



COVID-19 Update for CDHA members
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Dear member,

The Government of Canada recently announced **three new recovery benefits** for those who may need financial support during the pandemic. These benefits are outlined below.

Be sure to consult the government links for more information about eligibility requirements, how these benefits may affect your taxes, and benefit contact information. CDHA continues to review and assess relevant information for members and will provide further updates over time.

Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)

The CRB gives income support to those who have stopped working and who are not eligible for EI or had their employment/self-employment income reduced by at least 50% due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The benefit provides \$1,000 (\$900 after taxes withheld) for each 2-week eligibility period for which you have applied.

You must apply separately for each period between September 27, 2020, and September 25, 2021. You may apply for a maximum of 13 periods of the 26 periods available. The 13 periods do not have to be consecutive.

CRB applications open October 12, 2020, and the easiest way to apply will be online through [CRA My Account](#).

[Click here](#) to find out if you meet all the eligibility criteria to receive the CRB.

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Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

The CRCB gives income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work for at least 50% of their scheduled work week because they must care for a child under 12 years of age or a family member who needs supervised care. This applies if their school, regular program or facility is closed or unavailable to them due to COVID-19, or if they're sick, self-isolating or at risk of serious health complications due to COVID-19.

The benefit provides \$500 (\$450 after taxes withheld) per household for each 1-week period for which you have applied. Only one eligible individual in the same household (living as a family at the same address) can apply for the benefit per week.

Each household may receive payments for a maximum of 26 weeks between September 27, 2020, and September 25, 2021. The 26 weeks do not need to be consecutive.

CRCB applications opened October 5, 2020, and the easiest way to apply is online through [CRA My Account](#).

[Click here](#) to find out if you meet all the eligibility criteria to receive the CRCB.

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)

The CRSB gives income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work for at least 50% of the week because they have contracted COVID-19, are self-isolating for reasons related to COVID-19 or have underlying conditions, are undergoing treatments or have contracted other illnesses that, in the opinion of a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, person in authority, government or public health authority, would make them more susceptible to COVID-19.

The benefit provides \$500 (\$450 after taxes withheld) per week for up to 2 weeks between September 27, 2020, and September 25, 2021. The 2 weeks do not have to be consecutive. You may apply for any eligible 1-week period for up to 60 days after that period has ended.

CRSB applications opened October 5, 2020, and the easiest way to apply is online through [CRA My Account](#).

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Temporary Changes to EI Benefits

As of September 27, 2020, there are some temporary changes to how a person can access EI benefits. These changes will remain in effect for 1 year. Consult the [government's web page](#) to learn how these changes may apply to your situation.

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*Please be well and take care of yourselves in this difficult time.
Everyone can do their part to slow COVID-19.*