

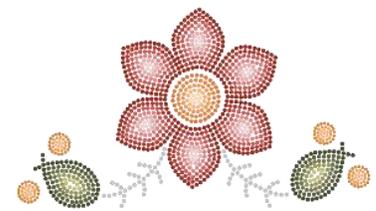
MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO FACT SHEET:

COVID-19 FINANCIAL SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES

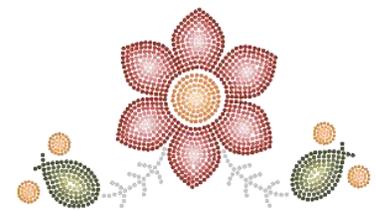
Date: April 23, 2020

- This document is intended to provide clarity on the various COVID-19 financial supports available to Ontario Métis families
- As new supports become available or clarified this document will be updated with the eligibility, amounts, and contacts for financial support.
- **NOTICE: If you are experiencing symptoms such as cough, fever, difficulty breathing, or you are in self-isolation or quarantine, do not visit or enter any Service Canada or Ontario Works office. As an alternative, you may access all federal and provincial services online.**

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Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	Up to 4 months Max. \$2,000/month as a taxable benefit	<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residing in Canada, and are least 15 years old. • Has stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits. • Had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application • 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 income. <p>The income of at least \$5,000 may be from any or a combination of the following sources: employment; self-employment; maternity and parental benefits under the Employment</p>	<p>Canadians who are already receiving EI regular and sickness benefits as of today would continue to receive their benefits and should not apply to the CERB.</p> <p>Landing Page: CERB Information Online: CRA MyAccount Online: My Service Canada Account</p> <p>This CERB replaces the original announcements of adding an 'Emergency Care Benefit' and 'Emergency Support Benefit' to EI.</p>	<p>The week of April 6th-9th will have applications open each day depending on applicant's birth month.</p> <p>See CERB landing page for details on which day to apply.</p>



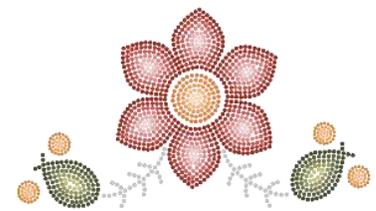
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		<p>Insurance program and/or similar benefits paid in Quebec under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan.</p> <p>Eligibility details and questions located at CERB application landing page.</p>		
Student Loan Support		<p>There will be a six-month interest-free moratorium on the repayment of Canada Student Loans for all individuals currently in the process of repaying these loans.</p>	Automatically applied by loan holders. No application needed.	March 30
eCampusOntario Learning Supports	N/A	<p>To ensure students can successfully complete the academic year, Ontario has finalized an agreement with eCampusOntario to make digital learning supports available to postsecondary institutions. These interim digital learning supports, available in both French and English, will provide publicly-assisted colleges and universities with the technology they need to conduct year-end assessments, while preserving student privacy and the integrity of academic assessment.</p>	N/A	Immediate
Domestic Violence Support		<p>To support women and children escaping gendered and domestic abuse, Canada will provide up to \$50 million to women’s shelters and sexual assault centres to help with their capacity to manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities.</p>	Contact local shelter or MNO Healing and Wellness branch.	April



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Canada Child Benefit	Increase of \$300/child	Increase the maximum annual Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment amounts, only for the 2019-20 benefit year for Families/parents in receipt of CCB.	Will be automatic for those in receipt of federal CCB.	April
Lower Registered Retirement Income Fund Minimum Withdrawal Amounts		Reduce required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25% for 2020, in recognition of volatile market conditions.	Automatically available	Immediate
Ontario Child Benefit	Max: \$1,434/child per year.	Provides direct financial support to low to moderate income families – whether they are working or not. This benefit is included in any submitted tax return that indicates a low to moderate income with child dependants.	Individuals should file 2019 taxes If you have a question about the Ontario Child Benefit contact the Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-387-1193	Immediate
One-time per child payment	\$200 for children aged 0 to 12 \$250 for children or youth aged 0 to 21 with special needs	While schools and child care centres are closed, parents can apply for direct funding to offset the cost of buying materials to support their children’s learning, while they practice self-isolation and physical distancing. This funding can help parents with the costs of work books, educational apps, educational subscription services, movies and other tools to support learning at home.	For more information and application: https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-families	Immediate



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		<p>There is no income cap on this program. All parents are eligible if you have a child who is:</p> <p>up to 12 years old up to 21 years old with special needs If you have more than one child, you must submit one application per child.</p> <p>Before you apply, please note: only one parent can apply for each child the parent who applies should have custody of the child You are still eligible if you are a health care or front-line worker who is using emergency, 24-hour child care centres.</p>		
Temporary Care Assistance		<p>If you are looking after a child in financial need and you are not the child's birth or adoptive parent, you may be able to receive financial help.</p> <p>Eligibility is based on the income and assets of the child. Additionally the carer must be making reasonable efforts to seek support from the person who is legally responsible for the child, and must not be receiving money from a Children's Aid Society.</p>	<p>An application can be made by contacting your local Ontario Works office (see above) or online via this address: www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/social/apply_online.aspx</p>	Immediate
Relief for Remote Northern Property Taxpayers		<p>During the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ontario government is deferring \$15 million in property taxes for people</p>		Immediate



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		<p>and businesses in parts of Northern Ontario located outside of municipal boundaries.</p> <p>Through these measures, Ontario is giving taxpayers in unincorporated areas more time to pay each of the four 2020 Provincial Land Tax installments. Taxpayers will have 90 extra days to pay without incurring interest or penalties. For example, taxpayers who would be required to pay the April 7 property tax installment will have until July 6 to pay without interest or penalties.</p>		
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<p>Support Phone Line For Seniors</p>		<p>Do you or someone you know struggle with loneliness and/or social isolation?</p>	<p>To access service: 1-855-892-9992 or 613-692-9992</p> <p>For more information: www.afriendlyvoice.ca</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>Expanded Emergency Assistance program</p>	<p>\$200 million in social services relief funding</p>	<p>The government is putting in place an expanded Emergency Assistance program administered through Ontario Works (OW) to cover these individuals' needs such as food, rent, informal childcare, and services. There will also be discretionary benefits available to those who already receive social assistance. Funding will also be made available to organizations delivering social services to vulnerable First Nations individuals and families.</p>	<p>Individuals can apply for this assistance online at Ontario.ca/community or through local Ontario Works offices.</p> <p>List of Ontario Works Office with accompanying phone numbers can be found here: www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/ow/contacts/ow_contacts.aspx</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>Changes to Driver's License Regulations</p>		<p>The province is extending the validity of government driver, vehicle, carrier products and services to help keep</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Immediate</p>



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		people safe and reduce the need for in-person visits to DriveTest centres.		
Ontario Extending Validation Periods for Driver, Vehicle and Carrier Products, Services and Health Cards		Extending the validity period of driving products, services and health cards. These changes reduce the need for in-person visits to ServiceOntario, International Registration Plan offices and DriveTest centres during the COVID-19 outbreak.	N/A	Immediate
HydroOne Pandemic Relief Fund		Hydro One will offer financial assistance as well as increased payment flexibility to customers experiencing hardship. The fund is designed to support customers impacted by COVID-19 and those that may experience further impacts.	Customer Contact Centre Hours: Call us at 1-888-664-9376 Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Additionally the winter relief program has been extended.	Immediate
Electricity Relief	Time-of-use prices as of November, 2019 — Off-Peak: 10.1¢/kWh, Mid-Peak: 14.4¢/kWh, On-Peak: 20.8¢/kWh	For a 45-day period, the government is working to suspend time-of-use electricity rates, holding electricity prices to the off-peak rate of 10.1 cents-per-kilowatt-hour. This reduced price will be available 24 hours per day, seven days a week to all time-of-use customers, who make up the majority of electricity consumers in the province.	Province-wide.	Undetermined
Bank Mortgage Deferral		BMO, CIBC, National Bank, RBC, Scotiabank, TD Canada are offering various supports to Canadians,	Contact your bank via telephone or online services. Can also be discussed in-person at	Immediate



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		including a 6-month payment deferral for mortgages and relief on other credit products.	your local branch, but do not go in if you have flu-like symptoms.	
Rogers/Fido		Removed data caps until May 31st. Removed long-distance calling fees until April 30th.	Applies to all customers automatically	Immediate
Bell/Telus		Waived data overage charges for home internet until April 30th.	Applies to all customers automatically	Immediate
TekSavvy		Suspended data overage fees until April 5th.	Applies to all customers automatically	Immediate