

Federal Announcements

August 20, 2020

[Enhanced support measures](#) announced. Changes include simplifying EI applications and extending the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) by an additional four weeks, plus intentions to introduce three new benefit programs to take the place of the CERB once it expires.

August 14, 2020

The [US–Canadian border will remain closed](#) to non-essential travel until at least September 21, 2020.

July 31, 2020

The federal government [announced a new app](#) to help notify Canadians of potential COVID-19 exposure.

July 16, 2020

The [Canada–US border closure is being extended](#) until at least August 21, 2020.

July 13, 2020

The [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#) (CEWS) will be extended until December 2020.

June 30, 2020

The federal government [extended the Emergency Order Requirements](#) related to mandatory isolation and quarantine until August 31, 2020.

June 26, 2020

The expanded Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) [opens for applications](#).

June 23, 2020

The federal government announced they are [extending the time period given to employers to recall employees](#) laid off due to COVID-19.

June 16, 2020

Prime Minister announces [extension of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#). This extension will make the benefit available to eligible workers for up to a total of 24 weeks.

June 16, 2020

[Canada – U.S. border to remain closed](#) to non-essential travel until July 21.

June 15, 2020

As of Friday, June 19, 2020, applications will be accepted so that more small businesses can [access the Canada Emergency Business Account](#) (CEBA).

June 12, 2020

Temperature screening to be required for [travellers at Canadian airports](#).

June 11, 2020

\$133M to support Indigenous businesses during the pandemic, including [\\$16M for Indigenous tourism](#).

June 3, 2020

[New measures requiring the use of face coverings](#) by workers and others involved in the transportation system.

June 1, 2020

[Rent relief for eligible business tenants](#) in all national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas.

May 31, 2020

The federal government announced a \$70M investment towards tourism across the country. Of this, [\\$30M will be funneled through Destination Canada](#) for programs aimed at encouraging Canadians to explore locally. Western Economic Diversification Canada will receive \$3.45M to [bolster the industry's recovery efforts](#) in western Canada.

May 29, 2020

Additional funding for health, economic, and social [support for Indigenous peoples and communities](#).

May 25, 2020

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance [now open for applications](#).

May 19, 2020

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced an [expansion to the eligibility criteria for the Canada Emergency Business Account](#) (CEBA) to include many owner-operated small businesses.

May 15, 2020

The Government of Canada announces the [extending eligibility for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#).

May 14, 2020

[Starting June 1](#), some Parks Canada places will begin to offer limited access and services while maintaining physical distancing measures. Openings will differ across the country. Information will be updated regularly the [Parks Canada website](#).

May 13, 2020

As part of the Federal Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF), [Western Economic Diversification Canada launches RRRF](#) to support businesses located in western Canada (defined as British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba).

May 11, 2020

Prime Minister announces [additional support for businesses to help save Canadian jobs](#), by expanding the Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) to include mid-sized enterprises, and launching a program for large corporations—the Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF).

May 4, 2020

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joined other global leaders to launch the [Coronavirus Global Response](#).

April 28, 2020

First Ministers' statement on shared public health approach to [support restarting the economy](#).

April 24, 2020

Prime Minister announces partnerships with provinces and territories to [deliver the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance](#) for small businesses.

April 21, 2020

The Government of Canada [launches Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Calculator](#) for employers.

April 18, 2020

Canada and the US reached an agreement to keep current [border restrictions](#) in place for another 30 days.

April 18, 2020

[Prime Minister announces support for Indigenous businesses](#)

Up to \$306.8 million in funding to help small and medium-sized Indigenous businesses, and to support Aboriginal Financial Institutions that offer financing to these businesses.

April 17, 2020

New support to [protect Canadian jobs](#), including support for small and medium sized businesses, cultural, heritage and sport organizations.

April 16, 2020

Additional [support for small businesses announced](#): Expanding the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) to businesses that paid between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million in total payroll in 2019, and intent to introduce the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA).

April 15, 2020

[Improved access to the Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#) (CERB). Those who earn \$1,000 or less per month, seasonal workers who now cannot find work, or those who have depleted EI since January 1, 2020 and cannot find work, are now eligible to apply for the benefit.

April 11, 2020

[COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2 is introduced](#) to help businesses keep Canadians in their jobs.

April 9, 2020

The [Canada Emergency Business Account is launched](#).

April 8, 2020

[Further flexibility](#) for employers to access the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.

April 8, 2020

Temporary [changes to Canada Summer Jobs program](#) are announced.

April 6, 2020

Canadians can now apply for the [Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#).

April 2, 2020

Further [guidance on services and functions deemed essential](#) to Canada's critical infrastructure during COVID-19 are issued.

April 1, 2020

More details released on the [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#).

March 30, 2020

- [Support for the air transportation sector announced](#)—the government is waiving ground lease rents from March through to December 2020 for the 21 airport authorities that pay rent to the federal government.
- Parks Canada [helps tourism businesses in national parks](#) and historic sites deal with the impacts of COVID-19 by deferring commercial lease payments without interest until September 2020

March 27, 2020

Further measures to [support small businesses](#) facing impacts of COVID-19, including:

- a 75% wage subsidy for qualifying businesses, for up to 3 months, retroactive to March 15, 2020.
- the new Canada Emergency Business Account.
- the new Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Loan and Guarantee program.
- deferring all GST/HST payments until June.

March 25, 2020

- The new [Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#) (CERB) for people who have lost income due to COVID-19.
- The [Quarantine Act](#) is enacted making the 14-day quarantine mandatory for all returning travellers to Canada, with an exemptions for essential workers.

March 18, 2020

More support for workers and businesses through Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, including:

- Up to \$27 billion in direct support to Canadian workers and businesses, plus \$55 billion to meet liquidity needs of Canadian businesses and households.
- Closing the border between Canada and the U.S. for non-essential travel until further notice.
- Starting March 18, 2020, only four airports will be accepting international flights: Calgary, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

March 16, 2020

- Canada will deny entry to passengers who are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and has resided in any country other than the U.S. in the last 14 days.
- An [Official Global Travel Advisory](#) is put in effect to avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada (including to the US) until further notice.

March 13, 2020

- A [Official Global Travel Advisory](#) is issued advising all Canadians to avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada until further notice.