

The following chart provides information on federal support measures for businesses announced in the Government of Canada's [COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#). New details continue to be announced, and we encourage you to check the links below frequently.

Note: Your provincial and municipal governments may also be offering tax and other relief during this time. See the CMA's [Marketing Connected](#) webpage to learn more.

Wage Subsidies & Work Sharing				
	Purpose	Eligibility	Details	How to Apply
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	Provides a 75% wage subsidy to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks, retroactive to March 15, 2020.	<p>Individuals, corporations, partnerships, non-profit organizations and registered charities who have experienced at least a 30% decrease in monthly revenue during any of the following Eligible Periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period 1: March 2020 versus March 2019 • Period 2: April 2020 versus April 2019 • Period 3: May 2020 versus May 2019 <p>Public bodies, including crown corps and universities, would not be eligible for this subsidy.</p> <p>For eligible employers established after February 2019 (i.e. new businesses with no 2019 comparative information), eligibility will be determined by comparing monthly revenues to a "reasonable benchmark".</p> <p>Revenue is determined based on amounts earned from arm's length sources, and excludes extraordinary items and amounts on account of capital.</p> <p>Employers must keep records to demonstrate reduction in arm's length revenues and remuneration paid to employees.</p>	<p>The subsidy is calculated for each employee that is paid during the Claiming Period as follows:</p> <p>Greater of: (a) 75% of remuneration paid, to a maximum of \$847/week per employee, and (b) the lessor of: (i) 75% of the employee's "pre-crisis" weekly remuneration and (ii) \$847/week.</p> <p>For employees that do not deal at arm's length with the employer, the subsidy for remuneration paid during the Claiming Period is limited to the lessor of: (a) 75% of pre-crisis remuneration and (b) \$847/week.</p> <p>Claiming Periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period 1: March 15, 2020 - April 11, 2020 • Period 2: April 12, 2020 - May 9, 2020 • Period 3: May 10, 2020 - June 6, 2020 <p>Where there is a 30%+ decline in revenue during the Eligible Period, then wage subsidy applies to remuneration paid within corresponding Claiming Period.</p>	Apply via the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) My Business Account or a web-based application.
Temporary Wage Subsidy	A three-month measure that will allow eligible employers to reduce the amount of payroll deductions required to be remitted to the CRA.	Individuals, partnerships, non-profit organizations, registered charities and Canadian controlled private corporations (CCPCs) eligible for the small business deduction who: have an existing business number and payroll account with CRA on March 18, 2020, and pay remuneration to an individual employed in Canada.	<p>The subsidy is equal to 10% of the remuneration paid from March 18, 2020 to June 19, 2020, up to \$1,375 for each eligible employee and to a maximum of \$25,000 total per employee.</p> <p>If the income taxes you deduct are not enough to offset the value of the subsidy in a specific period, you can reduce future payroll remittances to benefit from the subsidy. This</p>	<p>No application necessary.</p> <p>Employer to continue deducting income tax, CPP and EI premiums from salary, wages, bonuses, or other remuneration paid to employees as they currently do.</p> <p>The subsidy is calculated when these amounts are remitted to the CRA.</p>

		Note: For employers that are also eligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, any benefit received from the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy will reduce the amount claimed under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.	includes reducing remittances that may fall outside of the application period for the wage subsidy (after June 19, 2020).	Employers must calculate their subsidy, and reduce their current payroll remittance of federal, provincial, or territorial income tax that they send to the CRA by the amount of the subsidy.
Work Sharing Program – temporary special measures	<p>A program that helps employers avoid layoffs and retain skilled employees when there is a temporary decrease in business activity beyond the control of the employer.</p> <p>Temporary Special Measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of the maximum duration from 38 weeks to 76 weeks. • Waiving of the mandatory cooling off period for those who have already used the program. • Reduction in the requirement for a recovery plan (only a single line of text needed) • Accepting business who have been in business for only 1 year rather than 2. • Eliminating the burden of applicants having to provide sales/production figures. • Expanding eligibility for staff who are essential to recovery, Government Business Enterprises (GBEs) and non-profit organization employers. 	Private businesses, public companies, public corporations and non-profit organizations who have been in business for at least one year and have at least two normally year-round permanent, full-time or part-time staff who will participate in the Work Sharing Program.	<p>The program is a formal arrangement between the employer, employees and Service Canada whereby employees agree to reduce hours between 10%-60% for a duration of up to 76 weeks. In doing so, the Employees will be eligible to receive Employment Insurance benefits.</p> <p>Employers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the shortage of work is temporary due to COVID-19 and beyond employer control. • Demonstrate decrease in business activity due to COVID-19 by 10%. • Submit and implement a recovery plan to return the participating employees to normal working hours by the end of the arrangement. 	<p>Requires an application for a new agreement or for an extension.</p> <p>The joint application by employer and employees must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the requested start date.</p>

Access to Capital through the [Business Credit Availability Program \(BCAP\)](#)

	Purpose	Eligibility	Details	How to Apply
Canada Emergency Business Account	This program will provide up to \$25 billion to eligible financial institutions so they can provide interest-free loans to small businesses. These loans, guaranteed and funded by the Government of Canada, will ensure that small businesses have access to the capital they need, at a 0% interest rate, so they can pay for rent and other important costs over the next number of months.	Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that had total 2019 payroll between \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 (based on the 2019 T4 Summary).	<p>An interest-free, government-guaranteed line of credit of up to \$40,000 to cover operation costs that are not able to be deferred due to COVID-19, such as payroll, rent, utilities, insurance and property tax.</p> <p>25% (Maximum of \$10,000) of the line of credit will be forgiven if fully repaid on or before December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Principal repayments can be made at any time. When not repaid by December 31, 2022, the line of credit will be converted into a 3-year term loan at an annual interest rate of 5%.</p>	<p>Apply directly with your financial institution.</p> <p>Application process still under development.</p>

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Loan Guarantee for SMEs through Export Development Canada (EDC)	<p>A new partnership between EDC and financial institutions across Canada to support businesses financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. EDC will provide a guarantee to your financial institution, giving you access to additional credit for payroll and operational costs.</p>	<p>SMEs who have been impacted directly or indirectly by recent events and have been financially viable prior to COVID-19.</p>	<p>EDC is working with financial institutions to issue new operating credit and cash flow term loans of up to \$6.25 million to SMEs. These loans will be 80% guaranteed by EDC, to be repaid within one year.</p>	<p>Apply directly with your financial institution.</p> <p>Application process still under development.</p> <p>See the list of approved financial institutions here.</p>
Co-lending for SMEs through Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)	<p>This joint program with BDC and financial institutions will provide joint financing to SMEs to meet their operational cash flow requirements.</p>	<p>SMEs who have been impacted directly or indirectly by recent events and have been financially viable prior to COVID-19.</p>	<p>BDC is working with financial institutions to co-lend term loans to SMEs for their operational cash flow requirements. Eligible businesses may obtain incremental credit amounts of up to \$6.25 million through the program. Loans have a commercial interest rate, and a 10-year repayment period.</p>	<p>Apply directly with your financial institution.</p> <p>Application process still under development.</p>

Federal Tax Measures

	Purpose	Eligibility	Details	How to Apply
Deferral of Income Tax Filing and Payment Dates	<p>The income tax filing and payment deadline has been deferred.</p> <p>Penalties and interest will not be charged if the deferred payment requirements are met by September 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Corporations, partnerships, non-profit organizations and registered charities.</p>	<p>Corporations (for-profit and non-profit):</p> <p>Filing date for current tax year: Extended to June 1, 2020. Applies to corporations that would otherwise have a filing due date after March 18 and before June 1, 2020.</p> <p>Payment date for current tax year: Extended to September 1, 2020. Applies to balances and instalments under Part 1 of the Income Tax Act due on or after March 18 and before September 1, 2020.</p> <p>For other categories, including partnerships, trusts and charities, see here.</p>	<p>No application required.</p>
Deferral of Goods and Services Tax (GST), Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and Customs Duty Payments	<p>The federal government is deferring GST/HST remittances to June 30, 2020.</p> <p>For importers, payments owing for Customs Duty and Sales Tax on imports for March, April and May are deferred to June 30, 2020.</p>	<p>Self-employed individuals, corporations, partnerships, non-profit organizations and registered charities.</p>	<p>GST/HST Remittance Deferral:</p> <p>The CRA has extended until June 30, 2020 the time that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly GST/HST filers must remit amounts collected for the February, March and April 2020 reporting periods. Quarterly GST/HST filers must remit amounts collected for the January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 reporting period. Annual GST/HST filers, whose GST/HST return or instalment are due 	<p>No application required.</p>

			<p>in March, April or May 2020, must remit amounts collected and owing for their previous fiscal year and instalments of GST/HST in respect of the filer's current fiscal year.</p> <p>Deferral of Customs Duty and Sales Tax for Importers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment deadlines for customs duties and sales tax on imports relating to statements of accounts for March, April, and May are being deferred to June 30, 2020. 	
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Resources:

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