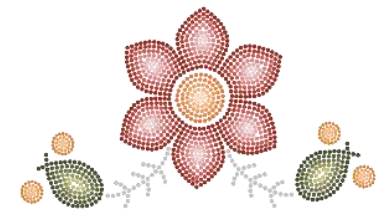


# MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO FACT SHEET: COVID-19 FINANCIAL SUPPORTS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

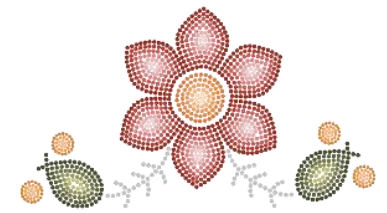
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- This document is intended to provide clarity on the various COVID-19 financial support programs available to Ontario Métis people who are sick, have lost their job, cannot work because of COVID-19, or who cannot work because they are looking after a sick family member.
- 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.**

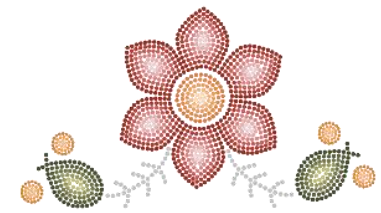
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<b>Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)</b>	Up to 4 months Max. \$2,000/month as a taxable benefit	<b>Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Residing in Canada, and are least 15 years old.</b></li> <li>• <b>Has stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits.</b></li> <li>• <b>Had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application</b></li> <li>• <b>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,</b></li> </ul>	<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: <a href="#">CERB Information</a>            Online: <a href="#">CRA MyAccount</a>            Online: <a href="#">My Service Canada Account</a></p> <p>This CERB replaces the original announcements of adding an 'Emergency Care Benefit' and 'Emergency Support Benefit' to EI.</p>	<p><b>The week of April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup></b> will have applications open each day depending on applicant's birth month.</p> <p><a href="#">See CERB landing page</a> for details on which day to apply.</p>



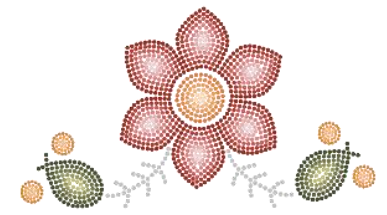
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		<p><b>they expect to have no employment income.</b></p> <p>The income of at least \$5,000 may be from any or a combination of the following sources: employment; self-employment; maternity and parental benefits under the Employment Insurance program and/or similar benefits paid in Quebec under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan.</p> <p>Eligibility details and questions located at <a href="#">CERB application landing page.</a></p>		
<b>Employment Insurance</b>	Up to 36 weeks Max. \$573/week	<p><b>Workers already receiving EI regular benefits as of March 25, 2020 would continue to receive their benefits and should not apply to the CERB</b></p> <p><b>If a worker is in receipt of EI benefits and these benefits end before October 3, 2020 and the worker is unable to return to work due to COVID-19, they could apply for the CERB once their EI benefits end</b></p> <p><b>Workers who are eligible for EI regular benefits can access their normal EI benefits, if still unemployed, after the 16-week period covered by the CERB.</b></p>	<p>Apply online: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-regular-benefit.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-regular-benefit.html</a> Call Service Canada: 1-800-622-6232</p>	<b>Immediate</b>



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<b>Sickness Employment Insurance</b>	Up to 15 weeks Max. \$573/week One-week waiting period is waived	<b>Eligible claimants who are unable to work because of illness, injury or quarantine, to allow them time to restore their health and return to work</b>	Telephone 1-833-381-2725 (toll-free)  Canadians quarantined can apply for Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits at: <a href="http://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/apply.html">www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/apply.html</a>	<b>Immediate</b>
<b>Tax Deadline Changes</b>		<b>If you owe money on your tax return the deadline to pay has been pushed back to August 2020.</b>  <b>For individuals (other than trusts), the return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020.</b>	CRA Contact Information with lists of specific numbers for different issues: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/contact-information.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/contact-information.html</a>  General customer Service Line: 1 (800) 959-8281	<b>Immediate</b>
<b>Low Income Earners GST Credit</b>	One-time special payment through the GST credit Approx. \$400 for singles Approx. \$600 for couples	<b>Subsidized GST credit from modest to lower income. This credit is sent to every Canadian every few months to offset consumer tax</b>	Individuals should file 2019 taxes	<b>May</b>
<b>Ontario Works</b>		<b>Helps people who are in financial need. By offering financial assistance like income support and health benefits, as well as employment assistance services.</b>  <b>If you live in Ontario and are in financial need (your household doesn't have sufficient financial</b>	Apply either online or by phone. You can also apply in-person at Ontario works office if you do not have any flu-like symptoms.  Online, use the Online Application for Social Assistance at: <a href="http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/apply_online.aspx">www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/apply_online.aspx</a>	<b>Immediate</b>



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		resources to meet basic living expenses). Must be willing to make reasonable efforts to find, prepare for and keep a job (unless you have specific circumstances that temporarily prevent you from doing so, such as an illness or caregiving responsibilities)	List of Ontario Works Office with accompanying phone numbers can be found here: <a href="http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/ow/contacts/ow_contacts.aspx">www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/ow/contacts/ow_contacts.aspx</a>	
<b>Temporary Care Assistance</b>		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.  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.	An application can be made by contacting your local Ontario Works office (see above) or online via this address: <a href="http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/apply_online.aspx">www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/apply_online.aspx</a>	<b>Immediate</b>
<b>Expanded Emergency Assistance program</b>	\$200 million in social services relief funding	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.	Individuals can apply for this assistance online at <a href="http://Ontario.ca/community">Ontario.ca/community</a> or through local Ontario Works offices.  List of Ontario Works Office with accompanying phone numbers can be found here: <a href="http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/ow/contacts/ow_contacts.aspx">www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/ow/contacts/ow_contacts.aspx</a>	<b>Immediate</b>



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<b>Ontario COVID-19 Job Protected Leave</b>		<b>Employees in Ontario in isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19 and Ontarians who need to be away from work to care for children or other relatives</b>	Employees must report COVID-19 to related illness, quarantine, or care for family to their employer and provide documentation (but not medical notes) as required by employer	<b>Immediate</b>