

As a key partner of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), your support in sharing this information with your stakeholders, and all Canadian businesses, is very much appreciated.

Thank you for helping us help Canadian businesses during this unprecedented period.



Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy – Supporting businesses from coast to coast to coast

Hello,

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) understands that the outbreak of COVID-19 has had a significant impact on Canadian taxpayers and businesses. We are committed to helping Canadians by reducing the burden in meeting their tax obligations during this critical time as part of the [Government of Canada's economic response](#) to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help employers keep and re-hire workers amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government launched today the [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy \(CEWS\)](#). This important economic measure provides up to \$847 per employee per week, to eligible employers, for up to 12 weeks, preventing further job losses and encouraging employers to re-hire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19, retroactive to March 15, 2020.

Applying for CEWS

As of today, employers can apply for the CEWS through [My Business Account](#) or through the [CRA's online application portal](#), and their representatives can apply through [Represent a Client](#).

Signing up for direct deposit

The CRA has also partnered with many Canadian financial institutions to offer a new service to Canadian employers that allows employers to register their business payroll accounts for direct deposit with the CRA directly through their bank portals. This new service is available as of April 27, 2020 with some banks. Other financial institutions will provide the service within a few days. For more information, visit [Canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit](#).

For more information

To learn more about what CRA is doing, go to [Helping Canadians with the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). To get the latest information please bookmark this page as we update it often and follow us on our social media channels.

For more information on the CEWS, please visit our [CEWS portal](#) including detailed [FAQs](#) about the subsidy and the application process. In addition, we have created [infographics](#) to explain eligibility and how to use the CEWS calculator.

Resources for the CEWS and COVID-19 fiscal measures:

- **Webpage:** [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#)
- **News Release:** [Government of Canada launches applications for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#)
- **Backgrounder:** [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy - Application](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Changes to taxes and benefits: CRA and COVID-19](#)
- **CRA digital services:** [My Business Account](#) and [Represent a Client](#)