



Canada Emergency Student Benefit

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What is Canada Emergency Student Benefit?

The Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) provides financial support to eligible students who are unable to find work due to COVID-19

- Post-Secondary students
- Recent Post-Secondary graduates
- Recent high school graduates who apply to attend Post-Secondary



Canada Emergency Student Benefit Relief

CESB provides relief for eligible students for a maximum of 16 weeks. May to August 2020, the CESB provides:

- \$1,250 for each 4-week period or \$2,000 for each 4-week period if you have dependants or a disability
- CESB is a taxable benefit
- Student can work and earn up to \$1,000 per 4 week period while on CESB.



Which Students' Qualify?

1. Current Post-Secondary students enrolled between Dec 1, 2019 and Aug 31, 2020
2. Graduating Post-Secondary students enrolled between Dec 1, 2019 and Aug 31, 2020
3. Secondary School students graduating in 2020 - provided they apply and plan to enroll in post-secondary before Feb 1, 2021.



Status Eligibility Rules for CESB

The student must be a:

- Canadian Citizen
- Registered Indian
- Permanent Resident
- Protected Person (e.g. refugee) & International Students are not included.



What Can You Get?

The CESB payment is \$1,250 for each 4-week period from May to August 2020.

You may be eligible for an extra \$750 for each 4-week period, IF you meet at least one of the following requirements:

- You have a disability
- You have at least one child who is under the age of 12



What is Considered a Disability?

- Any impairment that is physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment.
- Any functional limitation — whether permanent or episodic in nature, or evident or not, that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society



Who is a Dependent?

Child:

- Includes adopted child, stepchild, or foster child under 12 years old
- completely dependent on the student, student's spouse, or common-law partner for support, care, and upbringing

Person with a Disability:

- a person with a disability who is completely dependent on the student, student's spouse or common-law partner for support, care, and upbringing.



Post-Secondary Students

The CESB is available to eligible post-secondary students, postsecondary graduates, and students who have recently left their post-graduate studies.

You can start applying during the May 10 to June 6 eligibility period. If your situation continues, you must re-apply for another 4-week eligibility period.

Eligibility periods for post-secondary students:

- May 10 to June 6, 2020
- June 7 to July 4, 2020
- July 5 to August 1, 2020
- August 2 to August 29, 2020



CESB or CERB ?

CESB does NOT apply to students who qualify for Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI)

Student can't receive CESB and CERB or EI for the same time period CESB is NOT 'CERB for students'.

CESB differs in 2 key ways:

- No requirement for \$5,000 earnings in the previous year
- No requirement to have lost a job due to COVID.



CESB or CERB?

Students are not required to have lost a job.

They only have to attest (their word) that they are not able to work

OR

seeking full-time or part-time work but can't find a job or self-employment

OR

working but paid not more than \$1,000 in 4 week eligibility period.



How Do You Apply for CESB?

Apply online or by phone (opened May 15, 2020)

CRA My Account or 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041 www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergencystudent-benefit/cesb-how-apply.html#h-1



Questions to Answer on CESB Application

1. Confirm you are correctly registered with the CRA
2. Have you ever filed a Canadian tax return?
3. Set up direct deposit (Direct deposit payments take 3 business days. A cheque takes about 10 business days).
4. Have your Social Insurance Number and postal code to verify your identity
5. Is your direct deposit information up to date with the CRA?
6. Declare that you qualify for the benefit



Attest to these Application Questions

ONE of the following applies:

- You are unable to work due to COVID-19
- You are looking for, but cannot find work due to COVID-19
- You are currently working during the COVID-19 pandemic, but your income from employment and self-employment has been \$1,000 or less (before taxes) during the 4-week period you are applying for.

You are seeking work but can't find a job or self-employment (you will be asked to sign up for Canada Job Bank notifications) You did not apply, receive, nor qualify, for the CERB or EI benefits for the 4-week period.



Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

How to apply



Get ready to apply

Answer these questions to ensure your application will be quick and easy:

Confirm you are correctly registered with the CRA

Have you ever filed a Canadian tax return?

- Yes
- No

Set up direct deposit

Direct deposit payments take 3 business days. A cheque takes about 10 business days.

Is your direct deposit information up to date with the CRA?

- Yes
- No - I want to set it up
- No - I prefer to receive my payment by cheque

When to apply

We have set up specific days for you to apply to ensure the fastest service for your application.

Determine when to apply

What type of student are you?

- Graduating high school student
- Post-secondary student



How to Re-Apply for CESB

To re-apply for the CESB, **ONE** of the following must **STILL** apply:

- You are looking for, but cannot find work due to COVID-19
- You are unable to work due to COVID-19 (quarantine, caring for family, etc.)
- You are currently working but your income from employment and self-employment has been \$1,000 or less (before taxes) during the 4-week period you are applying for.

If your situation continues, re-apply for another 4-week period.



Contacting CRA about CESB

Online –Register and Sign in to CRA My Account or By Phone: CESB general line 1-833-966-2099

- CESB eligibility requirements
- how much you could get
- how and when to apply

Trouble applying for CESB or to make changes to CRA account? Call 1-800-959-8281

Before you call: To verify your identity, you'll need your:

- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- full name and date of birth
- complete address
- assessed return, notice of assessment or signed in to CRA My Account.



Seeking Work Requirement for CESB

Students must attest to ONE (1) of not able to work due to COVID-19 (quarantine etc) OR TWO (2) working but paid not more than \$1,000 in a 4 week period OR (3) seeking work but can't find job or self-employment

If you attest to 'seeking work' the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) may ask later for information to verify your search. It's important to keep track of daily 'job search activities'.

IMPORTANT: YOU NEED TO DOCUMENT AND TRACK EVERYTHING



Examples of Job Search Activities

www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-regular-benefit/while-receiving.html:

- preparing a résumé or cover letter;
- registering for job search tools, electronic job banks or employment agencies;
- attending job search workshops (on-line);
- networking;
- contacting prospective employers;
- submitting job applications; undergoing evaluations of competencies.



Canada Jobs Bank

Registering with the Government of Canada Job Bank is one way for you to show that you are looking for work. You will get daily listings of job opportunities.

www.jobbank.gc.ca/home for regular Canada Jobs Bank

www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth for Student Summer Jobs Program

www.jobbank.gc.ca/findajob/resources/covid-19 for COVID-19 related jobs. In the future it is possible that the Student Service Grant program of 'national service' may be linked to this page.

If you do not use the Job Bank, find other ways to keep track of your job search activities.



Canada Student Service Grant

Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) is a new national initiative to encourage students to participate in the pandemic response while they gain work experience and skills

Students who sign up for this summer program can receive up to \$5,000 to support their post-secondary education costs in the Fall

As of June 1, the government has NOT announced which jobs are included but they will involve a contribution to COVID-19 efforts. Do NOT assume all public service work will be included. The government will specify certain jobs.

More details available soon at a new 'I Want to Help' portal

Watch for the new portal under Student program listings at www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html 21



Other Federal Supports for 2020-21 Academic Year

Canada Student Grants doubled for eligible full-time and part-time students

Student financial assistance available to more students by eliminating expected contributions from student and spouse

Canada Student Loans maximum raised to \$350 (previously \$210)

Federal graduate research scholarships, postdoctoral fellowships and federal research grants expanded or extended

First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation student support increased

More information on these programs under 'Youth, Students' at www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html 22



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