



# International Union of Operating Engineers

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## FEDERAL SUPPORTS COVID-19 Information for Members

### If you...

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic may impact your employment. Below are some of the different situations you may face and how to access support via the federal government. This information is accurate as of April 15, 2020.

Have lost your job,  
even if you don't qualify for EI

Have a job, but are not being  
paid and asked to work

Have a job, but are now being  
paid less than \$1000/month

Expected a seasonal job  
that is no longer available

Are taking care of someone  
who is sick with COVID-19

Must stay home without pay  
to take care of children

Have run out of EI benefits  
since January 1, 2020

### Apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

- You can [apply](#) in one of two ways:
  - online through your [CRA MyAccount](#) secure portal;
  - by calling either **1-800-959-2019** or **1-800-959-2041**, and providing your SIN number and postal code.
- Pays \$2000 (\$500/week) for a 4-week period, backdated to March 15.
- Benefits should be available 3-5 business days by direct deposit.
- You are [eligible](#) if you satisfy the following conditions:
  - reside in Canada and are 15 years or older;
  - have stopped working due to reasons related to COVID-19, or are working but are now being paid less than \$1000 per month;
  - have not quit your job voluntarily;
  - earned a minimum of \$5000 income in the last 12 months.
- Eligibility periods are fixed in 4-week periods. If your situation continues, you can reapply for multiple 4-weeks periods up to 16 weeks (4 periods).
- In order to help the system process applications, it's best to apply on the following days based on the month you were born:
  - January, February, or March – Mondays
  - April, May, or June – Tuesdays
  - July, August, or September – Wednesdays
  - October, November, or December – Thursdays
  - Any month – Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays
- These benefits are taxable and you will need to report any payments received on next year's tax filing.
- If you've already applied for EI, your claim will be moved to the CERB automatically and benefits will be paid from this program first.
- If you're currently on EI, you will continue to receive your EI benefits, and if those benefits end before October 3, you can apply for the CERB.



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Are sick, quarantined, or  
in self-isolation with COVID-19

#### Apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

- As described on the previous page.

#### Apply for Employment Insurance Sickness Benefits

- After completing [the online form](#), call **1-833-381-2725** to have the one-week waiting period waived.
- Have SIN #, first & last day worked, pay stub with highest 2-week pay from the last year, as well as payment information ready.
- If you apply after quarantine, benefits will be backdated.
- No sick note will be required.

Are looking for other  
ways to help your finances

- Income tax filing deadline extended to June 1.
- Deadline to make income tax payments extended until September 1.
- Many banks allow deferral of mortgage payments for up to six months. Contact your bank to determine what is available for you.
- Federal student loan payments are deferred until September 30. This moratorium is interest-free and no interest will accrue during this time.
- The Canada Child Benefit will have a top-up.
  - An extra \$300 per child.
  - Those who already received this benefit do not need to reapply.
  - It will be delivered with the scheduled payment in May.
- There will be a one-time special top-up on GST payments for low- and modest-income households.
  - An extra \$400 for single individuals and up to \$600 for couples.
  - No need to apply. If eligible, you will get it automatically.
  - It will be delivered with the scheduled payment in April.