Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan





On March 18, 2020, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a new set of economic measures to help stabilize the economy during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Government of Canada's <u>COVID-19 Economic Response Plan</u> valued at approximately **\$765 billion dollars** provides indirect support through increased flexibility as well as direct support to Canadian individuals and businesses. The plan outlines individual and business sub-categories of the economic measures announced by the government.

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan Cost Breakdown:



Unless otherwise indicated, currencies are in Canadian dollars.

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan – Cost and Implementation, *Government*

of Canada, https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/additional-

details-on-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy0.html

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS



CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

Canada will provide **\$2,000** a month for up to **4 months** for individuals who lose income due to the virus.

- April 6: Application Start Date
- *April 17:* **7.5 million** Canadians have received a CERB payment.



SALARY TOP-UP FOR LOW-INCOME ESSENTIAL WORKERS

In conjunction with the provinces and territories, the federal government will divide the cost of a temporary salary increase of low-income, essential workers who earn less than **\$2,500 per month**.



Parents will receive an additional **\$300 per child** starting in May.

CANADA EMERGENCY STUDENT BENEFIT (CESB)

Canada will provide **\$1,250** per month to eligible students of **\$1,750** per month to eligible students with dependents or disabilities.

To see a complete list of federal government support, visit:

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, Government of Canada,

https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

Tax return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020. Outstanding tax balances will be due on **September 1, 2020.**



REGISTERED RETIREMENT INCOME FUNDS (RIFFs) WITHDRAWAL REDUCATION

A 25% reduction in the number of required minimum withdrawals made by financial institutions or brokerages.



Seniors will have greater protection and access to their savings.



GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES & INDUSTRIES



WAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Canada will provide **75%** to qualifying businesses, for up to **3 months**, in an effort to maintain employees on payroll.

Individuals who receive this subsidy **are not eligible** for the CERB.



CANADA EMERGENCY COMMERCIAL RENT ASSISTANCE (CECRA)

Canada will **lower rent by 75% for small businesses** that have been affected by the virus. The program will provide forgivable loans to qualifying commercial property owners to cover **50% of three monthly rent payments**.

The establishment of the **Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)** provides an additional **\$40 billion** to support such entities as needed.

CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT (CEBA)

Provides small businesses and nonprofits access to **interest-free loans** of up to **\$40,000**.



Only businesses who can demonstrate they have paid between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million dollars in payroll qualify.

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Canada will purchase **\$150 billion** of insured mortgage pools through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES & INDUSTRIES (continued)

FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN SAFETY AND SECURITY

Canada will provide **\$1,500** to each temporary foreign worker, to employers or those working with them to ensure the mandatory 14-day isolation period is put in place by critical supply chain employers.



EMISSIONS REDUCTION FUND LAUNCH

Canada will provide a **\$750 million dollar** fund that seeks to incentivize the oil and gas sector to adopt new practices and technologies to reduce their emissions.



The establishment of a **\$500 million** emergency fund through **Heritage Canada** will permit organizations to continue to support artists and athletes.



Canada to provide up to **\$17.3 million** dollars to the *Yukon, Northwest Territories,* and *Nunavut* governments to support air services.

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CLEAN UP EFFORTS

Canada to provide up to **\$1.72 billion dollars** to the governments of *Alberta, Saskatchewan,* and *British Columbia,* and to the *Alberta Orphan Well Association.*