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**COVID-19  
Update**

### **April 2, 2020 update**

The Government of Canada has released more details about the **Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)**. If you have lost income because of COVID-19, the CERB will provide you with temporary income support.

The CERB will provide you with \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks. The Government of Canada will start accepting applications **April 6**. The benefit is available from March 15, 2020, to October 3, 2020. You can apply no later than December 2, 2020.

Prior to April 6, individuals who are without work and are eligible for EI can continue to [apply for Employment Insurance](#).

**Important!** If you are not eligible for Employment Insurance, find out how you can get ready to apply for the CERB through the [Canada Revenue Agency](#).

For more information on CERB, you can access the [Piccolo Heath](#) blog entry of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 [here](#), and the Canada.ca [website](#).

Visit ODHA's COVID-19 [employment resources page](#) for additional details and important information.

- Specific days to apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit
- CERB eligibility
- Should you apply for EI or CERB?
- Federal Government financial assistance for employers, including Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

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