/
Subsidy	cover 10 per cent of	- June 19, 2020.	ineligible for the Canada Emergency	campaigns/covid-19-update/
	employee remuneration,		Wage Subsidy. Employers are	frequently-asked-questions-
	up to \$1,375 for each		individuals, partnerships, non-profit	wage-subsidy-small-businesses.
	eligible employee and to		organizations, registered charities,	<u>html</u>
	a maximum of \$25,000		or Canadian-controlled private	
	total per employer.		corporations eligible for the small	
			business deductions, who have an	
			existing business number and payroll	
			program account with the CRA	
			on March 18, 2020 and who pay	
			remuneration to an employee.	
Employment	The one-week waiting	El sickness benefits	Workers who are unable to work	canada.ca/en/services/benefits/
Insurance (EI)	period for EI sickness	provide up to 15 weeks	for medical reasons whose weekly	ei/ei-sickness.html
	benefits will be waived	of income replacement.	earnings have decreased by more	
	for new applicant who		than 40 per cent, and who have	
	are quarantined. No		accumulated 600 hours of work in	
	medical certificate is		the 52 weeks before the start of their	
	necessary to apply.		claim.	

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Canada Emergency Business Account	Provides interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to cover non-deferrable operating costs, including payroll, rent, insurance and utilities. If the loan is fully repaid on or before December 31, 2022, up to \$10,000 will be eligible for forgiveness.	Available immediately through applicant's financial institution.	Businesses and not-for-profits are eligible if they are operating a company registered in Canada on March 1, 2020 and have an annual payroll between \$20,000 – \$1.5 million.	ceba-cuec.ca
Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)	Commercial property owners will be offered forgivable loans that will cover 50 per cent of impacted commercial tenants' rent, in exchange for owners providing their commercial tenants a rent reduction of at least 75 per cent and a moratorium on evictions for the months of April, May and June.	April – June 2020. Benefits are expected to be distributed starting mid-May.  Commercial owners who have already offered rent reductions of at least 75 per cent or would like to do so for the month of April can retroactively access this benefit.	To qualify for this program, commercial tenants must have experienced at least a 70 per cent drop in their revenues, and must be paying less than \$50,000 per month in rent.  The program will be administered through the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation, and is offered through a partnership between the federal and provincial governments.	pm.gc.ca/en/news/news- releases/2020/04/16/prime- minister-announces-additional- support-small-businesses  pm.gc.ca/en/news/news- releases/2020/04/24/ prime-minister-announces- partnerships-provinces-and- territories
Small and Medium Sized Loan and Guarantee program	Co-Lending Program providing loans of up to \$6.25 million to cover operation cash flow requirements. Program cap for this new program is \$20 billion.	Implementation to follow.	Businesses must have been impacted directly or indirectly by COVID-19, and financially viable prior to the impact of COVID-19.	bdc.ca/en/about/mediaroom/ news_releases/pages/ new-small-medium-sized- enterprise-loan-guarantee- program-help-ease-access- credit-entrepreneurs-impacted- covid-19.aspx  canada.ca/en/department- finance/programs/financial- sector-policy/business-credit- availability-program.html

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
New Loan Guarantee for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises  Funding for small and medium- sized Indigenous businesses	New operating credit and cash flow term loans of up to \$6.25 million, 80% of which will be guaranteed by EDC. Program cap for this new program is \$20 billion.  Short-term, interest free loans will be available to small and medium-sized Indigenous businesses, and funding will also be provided to support Aboriginal Financial Institutions that offer financing to these businesses. \$306.8 million in funding has been secured for this	Available immediately through applicant's financial institution.  Details are forthcoming.	Open to domestic companies, regardless of their exporting status.  This benefit is administered through the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association and the Metis capital corporations in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada.	bdc.ca/en/pages/special-support.aspx?special-initiative=covid19  canada.ca/en/department-finance/programs/financial-sector-policy/business-credit-availability-program.html  canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html  pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses
Canada Account	program.  Provides additional support to exporters through loans, guarantees or insurance policies.	Available immediately.	This benefit is administered by Export Development Canada and is used to support exporters when deemed to be in the national interest.	canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses. html#Supporting Canadian Business

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Work-Sharing Program	Provides EI benefits to eligible employees who agree to reduce their normal working hours and share the available work while their employers recover. The maximum duration of the agreement has been extended to 76 weeks.	Available immediately. Processing times for Work-Sharing program applications is currently around 10 days.	Employers must have been in business in Canada for at least 1 year, and have at least 2 employees in the Work-Sharing unit. Eligible employers include private businesses, publicly held companies, and not-for-profit employers.	canada.ca/en/employment- social-development/corporate/ notices/coronavirus.html#work- share
Temporary salary top-up for low- income essential workers	Essential workers who earn less than \$2,500 per month on a full-time basis will be able to access a temporary top-up to their salaries through a cost-sharing program implemented by the federal and provincial governments.	Details are forthcoming.		canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html
Flexibility for business – paying and filing taxes	Businesses can defer the payment of any income tax that becomes owing between March 18 and August 31, 2020 until September 1, 2020. Interest and penalties will not apply or be computed to these unpaid tax balances during this period.	Available immediately for taxes that become owing between March 18 and August 31, 2020.	This measure will apply both to monthly and year-end tax balances due under Part I of the <i>Income Tax Act</i> (Canada).	canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html#Extension_of_Deadline

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Deferral of GST/	Defer to June 30,	Available immediately.		canada.ca/en/department-
HST remittance	2020 the due dates of			finance/news/2020/03/
and customs duty	GST/HST collected,			additional-support-for-
payments	dependent on filing			canadian-businesses-from-the-
	period. For commercial			economic-impact-of-covid-19.
	goods importation,			html#_Deferral_of_Sales
	payment deadlines are			
	deferred for statements			
	of accounts for March,			
	April and May, 2020.			
Special GST/HST	One-time special	Payment will be made in	Low and modest income Canadians	canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/
credit payment	payment through	early May, 2020. Eligible	who are eligible for GST/HST credit.	services/child-family-benefits/
	the GST/HST credit.	individuals will receive it	General eligibility includes being	covid-19-gsthstc-increase.html
	Around \$400 for single	automatically.	considered a Canadian resident for	
	individuals and close to		income tax purposes the month before	
	\$600 for couples.		and at the beginning of the month in	
			which the CRA makes a payment. Must	
			also meet at least one of the following	
			criteria: must be at least 19 years old,	
			have a spouse or common-law partner,	
			or be a parent and live with your child.	
ACOA Programs	ACOA is applying a	Available immediately.		canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-
	deferral of three months			opportunities/campaigns/
	on all payments due			covid19.html
	to the government,			
	including payments and			
	related interest charges.			
Funding for Rural	\$287 million has been	Details are forthcoming.	This program is implemented through	canada.ca/en/department-
businesses and	pledged to support		the Community Futures Network.	finance/economic-response-
communities	rural businesses			<u>plan.html</u>
	and communities by			
	providing them with			ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/
	much-needed access to			eng/h_07682.html
	capital.			

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Funding for small	\$675 million program	Details are forthcoming.	This program is implemented through	canada.ca/en/department-
and medium-	has been announced to		Canada's Regional Development	finance/economic-response-
sized businesses	assist small and medium-		Agencies.	<u>plan.html</u>
unable to access	sized businesses that are			
other support	unable to access other			ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/
measures	COVID-19 business			eng/h_07682.html
	supports.			
Emissions	This new proposed fund	Details are forthcoming.		canada.ca/en/department-
Reduction Fund	would provide primarily			finance/economic-response-
	repayable contributions			<u>plan.html</u>
	to conventional and			
	offshore oil and gas			
	firms to support			
	their investments to			
	reduce greenhouse			
	gas emissions. Up to			
	\$750 million would			
	be provided for this			
	program, \$75 million of			
	which will be allocated to			
	the offshore sector.			

### Alberta Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Emergency Isolation Support Program (EISP)	Albertans who were required to self-isolate or cared for someone who was isolating, as well as those who had a significant decrease in income and no other source of compensation received \$1,146.	The program is now closed, and eligible Albertans can now apply to the federal CERB program.	Must have been unable to work due to self-isolation requirements or experienced a significant loss of income and not receiving any other source of compensation.	alberta.ca/emergency- isolation-support.aspx
Corporate income tax changes	Corporate income tax balances and instalment payments due between March 18 and August 31, 2020 will be deferred to August 31, 2020. Filings due after March 18, 2020 and before June 1, 2020 have also been extended to June 1, 2020.	Corporate income tax balances: March 18 – August 31, 2020.  Corporate income tax filings: March 18 – June 1, 2020.		alberta.ca/covid-19-support- for-employers.aspx#toc-2
Utility payment deferral	Electricity and natural gas bill payments can be deferred until June 19, 2020 without any late fees or additional interest payments.	Available from March 18 – June 19, 2020.	Must be experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 and unable to make regular payment as a result.	alberta.ca/covid-19-support- for-employers.aspx#toc-5

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Workers'	Small, medium and			alberta.ca/covid-19-support-
Compensation	large private sector			for-employers.aspx#toc-4
Board (WCB)	employers can defer			
premium	WCB premium payments			
payment deferral	until 2021. For small and			
	medium businesses, the			
	government will cover			
	50 per cent of the 2020			
	premium when it is due			
	in 2021. Large employers			
	will have their 2020			
	WCB premium payment			
	deferred until 2021.			
	Employers who have			
	already paid their 2020			
	WCB premiums in 2020			
	are eligible for a rebate/			
	credit.			
Relief for the	The Government of	Details surrounding		alberta.ca/release.
energy sector	Alberta announced	implementation to follow.		cfm?xID=69881BCC004DB-
	\$113 million in industry			C3DC-DCD7-
	relief to fund the Alberta			B62724AFB886EE9C#toc-0
	Energy Regulator. Other			
	efforts include granting			
	extensions for oil and			
	gas tenures expiring			
	in 2020 by one year,			
	and an \$100 million			
	loan extended to the			
	Orphan Well Association			
	for reclamation and			
	decommissioning efforts			
	as well as environmental			
	assessments.			

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Banks and Credit	Alberta Treasury	Available immediately.	Must contact credit union to	alberta.ca/covid-19-support-
Unions	Branches (ATB Financial)		work out a tailored plan.	for-employers.aspx#toc-7
	customers can apply for			
	a deferral on their ATB			
	Financial loans, lines of			
	credit and mortgages for			
	up to 6 months.			

### British Columbia Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers	Provides a one-time, tax- free \$1,000 payment for B.C. residents who are unable to work due to COVID-19.	Applications will open in April 2020, and payment will be made in May 2020.	B.C. residents who receive federal Employment Insurance or CERB benefits.	www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/ content/employment- business/covid-19- financial-supports/ emergency-benefit- workers
B.C. monthly bills	<ul> <li>Small businesses that have been forced to close due to COVID-19 will have their power bill from April – June 2020 forgiven;</li> <li>Hydro rates will automatically be reduced by 1 per cent as of April 1, 2020;</li> <li>Hydro customers can defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty;</li> <li>Targeted bill relief is available to B.C. Hydro customers experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19;</li> <li>Insurance Company of British Columbia customers on a monthly payment plan who are facing financial hardship can defer their payment for up to 90 days with no penalty.</li> </ul>	- Small business customers can apply for relief starting April 14, 2020, and have until June 30, 2020 to apply. Details on how to apply for this relief are forthcoming; - Other relief can be accessed through telephone, at 1-800-224-9376.	Having experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19.	www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/ content/employment- business/covid-19- financial-supports  bchydro.com/news/ press_centre/news_ releases/2020/covid-19- relief-fund.html

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Tax relief for businesses	- Extending filing and payment	Available immediately.		www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/
	deadline until September 30,			content/taxes/tax-changes/
	2020 for employer health tax,			covid-19-tax-changes
	provincial sales tax, municipal			
	and regional district tax on			news.gov.bc.ca/
	short-term accommodation,			releases/2020FIN0020-
	carbon tax, motor fuel tax,			<u>000703</u>
	and tobacco tax;			
	- School tax rates for			
	commercial properties are			
	reduced by 50 per cent for			
	the 2020 tax year;			
	- Expanded registration			
	requirements for Canadian			
	sellers of goods;			
	- Additional one-time payment			
	for the B.C. Climate Action			
	Tax Credit will be made			
	in July 2020 on top of the			
	regular climate action tax			
	credit amount for qualifying			
	individuals and families.			
	- Reducing most commercial			
	tax property bills by an			
	average of 25 per cent;			
	- Postponing the date that late			
	payment penalties apply for			
	some commercial properties			
	to October 1, 2020.			

### Manitoba Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Extending tax filing deadlines for businesses	- Deadline for April and May 2020 filing extended for small- and mediumsized businesses with monthly remittances of not more than \$10,000; - Businesses will have 2 additional months to remit retail sales taxes and Health and Post Secondary Education Tax Levy.	Available immediately.		news.gov.mb.ca/news/index. html?item=47161&posted=2020-03-22
Temporary exception to employment layoffs	Temporary amendments to ensure that any period of layoff occurring after March 1, 2020 will not be counted toward the period after which a temporary layoff would become a permanent termination, therefore not requiring employers to provide pay in lieu of notice.	Available immediately.		news.gov.mb.ca/news/index. html?item=47284

### New Brunswick Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Income Benefit	The Government of New Brunswick announced \$4.5 million investment for workers who became unemployed between March 15, 2020 and when the federal benefits take effect. The Red Cross will administer a one-time provincial benefit of \$900.	Available from March 15 – April 30, 2020.	Eligible to individuals who lost their job or closed their business due to the State of Emergency.	www2.gnb.ca/content/ gnb/en/departments/ post-secondary_education_ training_and_labour/ promo/nbweib.html
Elimination of interest for WorkSafeNB	WorkSafeNB will be deferring the collection of assessment premiums for three months. The Interest rate will be reduced to 0 per cent during this three month deferral.	Available immediately.	Eligible to New Brunswick employers.	worksafenb.ca/about- us/news-and-events/ news/2020/as-we-face- the-global-pandemic-of- covid-19-worksafenb- defers-premium-payments- for-three-months-with-qa/
Government Loan relief	Loans and interest repayments for existing business loans with government departments will be deferred for up to six months, based on an individual assessment of the case.	Available immediately.	Businesses can contact the loanissuing department to discuss repayment options.	www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/gateways/for_business/covid19.html

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
NB Small Business	Small business owners will	Details are	Eligible businesses are:	cbdc.ca/en/gnb-small-
Emergency Working	be eligible for loans up to	forthcoming.	- Small businesses (included	business-emergency-
Capital Program	\$100,000 and will not be		corporations, proprietorships,	working-capital-program
	required to pay principal on		partnerships, joint ventures and	
	their loan for up to a year.		First Nation enterprises) who	
			are registered with Service NB	
			and have its primary place of	
			operations in New Brunswick	
			and are engaged in commercial	
			enterprises employing 1 – 49	
			employees, with sales for the	
			most recent fiscal year of less than	
			\$10 million;	
			- Businesses who have experienced	
			adverse effects on or after	
			March 15, 2020 as a result of	
			COVID-19 and have a reasonable	
			plan or prospect to remain viable	
			after the pandemic.	
			Applicants must have been in good	
			standing and current with their	
			financial institutions, have no prior	
			history of bankruptcy	
			or default, and have explored	
			options with their financial	
			institution and federal support	
			programs.	

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Working Capital for	Medium to large sized	Available	Companies must be based in	onbcanada.ca/covid19-
medium to large sized	businesses entitled to	immediately	New-Brunswick and have been in	working-capital-loans-new-
employers	working capital of more	through	business for at least 12 months,	brunswick/
	than \$100,000 up to	Opportunities	and present financial statements to	
	\$1 million to manage the	New Brunswick.	support the viability of the business	
	effects of COVID-19 on		before COVID-19 crisis.	
	their operations.		- Companies with no employees are	
			not eligible;	
			- Must be in good standing with	
			their current financial institutions	
			and government remittances	
			prior to COVID-19 crisis, and must	
			not have history of bankruptcy or	
			default;	
			- Publicly traded companies are not	
			eligible;	
			- Approvals will be based on the	
			existing Opportunities New	
			Brunswick approval process and	
			policies, on assessment of viability	
			going forward and ability to repay	
			the loan.	

### Newfoundland and Labrador Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Extension of fuel tax	Expiry date for fuel tax exemption	Available	Must already be a	gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/fin/0330n03/
exemption permit deadline	permits is postponed to June 30, 2020.	immediately.	permit owner.	

### Northwest Territories Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Tax Measures	The Government of the Northwest Territories has paused most tax collection efforts for small businesses and individual, including outside collection agency activity.	Details are forthcoming.		www.gov.nt.ca/en/ newsroom/northwest- territories-covid-19- economic-relief
Business Development and Investment Corporation (BDIC) support	<ul> <li>Low-interest loans to business operators are being offered through the BDIC. Loans are available for up to \$25,000, at a rate of 1.75 per cent. Loans will be amortized for up to five years with options for payment deferral;</li> <li>Borrowers of the BDIC can apply to reduce or defer up to three months, between April 1 and September 30, 2020 of loan payments without penalty or additional interest charges.</li> </ul>	Details are forthcoming	Eligible business will need to reside in the Northwest Territories and will need to demonstrate financial need due to cash flow issues resulting from the COVID-19 crisis.	www.gov.nt.ca/en/ newsroom/northwest- territories-covid-19- economic-relief  bdic.ca/
Government prompt payment	Small businesses and individuals that do business with the government will be paid out as soon as possible, shortening the payment terms on invoices.	Available immediately.		www.gov.nt.ca/en/ newsroom/northwest- territories-covid-19- economic-relief

### Nova Scotia Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Deferral of Payment	Payments will be deferred to June 30, 2020 for: - All government loans and small business fees; - Small business renewal fees, including business registration renewal fees and workers compensation premiums.	Available immediately.		novascotia.ca/ coronavirus/#support
Government prompt payment	Small businesses that do business with the government will be paid within five days, instead of the regular thirty days.	Available immediately.	Must be a small business in Nova Scotia.	novascotia.ca/ coronavirus/#support
Small Business Loan Guarantee Program	Changes made to this program include deferring principal and interest payments until June 30, 2020 making it easier for business to access credit up to \$500,00, and guaranteeing the first \$100,000 for those who might not qualify for a loan.	Available immediately, and administered through credit unions	Must be a small business in Nova Scotia.	novascotia.ca/ coronavirus/#support
Small Business Impact Grant	New \$20 million program which will provide to eligible small businesses and social enterprises a one-time grant of 15 per cent of their revenue from sales, either from April 2019 or February 2020, up to a maximum \$5,000.	Deadline to apply is April 25, 2020. The grant will be administered through Dalhousie University.	Must be an eligible small business or social enterprise.	novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Small-Business- Impact-Grant-guidelines.pdf

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Worker Emergency Bridge Fund	The Government of Nova Scotia announced a \$20 million fund to help self-employed and laid-off workers who not qualify for EI. Dalhousie University will administer to one-time, \$1,000 payment, to bridge the gap between layoffs/closures and the federal CERB.	Details are forthcoming.	Eligibility is not affected by a person or business being enrolled in another provincial/ federal initiative.	novascotia.ca/news/ release/?id=20200402005
Commercial rent deferral	The Government of Nova Scotia encouraged landlords to defer rent payments for their commercial tenants who are no longer open for three months. Participating landlords will be able to claim losses of \$5,000 per month that the renting businesses do not operate.	Registration must be done by April 3, 2020.	The renting business must be inoperative during the duration of deferral.	novascotia.ca/news/ release/?id=20200327004

### Nunavut Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Small Business Support	The Government of	Available immediately.	Eligibility is limited to	gov.nu.ca/economic-
Program	Nunavut Department of		Nunavut residents and	development-and-
	Economic Development		businesses majority owned	transportation/news/
	and Transportation Services		by Nunavut residents.	covid-19-department-
	will provide up to \$5,000 in			economic-development-
	immediate short-term relief			<u>and</u>
	to businesses.			
Government prompt	The Department of Finance	Available immediately.		gov.nu.ca/finance/news/
payment	Services has waived the			covid-19-department-
	normal 20- and 30-day			finance-services-update
	payment terms. Vendors			
	that do business with the			
	government will be paid as			
	soon as possible.			

### Ontario Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Electricity Cost Relief	The Government of Ontario will be providing approximately \$5.6 billion for electricity cost relief programs in 2020 – 2021 for small business consumers, eligible residences and farms. Time-of-use electricity use for a period of 45 days will be suspended, with electricity prices reduced to off-peak rate of 10.1 cents-per-kilowatt-hour.	Applied automatically to electricity bills immediately.		news.ontario.ca/opo/ en/2020/03/ontario- providing-electricity- relief-to-families-small- businesses-and-farms- during-covid-19.html
Improving business cash flow	<ul> <li>Five months of interest and penalty relief for businesses to file and make tax payment for the majority of provincially administered taxes;</li> <li>Deferral by 90 days of upcoming quarterly municipal remittances of education property tax, normally due June 30, 2020;</li> <li>Allowing employers to defer payments to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board for up to six months;</li> <li>Employer Health Tax exemption to be increased for approximately 57,000 employers.</li> </ul>	Available immediately.		news.ontario.ca/mof/ en/2020/03/ontarios- action-plan-responding-to- covid-19.html

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Special measures for	Businesses and property owners		Be located in the City	toronto.ca/home/covid-19/
City of Toronto	will have a sixty day grace period		of Toronto.	economic-support-
	on City of Toronto property			recovery/economic-
	tax, Water and Solid Waste bill			support-recovery-for-
	payments, in addition to penalties			businesses/
	on late payments for business			
	properties being waived for sixty			
	days as well.			

### Prince Edward Island Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Emergency Contingency Fund	The Government of PEI announced the establishment of a \$40 million emergency fund to support workers and small businesses affected by COVID-19.	Details are forthcoming.	Details are forthcoming.	princeedwardisland. ca/en/news/ province-provides- covid-19-economic- update-confirms- property-tax-relief
Support for small businesses and employees	<ul> <li>Scheduled loan payments for clients of Finance PEI, Island Investment         Development Inc., and PEI Century         Fund are deferred for 3 months         starting March 19, 2020;</li> <li>4.5 million to Community Business         Development Corporations to         deliver financing to small businesses         and entrepreneurs;</li> <li>Temporary allowance of \$200 per         week for individuals who have         experienced a significant a drop in         their working hours.</li> </ul>	Details are forthcoming.	Details are forthcoming.	princeedwardisland. ca/en/news/province- announces-more- financial-support- islanders

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Small Business	Small business owners impacted by	Available	Eligible businesses must:	princeedwardisland.ca/
Emergency Working	COVID-19 can apply for working	immediately.	- Be existing small businesses	en/service/emergency-
Capital Program	capital loans of up to \$100,000, to		(startups excluded) located	working-capital-
	be used to assist with fixed operating		and operating in the	financing
	costs, including payroll, rent, and		Province of PEI, and have	
	utilities. Principal & interest payments		been generating revenue in	
	are deferred for a minimum of		PEI;	
	12 months. The outstanding balance is		- Be registered to conduct	
	to be repaid over a 5 year period, for a		business within the Province	
	total term of 6 years.		of PEI;	
			- Have a satisfactory credit	
			rating and must not have	
			any defaulting outstanding	
			debt obligation on file in the	
			Province's Central Default	
			Registry.	
Emergency Income	A maximum of \$500 per week for	Available from	Individuals must have	princeedwardisland.ca/
Relief for the Self-	self-employed individuals.	March 15 – March 29,	declared business income on	en/service/emergency-
Employed		2020.	their most recent tax return,	income-relief-self-
			business income must be their	<u>employed</u>
			primary source of income,	
			must be able to demonstrate	
			direct financial losses related	
			to COVID-19 isolation	
			measures and don't receive	
			any other income support.	

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
COVID-19 Income Support Program	Provides a one-time, taxable payment of \$750 to workers who have lost their primary source of income due to COVID-19 and have applied for federal benefits.	Details are forthcoming.	Applicants must be:  - At least 18 years of age;  - A resident of PEI as of December 31, 2019;  - Have earned a minimum of \$5,000 gross earnings in the last 12 months;  - Lost their primary source of income due to COVID-19 and have no other income; and have applied for federal benefits.	princeedwardisland. ca/en/news/province- announces-additional- income-relief-stricter- screening-measures- travelers  princeedwardisland.ca/ en/service/covid-19- income-support-fund
COVID-19 Special Situation Fund	This fund will provide up to \$1,000 to Islanders who have experienced urgent income loss as a result of COVID-19 and are not eligible for other federal and provincial funding support.	March 16 – June 16, 2020.	Applicants must be:  Over the age of 16;  A PEI resident for tax purposes as of December 31, 2019, and;  Not eligible for EI, social assistance, or COVID-19 emergency funding programs.	princeedwardisland.ca/ en/service/covid-19- special-situation-fund- individuals
Emergency Relief - Worker Assistance Program	Eligible employers will receive a maximum of \$250 per week for each employed worker that experienced a reduction of at least 8 hours per week, as compared to pre-COVID-19 hours during the four-week period of March 16, 2020 – April 11, 2020.	Available from March 16 - April 11, 2020. Applications can be submitted until April 30, 2020.	Eligible employers include registered private sector businesses or non-profit organizations in Prince Edward Island. Workers laid off during this period are not eligible for support under this program.	princeedwardisland.ca/ en/service/emergency- relief-worker- assistance-program

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Employee Gift Card	Temporary program aimed at	Available from	The employer must have	princeedwardisland.ca/
Program	providing a \$100 Sobeys gift card	March 13 – March 31,	issued lay-off notices to	en/service/employee-
	to any employee, living and working	2020.	one or more employees as a	gift-card-program
	on PEI, who has been laid-off due to		result of COVID-19 between	
	COVID-19. Employers are responsible		March 13 – 31, 2020 and have	
	to complete the application form		affected employees with a	
	and distribute the gift card letters to		salary of \$25/hour or less.	
	affected employees.			
Property tax relief	Through amendments to the Real	Available		princeedwardisland.
	Property Tax Act, the Government of	immediately.		ca/en/news/
	PEI has implemented the following			province-provides-
	measures:			covid-19-economic-
	- Deferring provincial property			<u>update-confirms-</u>
	tax and fee payments until			property-tax-relief
	December 31, 2020;			
	- Extended property assessment			
	appeal deadlines for assessment			
	year 2020 to December 31, 2020;			
	- Providing interest relief for tax			
	year 2020, including all past due			
	amounts;			
	- Suspending tax sale processes for			
	the remained of 2020;			
	- Delaying mailing of provincial tax			
	bills for 2020 until June, 2020.			
Commercial Lease Rent	Landlords who defer rent payments	Landlords can		princeedwardisland.
Deferral Program	from their commercial tenants from	register for the		ca/en/news/province-
	May to July could be eligible for	program by April 15,		announces-rental-
	financial assistance if the deferred	2020.		support-measures
	rent cannot be recovered, up to a			
	maximum \$50,000 per landlord and			princeedwardisland.ca/
	\$15,000 per tenant.			en/information/finance-
				pei/commercial-lease-
				rent-deferral-program

### Quebec Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Temporary Aid for	Provides a lump sum of \$573 per	Applications are	Adult workers who reside in Quebec	quebec.ca/en/
Workers Program	week to workers who, because	to be submitted	and are in isolation because they	family-and-support-
	they are in isolation for a period	on April 10, by	have contracted the virus or present	for-individuals/
	of 14 days, cannot earn all their	4pm.	symptoms, have been in contact with an	financial-assistance/
	work income and are not eligible		infected person, or have returned from	temporary-aid-for-
	for another financial assistance		abroad. Applicants must not be receiving	workers-program/
	program.		compensation from their employer, not	
			have private insurance, and must not be	
			covered by another government program.	
Caisse de dépôt et	Creation of a \$4 billion fund to assist	Details are	Businesses must have been profitable	cdpq.com/en/news/
placement fund	Quebec businesses temporarily	forthcoming.	before the COVID-19 crisis, have	pressreleases/cdpq-
	affected by COVID-19.		promising growth perspectives in their	joins-the-collective-
			sector, and seek a minimum of \$5 million	effort-during-the-covid-
			or more.	<u>19-crisis</u>
Concerted Action	Subsidy program of \$100 million	New projects will	Eligible training activities include: basic	quebec.ca/entreprises-
to Maintain	aimed at helping businesses	be accepted until	employee training; francization; digital-	et-travailleurs-
Employment	impacted by COVID-19 by	September 30,	skill training; continuing education on	<u>autonomes/</u>
Program	supporting workforce skills	or until the	business activities; re-qualification	programme-actions-
	development. The program is two-	\$100 million is	training for workers; training related	concertees-pour-le-
	pronged:	fully spent.	to a strategic shift in business given the	maintien-en-emploi-
	- Business component, targeting		COVID-19 crisis and aiming to maintain	pacme-covid-19/
	businesses by supporting their		or diversify the business' activities.	
	business activities with the aim			
	to improve human resources			
	management and workforce skills;			
	- Collective Promoters Component,			
	targeting organizations that			
	are able to create employment-			
	related projects and supervise			
	their implementation.			

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Emergency aid for small and medium- sized enterprises (COVID-19)	Assistance will take the form of a loan of a guarantee of up to \$50,000.		Social enterprises and companies of all sectors of activity are eligible if they have been in business in Quebec for at least 1 year, be temporarily closed or likely to close or showing warning signs of closure, having demonstrated a cause and effect relationship between their financial hardship and the effects of COVID-19, and must be maintaining, consolidating or reviving activities. Applicants must not be bankrupt or be under the protection of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act.	quebec.ca/entreprises- et-travailleurs- autonomes/aide- urgence-pme-covid-19/
Incentive Program to Retain Essential Workers	For individuals working essential jobs during COVID-19, the program provides \$100 for each week of work beginning March 15, 2020 and extending to a maximum period of 16 weeks. This means that in addition to their regular wages, an essential worker could receive a taxable benefit of \$400 a month.	The program is available for work beginning March 15, 2020 and eligible for a maximum period of 16 weeks of work.  Applications for the program will begin online on May 19, 2020.  Payments will be made every two weeks starting May 27, 2020.	Workers must be working part-time or full-time in an essential service sector, receive gross wages of \$550 or less per week, have a total annual income of no more than \$28,600, be at least 15 years old of age, and have been resident in Quebec on December 31, 2019.	revenuquebec.ca/en/ coronavirus-disease- covid-19/faq-for- individuals/
Fonds local d'investissement (FLI)	Moratorium of six months was introduced for the reimbursement of loans already lent by the FLI.			economie.gouv.qc.ca/ fr/bibliotheques/ programmes/aide- financiere/fonds-local- dinvestissement-fli/

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Concerted	Loan guarantee being the preferred		All industries are eligible, except weapons	investquebec.
temporary action	form of financing, the minimum		manufacturing or distribution, gambling	com/quebec/en/
program for	funding is \$50,000 to be used to		enterprises, bars or any establishment	financial-products/
businesses	shore up a business' working capital.		where revenue is earned from alcohol	all-our-solutions/
	Cash flow issues must be temporary		consumption or slot machines, production	Concerted-temporary-
	and liquidity shortages must stem		and sale of tobacco or drugs, any activity	action-program-for-
	from a problem involving the supply		whose main purpose is protected by	<u>businesses.html</u>
	of raw materials or products, or an		the Canadian Charter of Rights and	
	inability or substantially reduced		Freedoms, and any other activity that may	
	ability to deliver products, goods, or		offend public morals.	
	services.			

Program	Benefit	Timeline	Eligibility	Source
Extension of	- Deadline for individuals for filing	Available		www.finances.gouv.
deadlines	provincial income tax returns for	immediately.		qc.ca/documents/
	2019 taxation year is postponed			Communiques/en/
	to June 1, 2020;			COMEN_20200318.pdf
	- Deadline to make instalment			
	payments for the 2020 taxation			www.finances.gouv.
	year is postponed to September 1,			<u>qc.ca/documents/</u>
	2020;			Communiques/en/
	- Deadline for businesses to pay			COMEN_20200319.pdf
	tax instalments and the balance			
	of tax otherwise due between			www.finances.gouv.
	March 18 and September 1, 2020			<u>qc.ca/documents/</u>
	is suspended until September 1,			Bulletins/en/
	2020;			BULEN_2020-3-a-b.pdf
	- Filing of QST returns and			
	corresponding payments for			www.finances.gouv.
	all QST returns that must be			qc.ca/documents/
	filed between March 27 and			Bulletins/en/
	June 1, 2020 are deferred until			BULEN_2020-4-a-b.pdf
	June 30, 2020, without interest or			
	penalties;			www.finances.gouv.
	- Postponement of administrative			<u>qc.ca/documents/</u>
	tax filing deadlines that fall			Bulletins/en/
	between March 17 and May 31,			BULEN_2020-5-a-b.pdf
	2020 to June 1, 2020 including			
	corporate income statement.			
Hydro Québec	Charges for unpaid invoices for	Available	To be determined on a case-by-case basis.	<u>hydroquebec.</u>
Payment	both individuals and businesses	immediately.		com/covid-19-en.
Flexibility	are suspended until further notice.			html?fromslider=true&
	Customers who expect or are			slide=1
	currently experiencing difficulties			
	paying their bills can contact			
	Hydro Québec to make payment			
	arrangements.			

### Saskatchewan Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Availability	Eligibility	Source
Penalty and	Businesses who have cash flow	Available	Full payment or a payment	sets.saskatchewan.ca/rptp/wcm/
interest waiver	issues and are unable to remit	immediately.	must be in place by July 31,	connect/cdc1e058-3a86-421d-
for businesses	their PST will have relief from	Businesses are	2020 in order to qualify	bcf4-cb59443873d0/IN+2020-
	penalties and interest charges:	not required to	for the automatic deferral	03+Businesses+Impacted+by+COVID%20
	- Monthly filers can defer	submit a request	and waiver of penalty and	19+17Mar2020.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&C
	payments of amounts due for	for relief from	interest.	ACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE-cdc1e058-
	February – April, 2020 to July	penalty and		3a86-421d-bcf4-cb59443873d0-n3FCGA
	31, 2020;	interest charges.		
	- Quarterly filers can defer			saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-
	payments of amounts due for			media/2020/march/20/covid-19-financial-
	January 1 – March 31, 2020 to			support
	July 31, 2020.			

Program	Benefit	Availability	Eligibility	Source
Saskatchewan	This \$50 million program	Available	Businesses must:	saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-
Small Business	provides a grant to small and	immediately.	- Have been carrying on	administration-and-provider-resources/
Emergency	medium-sized businesses	Applications must	business in Saskatchewan	treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/
Payment	who have either temporarily	be submitted on	on February 29, 2020;	emerging-public-health-issues/2019-
	closed or significantly curtailed	or before July 31,	- Have been ordered	novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-
	operations as a result of	2020.	to temporarily close	for-businesses-and-workers/
	COVID-19. Grants will be		or curtail operations	saskatchewan-small-business-emergency-
	paid based on 15 per cent of a		through a COVID-19	payment-program
	business' monthly sales revenue,		public health order;	
	to a maximum of \$5,000.		- Have less than	
			500 employees;	
			- Attest that they have	
			experienced a loss	
			in revenue due to a	
			COVID-19 public health	
			order and plan to reopen	
			operations following	
			the cancellation of the	
			COVID-19 public health	
			order;	
			- Not have received any	
			payments from any	
			other sources, including	
			insurance, to replace or	
			compensate for the loss	
			of sales revenue other	
			than amounts from other	
			government assistance	
			programs;	
			- Apply on or before	
			July 31, 2020.	

Program	Benefit	Availability	Eligibility	Source
Self-Isolation	Workers forced to self-isolate	Available	Workers who reside in	saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-
Support Program	and not covered by federal	immediately.	Saskatchewan and are	media/2020/march/20/covid-19-financial-
	programs will receive \$450 per		in isolation because they	support
	week, for a maximum of two		have contracted the virus	
	weeks or \$900.		or present symptoms, have	saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-
			been in contact with an	administration-and-provider-resources/
			infected person, or have	treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/
			returned from abroad.	emerging-public-health-issues/2019-
			Applicants must not be	novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-
			receiving compensation	for-businesses-and-workers/support-for-
			from their employer, not	workers/self-isolation-support-program
			be covered by private	
			insurance, and must not	
			be covered by another	
			government program.	
Crown utility	Interest on late crown utility bill	Available	Available to all crown utility	saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-
interest deferral	payments can be waived for up	immediately.	customers.	media/2020/march/20/covid-19-financial-
	to six months.			support
Support for Oil	- Extending a series of filing and	Available		saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-
Industry	other deadline to assist the oil	immediately.		media/2020/april/14/oil-industry-support
	and gas sector in stabilizing			
	operations;			
	- Extending mineral rights			
	scheduled to expire in 2020			
	by one year, including rights			
	granted under the terms of an			
	oil and gas lease, exploration			
	license or permit;			
	- Reducing the industry			
	portion of the Oil and Gas			
	Administrative Levy by 50			
	per cent this fiscal year, and			
	delaying the invoicing of			
	the remaining balance until			
	October 1, 2020.			

### Yukon Government COVID-19 Business Support (as of April 20, 2020)

Program	Benefit	Availability	Eligibility	Source
Yukon Business	Eligible Yukon businesses will	The program will cover	This program is available to Yukon	yukon.ca/en/health-
Relief Program	receive between 75 and 100	eligible costs incurred	business that have experienced at	and-wellness/covid-19/
	per cent of their fixed costs, up	from March 23 – May 22,	least a 30 per cent decline in revenue.	yukon-business-relief-
	to a maximum of \$30,000 per	2020. Applications will be	A Yukon business means a business	program
	month, through non-repayable	accepted until June 30,	that meets three of the following	
	grants. Business costs eligible for	2020.	criteria:	
	support are:		- Has an office with a physical	
	- Commercial rent or lease;		address in Yukon;	
	- Water, sewage and waste		- Subject to the Yukon Income Tax	
	disposal;		Act;	
	- Electricity and heating fuel;		- Registered as per the Business	
	- Telephone, cable, internet and		Corporation Act or the Partnership	
	satellite;		and Business Name Act, where	
	- Software, data services, and		applicable;	
	subscriptions;		- Has a valid municipal business	
	- Business insurance;		license, where applicable.	
	- Pest control.			