

# Apply for Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) with CRA

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/apply-for-cerb-with-cra.html>

The CERB provides a payment of \$2,000 for a 4-week period (the same as \$500 a week) for up to 16 weeks.

After you apply, you should get your payment in 3 business days if you signed up for direct deposit. If you haven't, you should get it in about 10 business days.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- You are 15 years old or more when you apply
- **For your first CERB application:**
  - You have stopped or will stop working due to reasons related to COVID-19
  - For at least 14 days in a row for the period you are applying for, you will not receive:
    - employment income
    - self-employment income
    - provincial or federal benefits related to maternity or paternity leave

## Eligibility periods

- Eligibility periods are fixed in 4-week periods.
- **If your situation continues, you can re-apply for CERB for multiple 4-week periods, to a maximum of 16 weeks** (4 periods).

### For your subsequent CERB applications:

- You continue to not work due to reasons related to COVID-19
- For the 4 week period you are applying for, you will not receive:
  - employment income;
  - self-employment income; or
  - Provincial or federal benefits related to maternity or paternity leave.
- You have not quit your job voluntarily
- You did not apply for, nor receive, CERB or EI benefits from Service Canada for the same eligibility period
- You earned a minimum of \$5,000 income in the last 12 months or in 2019 from one or more of the following sources:
  - employment income
  - self-employment income
  - provincial or federal benefits related to maternity or paternity leave

Whether you apply online or by phone, we want to provide the best service possible to everyone. To help manage this, we have set up specific days for you to apply. Please use the following guidelines:

<b>If you were born in the month of</b>	<b>Apply for CERB on</b>	<b>Your best day to apply</b>
January, February or March	Mondays	April 6
April, May, or June	Tuesdays	April 7
July, August, or September	Wednesdays	April 8
October, November, or December	Thursdays	April 9
Any month		

### **ONLINE Application:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/e-services/e-services-individuals/account-individuals.html>

If you do not have a CRA account but you do have a My Service Canada account, you can sign into CRA My Account to apply for CERB.

### **By Phone:**

Follow the instructions below before you call **1-800-959-2019** or **1-800-959-2041**

Instructions

1. Select your language preference: English or French
2. Follow the prompts to enter your information, including:
  - o your SIN
  - o confirmation of your postal code
  - o the period you are applying for
3. Declare that you qualify for the benefit