



Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

- Applications begin April 6, 2020
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>
- Available to workers residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- For those who have stopped working because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits;
- Who had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application;
- Who 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 or self-employment income.

WHO

If you have stopped working because of COVID-19, you should apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, **whether or not** you are eligible for Employment Insurance.

- Canadians who are eligible for Employment Insurance and who have lost their job can continue to apply for Employment Insurance;
- If you became eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits on March 15, 2020 or later, your claim will be automatically processed through the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).
- You are not eligible for the CERB if you quit your job voluntarily.

WHAT

Under what circumstances can individuals for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit is available to those who stop working for reasons related to COVID-19. Examples of stopping to work could include but are not limited to:

- You have been let go from your job or your hours have been reduced to zero;
- You are in quarantine or sick due to COVID-19;
- You are away from work to take care of others because they are in quarantine, sick due to COVID-19; and/or
- You are away from work to take care of children or other dependents whose care facility is closed due to COVID-19.

WHEN

- Applications began April 6, 2020
- To ensure capacity for the processing of claims Canadians are asked to apply in accordance with the schedule below:

April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10, 11 & 12
Born Jan, Feb, March	Born April, May, June	Born July, Aug, September	Born Oct, Nov, Dec	Any Month

- The benefit is available to cover the period from March 15, 2020 to October 3, 2020.
- You can apply no later than December 2, 2020.

WHERE

- Start your application: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>
- It is recommended that individuals register for direct deposit to avoid any unforeseen interruptions in mail service.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How will this affect my EI in the future?

- You retain your eligibility to receive for Employment Insurance after you stop receiving the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, and the period that you received the CERB does not impact your EI entitlement.
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application/questions.html>

We encourage you to visit – www.canada.ca/coronavirus - for more information and updates on the Federal COVID-19 resources.