

The Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) is now closed. Service Canada invites all eligible people to apply for Employment Insurance. More details are available <a href="here">here</a>. However, the federal government introduced new benefits for Canadians who would not qualify for employment insurance. The **Canada Recovery Benefit (CRP)** consists of three different benefits:

## 1. Canada Recovery Benefit (CRP)

- **a.** During the period covered by your application, you were not an employee or self-employed for reasons related to COVID-19 **or** you had a 50% decrease in your average weekly income compared to last year due to the COVID-19.
- b. You were not eligible for employment insurance.
- **c.** You did not voluntarily quit your job or reduce your working hours after September 27, 2020, except for valid reasons.
- d. You were looking for a job during this period.
- e. You have not refused reasonable work during the 2-week period covered by your application.

## 2. Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)

- a. You are unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work week because:
  - i. You have or may have COVID-19;
  - ii. You have been recommended to put yourself in isolation because of COVID-19 (by a competent authority);
  - iii. You have an underlying health condition that puts you at greater risk for contracting COVID-19 (as assessed by a competent authority).
- **b.** You do not receive paid leave from your employer for the same period.

## 3. Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

- a. You are unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work week looking after a family member and;
- **b.** You need to care for a child under the age of 12 or a family member who needs supervised care because they are at home for one of the following reasons:
  - i. School, daycare, their day program or care facility is closed or inaccessible due to COVID-19.
  - ii. Their regular care services are unavailable due to COVID-19.
  - iii. The person you are caring for:
    - Has COVID-19 or its symptoms;
    - Is at risk of serious health complications if that person contracts COVID-19, according to a healthcare professional;
    - Is in isolation because of COVID-19, on the advice of a health professional or a public health authority.
- c. You are the only person in your household to make the request for the week.
- d. You do not receive paid leave from your employer for the same period.

## To be eligible for benefits, you must also:

- Live and be present in Canada;
- Be 15 years of age or older;
- Have a valid social insurance number:
- Have earned at least \$5,000 in 2019, 2020 or in the 12 months preceding your application;
- Not having applied for or received one of the following benefits:
  - \* CRP, CRSB or CRCB
  - \* Short-term disability benefit
  - \* Worker's compensation benefits
  - \* Employment insurance benefits
  - Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) benefits