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| **Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) Application Portal Now Open** Starting today, Monday November 23, 2020, the federal government will be accepting Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) applications. The new CERS will provide direct relief to businesses, non-profits, and charities that continue to be economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new rent subsidy will be available retroactive to September 27 2020 until June 2021. With the introduction of the new rent subsidy, qualifying organizations that have suffered a revenue drop would be eligible for a subsidy on eligible expenses. The maximum base rate subsidy would be 65 per cent, and available to organizations with a revenue drop of 70 per cent or more. The base rate would then decline to a rate of 40 per cent for organizations with a revenue drop of 50 per cent, and then would gradually reduce to zero for those not experiencing a decline in revenues. This structure mirrors the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy rate structure. Eligible expenses for a location for a qualifying period would include commercial rent, property taxes (including school taxes and municipal taxes), property insurance, and interest on commercial mortgages (subject to limits) for a qualifying property, less any subleasing revenues. [Click here to see what funding your business is eligible for and to submit your application today.](https://i7.t.hubspotemail.net/e2t/tc/VWSZfF856qwqW2rt9KZ5VPTDwW6cqVBw4jMvDQN70SktQ3lGnJV1-WJV7CgCwfW8rg0564NCxvRW91jvTV5G5wyGW2VphYd4yLM05W5g21td5MKhP_W7Zw8Ts7Rj8-hW6gTBDs75BbJWW4vgB513JJ0WDW1DnZ4z517ps0W4TjTzt4HWTNVW5BCk_Z1m9Gq0W9lrBqj3QG0nMN8_29D4FwXR5W8RKjvr8Gd5Q0W5H6CnY6CYzpmW4X99sT4fByzcW3STF_w8Y2Jb8W50xMhQ8YhPMcW2k4QKT671lh4W2wBmQ_1XSbr6W592ZrK2YN-KXW7BJNLn56ByhhW1G5_l82hqTJyW8581131sJhvxW3SM3C98zk9TbT7d124wqpVDW2m9khq7hg6cwVHyClt4hfqTRW4R2lSg2Yq-g237d21) |

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| **$600M Fund for Businesses Experiencing Significant Public Health Measures** The Ontario government is making $600 million in funding available to businesses required to close or significantly restrict services in areas subject to the Red/Control or Lockdown categories. Rebates will cover the period of time that businesses are required to temporarily close. Beginning on November 16, 2020, eligible businesses are able to apply for temporary property tax and energy cost rebates directly to the province through a single, online application portal. The application portal also provides additional resources to businesses beyond property tax and energy cost rebates, such as a small funding grant for PPE. Many businesses should expect to receive their rebate payments within a few weeks of finalizing and submitting their completed application.  [Click here for more information on this funding opportunity.](https://i7.t.hubspotemail.net/e2t/tc/VWSZfF856qwqW2rt9KZ5VPTDwW6cqVBw4jMvDQN70Sktc3lGn5V1-WJV7CgBKRW8P_0_h2j3GMYW45f1Zf8tg0yMVS0Z1S7ZGcs9W1cl5f737w1dYN10ChdC68FDFW7My2Jf5D59MzW5kk_h72z9DdPW5cm8Qp70fqKfW7PyCKd5kGHhYN6PZcM2N9g36N59dtGNB-5k3W7RwtYG53hv4cVk-hpV5VZV_zN4sv1DtlHHb3W6yZB-t5dD-pJW7dclcd6xkRQmN6_gnSWnBdhFW5H_6x84w_vrCW95hWSz47HYcLW4DRJ185ny2h7N8G1nVmxGHXtW6fnWD05SlNpqW3NKKBK7mNLtLW2HKMDw4W2nNw3j5p1) |

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| **Develop a COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan** **Did you know that a COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan must be available upon request during an inspection of your workplace?** As an employer it is your responsibility under the Occupational Health and Safety Act to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect a worker. The provincial government has resources available to you and your business to assist with the development of a workplace safety plan. [Click here for sector-specific information and examples of controls that apply to your type of workplace to get started on your COVID-19 workplace safety plan.](https://i7.t.hubspotemail.net/e2t/tc/VWSZfF856qwqW2rt9KZ5VPTDwW6cqVBw4jMvDQN70Sktw3lGnpV1-WJV7CgTCgW8ZWgTJ6dFyfRF2wN26L5TXmVlZV3f1WMxvDW4_hz3T3bTPDgN5m1jRb5xl81W7vhKTB6C2CTVW4x6RH54QrV81W1xM33c1WcmfHW2nwcF-5875rlW3QPXfq64NCdkVG3PMX3HWLySVx-zmR1ylwKcW3tQmSy4hy_zBW8yr7Pk5RFR0RVTKCk02ccCMRW3q4z8Q93bHjGW7vbLBW7hLCYQW8lbk0x6wqYg-W7F4mG22jdrrxW2kS_Y24Y4S0VM4nXxFpB6c3W5ZkgZ91xp4tSW5QKpyt1lJh7yW5TxY0Z7CQkw5W6ymRgY6Mct60W287_D14_0vqX352C1) |

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