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FEDERAL MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF MEMBERS AFFECTED BY COVID-19

The following supports may be available to you through [Canada's Covid-19 Economic Response Plan](#). Please note that the details on many programs are currently being finalized, and new measures may be announced at a later date. CHBA is following developments real-time and will provide information most relevant to our members as it becomes available. CHBA's latest info is always available at: <https://www.chba.ca/covid-19>.

MEASURE	DESCRIPTION	WHAT WE KNOW NOW	WHAT WE DON'T KNOW YET
Business Income Tax Deferral	All businesses can defer the payment of any income tax amounts that becomes owing after March 18, 2020 and before September 1, 2020. No penalties or interest will be charged if paid by September 1, 2020. Applies to tax balances due, and instalments, under Part I of the <i>Income Tax Act</i> .	Monitor the CRA website for business filings for more information as it becomes available.	
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy for Employers - 75%	You can receive a subsidy for up to 3 months that will be equal to 75% of remuneration retroactive to March 15, 2020. The subsidy provides 75% on first \$58,700 of annual salary, or \$847/week, if employer's revenues have dropped by 15% in March or 30% in April and May due to COVID-19.	You are an eligible employer if you are a non-profit organization, registered charity, or a Canadian-controlled private corporation (CCPC). Charities and NGOs would now have the option to either include or exclude government subsidies when calculating their loss of revenue. The loss of revenue calculation proposed can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 15 per cent decline in revenue for March 2020, and 30 per cent loss of revenue for the months of April and May 2020, based on revenues in March, April, May 2019. Your 	Link to application process. Any additional flexibility around the calculation of loss of revenue for not-for-profits.

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		<p>subsidy for March 2020 is based on your comparative revenue in March 2020, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All eligible businesses will now have the option of using an average of the revenue from January and February of this year as a reference point to show the required loss in revenue due in March, April and/or May to COVID-19.• For eligible employers established after February 2019, eligibility would be determined by comparing monthly revenues to a reasonable benchmark. <p>There would be no overall limit on the subsidy amount that an eligible employer may claim.</p> <p>The program would be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020.</p> <p>Businesses should set up direct deposit with CRA to shorten window for payments—the first which are expected to flow six weeks after application accepted.</p> <p>Will need to re-apply each month.</p> <p>Will be delivered through the Canada Revenue Agency's My Business Account; an online portal will be up soon.</p>	
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<p>Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers - 10%</p>	<p>You can receive a subsidy that will be equal to 10% of remuneration retroactive to March 15, 2020.</p> <p>The subsidy is equal to 10% of the remuneration you pay 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 employer.</p>	<p>You are an eligible employer if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are a non-profit organization, registered charity, or a Canadian-controlled private corporation (CCPC); • Have an existing business number & payroll program account with CRA on March 18; and • Pay salary, wages, bonuses, or other remunerations to an employee. <p>For employers that are eligible for both the CEWS and the 10 per cent wage subsidy any benefit from the 10 per cent wage subsidy would generally reduce the amount available to be claimed under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy in that same period.</p> <p>More information is available at: Temporary Wage Subsidy</p>	
<p>Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)</p>	<p>You may be eligible for a guaranteed loan via banks– up to \$40,000 dollars – to small and medium size businesses. There will also be a one-</p>	<p>The annual payroll threshold has been stretched; lowering the minimum from \$50K to \$20K and maximum from \$1M to 1.5M</p>	<p>CHBA has suggested that the minimum payroll threshold be removed to expand the reach of the program and open it</p>

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	year grace period for interest payments and first \$10,000 in forgivable.	<p>Small businesses and not-for-profits should contact their financial institution to apply for these loans.</p> <p>Financial institutions began accepting applications on the week of April 9th. Please update your email and contact details on your Online Banking for Business profiles on your financial institution's website for more details on the launch of the enrollment and instructions.</p>	to other types of remuneration, including dividends.
Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program	Support for small businesses to cover their rents for April, May, and June.	The assistance is being rolled out in collaboration with the provinces and territories as it's within their jurisdictions.	Eligibility criteria, timelines, application process, value
Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)	You may be able to work with the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and Export Development Canada (EDC) to provide more than \$10 billion of additional support, targeted to small and medium-sized businesses with limited other options for financing.	<p>Contact your normal financial institution to determine if you are eligible for normal financing. If not, the financial institution will work with BDC/EDC to access additional support.</p> <p>More information is available at: Business Credit Availability Program.</p>	<p>How applicable this will be for businesses operating in the residential construction sector.</p> <p>Contact your financial institution for more information.</p>
Credit flexibility through Canadian banks	Canadian banks announced that they may provide the opportunity for relief on other credit products for both businesses and individuals.	<p>For more details on the commitment made by Canadian banks, please visit the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA) site.</p> <p>CBA has recommended that businesses seeking support contact their local account manager as soon as possible to discuss their situation.</p>	
Canada's Big Six banks cut	Canada's Big Six banks say they will reduce interest rates on credit	Bank of Montreal (BMO) will temporarily reduce credit card interest rates to 10.99% for	

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<p>credit card interest rates</p>	<p>cards to provide relief to customers affected by Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Confirm with your financial institution if this also applies to businesses.</p>	<p>personal and small business customers receiving payment deferrals due to the outbreak. Bank of Nova Scotia announced the same change last Friday.</p> <p>They joined Toronto-Dominion Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, National Bank of Canada and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, who announced similar measures.</p> <p>TD Bank also announced it would cut credit card interest rates by 50% for customers experiencing hardship, and Royal Bank said it would reduce the charges by the same extent for clients receiving minimum payment deferrals.</p> <p>National Bank would reduce annual interest rates to 10.9% for clients receiving three-month payment deferrals, it said.</p> <p>CIBC too would lower interest rates to 10.99% on personal credit cards for users who request to skip a payment, the lender said.</p>	
<p>Extending the Work-Sharing program</p>	<p>You may be eligible for the Work-Sharing program, now extended from 38 weeks to 76 weeks.</p> <p>The program is offered to workers who agree to reduce their normal working hours because of developments beyond the control of their employers.</p>	<p>Application forms and additional details are available here: Work Sharing Program</p> <p>To be eligible for a WS agreement, your business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a year-round business in Canada for at least 1 year • be a private business, a publicly held company or a not-for-profit organization, and 	

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Offering a guarantee on loans	Export Development Canada is supporting businesses by offering their bank a guarantee on loans of up to \$5 million to ensure that companies can access more cash immediately.	For more details, contact your financial institution.	How applicable this will be for the residential construction sector.
Deferral of Sales Tax Remittance and Customs Duty Payments	Businesses, including those who are self-employees can defer their payments of GST/HST until June 30, 2020.	The deferral will apply to GST/HST remittances for the February, March and April 2020 reporting periods for monthly filers; the January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 reporting period for quarterly filers; and for annual filers, the amounts collected and owing for their previous fiscal year and instalments of GST/HST in respect of the filer's current fiscal year. FAQ now available here .	