

COVID-19

CANADA'S ECONOMIC RESPONSE PLAN

On March 18, 2020, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a set of economic measures - worth \$82 billion - to help stabilize the economy during this challenging period.

\$27
BILLION

Direct support for Canadian Workers and Businesses

\$55
BILLION

Support in business liquidity through tax deferrals

WORKING CANADIANS

Emergency Care Benefit

Emergency Care Benefits for those who must stay home due to COVID-19 and don't have paid sick leave. Individuals may include those who can't access EI and are sick, or who are taking care of a child or someone who is sick.

UPTO
\$900 bi-weekly
15 weeks

Emergency Support Benefit

This benefit will provide up to \$5 billion in support to workers who are not eligible for EI and who are facing unemployment and reduced hours.

\$5 billion



GST CREDIT

Maximum annual GST credit will be doubled for the 2019-20 benefit year. One-time special payment to be made by early May 2020. This will increase income by \$400 for qualifying individuals and \$600 for couples.



CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

Maximum annual benefit will be increased by \$300 per child for the 2019-20 benefit year. Overall increase will be approximately \$550 per family.



STUDENT LOANS

Six-month interest-free moratorium on repayment of Canada Student Loans.



RRIF WITHDRAWALS

Minimum withdrawal amount will be reduced by 25% for 2020.



TAX RETURNS

Filing deadline moved to June 1, 2020 from April 30, 2020. Payment of income tax can be deferred to August 31, 2020.



MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

CMHC will permit lenders to allow mortgage payment deferral beginning immediately.

CANADIAN SMALL BUSINESSES

Supporting Canadian Businesses

These actions are part of a stimulus program developed to stabilize Canada's economy, support businesses and to protect Canadians.



SMALL BUSINESS WAGE SUBSIDY

Eligible small employers will receive a wage subsidy for three months equal to 10% of remuneration paid up to \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer.



BUSINESS TAXES

Payment of income tax can be deferred to August 31, 2020.



BUSINESS CREDIT AVAILABILITY PROGRAM (BCAP)

Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and Export Development Canada (EDC) will provide over \$10 billion of support, largely targeted to small and medium-sized businesses. BDC and EDC are working with private sector lenders to coordinate on credit solutions for individual businesses.

Contact us to find out how these measures could support your personal or your family's financial well-being.



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