

Federal Government Covid-19 Measures – Implications for Sector Organizations

This document will be regularly updated as the federal government announces new measures that will impact the charitable and nonprofit sector.

Measure	Who's eligible?	Brief description	To apply / More information
Deferral of T3010 filing	Registered charities	2019 T3010 returns are not due until December 31, 2020, regardless of organization's normal filing deadline.	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/charities.html
Deferral of GST/HST remittances	All organizations that charge GST/HST for programs, services or products	GST/HST collected for specific periods (depending on whether the organization remits monthly, quarterly, or annually) will not have to be remitted until June 30, 2020.	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html#deferral_sales_tax_remittance_customs_duty_payments
Deferral of business income tax	Social enterprises	Business income taxes scheduled to be remitted between March 18 and August 31 can be deferred until at least September 2020.	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html#more_time_to_pay_their_income_taxes
Deferral of T1044 filing	Nonprofit corporations	Information returns otherwise due between March 18 and May 31 2020 can be filed on June 1.	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/covid-19-filing-payment-dates.html (Listed as "Information returns - Other information returns")
Deferral of T2 filing	Any organizations that file a T2 corporate income tax return	Any returns otherwise due between March 18 and May 31 can be filed on June 1.	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/covid-19-filing-payment-dates.html (Listed under "Corporations – Due Dates")

<p>Extension of the Work Sharing Program</p>	<p>All employers</p>	<p>Maximum duration of work-sharing arrangements extended from 38 weeks to 76 weeks.</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/work-sharing/eligibility.html</p>
<p>Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy</p>	<p>All employers who saw a 15% drop in revenue in March and a 30% drop in revenue in April and May.</p>	<p>Government will subsidize 75% of employee wages to a maximum of \$847 per week per employee. No cap on how much an employer can receive. Employers are expected to do everything within their power to top up employees to full salary. Applies to active employees and well as those who have been furloughed because of a lack of work. To measure their revenue loss, it is proposed that all employers have the flexibility to compare their revenue of March, April and May 2020 to that of the same month of 2019, or to an average of their revenue earned in January and February 2020 -- whichever is more advantageous. Charities and non-profit organizations can choose to either include or exclude revenue from government</p>	<p>April 8: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-provides-further-flexibility-for-employers-to-access-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html April 8: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/additional-details-on-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html April 1: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html</p>

		<p>when calculating their revenues -- whichever is more advantageous. Organizations can calculate their revenues using either accrual or cash accounting -- whichever is more advantageous. Organizations that qualify for the wage subsidy will be able to furlough staff to keep them on payroll, if there is a lack of work for them to do, and receive a full refund of employer contributions towards CPP, EI, QPP and other such programs. Wage subsidies will be retroactive to March 15. Applications will be through a web portal accessible through organizations' CRA MyBusiness accounts.</p>	
<p>Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers</p>	<p>Charities, nonprofits, Canadian controlled private corporations eligible for the small business deduction.</p>	<p>Up to 10% of payroll costs incurred between March 18 and June 19. Maximum claim of \$1375 for each employee. Maximum claim of \$25,000 per employer. Employer calculates the subsidy, subtracts from the personal</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/frequently-asked-questions-wage-subsidy-small-businesses.html</p>

		<p>income taxes it remits to the federal government on behalf of employees.</p>	
<p>Canada Emergency Response Benefit</p>	<p>Workers who: Residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old; Who have stopped working because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits; Who had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application ; and Who are or expect to be without employment or self-employment income for at least</p>	<p>If you have stopped working because of COVID-19, the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) may provide you with temporary income support. The CERB provides \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.</p> <p>To begin the application process, you'll need to answer a few simple questions. The answers you provide will direct you to the service option that best fits your situation.</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html</p>

	14 consecutive days in the initial four-week period. For subsequent benefit periods, they expect to have no employment or self-employment income.		
Business Credit - Canada Emergency Business Account	All employers with total 2019 payrolls between \$50,000 and \$1 million	Interest-free loans of up to \$40,000. 25% of loan will be forgiven if the loan is repaid by December 31, 2022. Loans are arranged through organizations' regular financial institutions.	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html
Business Credit - SME Loan and Guarantee Program (BDC Co-lending Program)	Primarily social enterprises that meet the lending criteria	Loans of up to \$6.25 million for eligible businesses. Business Development Bank is the co-lender, but loans are arranged through organizations' financial institutions.	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html

<p>Support for food banks and local food organizations</p>	<p>National, regional, and local food banks and local food organizations across Canada</p>	<p>Funding will be delivered through the Government of Canada's Local Food Infrastructure Fund. \$100 million investment divided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 million to Food Banks Canada • \$20 million divided evenly between Salvation Army, Second Harvest, Community Food Centres Canada, and Breakfast Club of Canada • \$30 million for local-level organizations who serve people experiencing food insecurity <p>Eligible activities for this new funding include the purchase of food, support for the transportation and distribution of food, hiring temporary help to fill volunteer shortages, and</p>	<p>https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/03/prime-minister-announces-support-food-banks-and-local-food</p>
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<p>Support for vulnerable Canadians</p>	<p>Women's shelters and sexual assault centres</p>	<p>The government will provide up to \$50 million to women's shelters and sexual assault centres, including facilities in Indigenous communities, to help with their capacity to manage or prevent an outbreak. The government is currently working to ensure organizations receive the funding as soon as possible. Eligible organizations will be contacted directly the first week of April.</p>	<p>https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/fun-fin/shelters-refuges-en.html</p>

<p>Support for vulnerable Canadians</p>	<p>Local organizations supporting Canadian seniors</p>	<p>The Government of Canada will contribute \$9 million through United Way Canada for local organizations to support practical services to Canadian seniors. These services could include the delivery of groceries, medications, or other needed items, or personal outreach to assess individuals' needs and connect them to community supports. The funding for seniors will be delivered through the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The Program supports projects that help improve the well-being and quality of life of seniors, and fosters social inclusion and engagement of Canadian seniors in their communities.</p>	<p>https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canad</p>
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