

Here is a summary of the Government of Canada's pandemic-related measures that **may apply to newly admitted students, current students, or those recently graduated.**

WHAT	DETAILS
<p>Canada Emergency Relief Benefit (CERB)</p> <p>\$500/week for 16 weeks (i.e. \$2000/month for 4 months)</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old, and have a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN); • Who have stopped working because of reasons related to COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits or have exhausted their Employment Insurance regular benefits or Employment Insurance fishing benefits between December 29, 2019 and October 3, 2020; • Who had employment and/or self-employment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and, • Who have not quit their job voluntarily. • Will need to apply every 4 weeks. <p>Workers who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents – including international students – may receive this benefit if they meet the other eligibility requirements.</p> <p>For information: https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html</p>
<p>Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)</p> <p>\$1,250 per month for the period of May to August.</p> <p>*additional \$750 per month for students and graduates with permanent disabilities or dependents.</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not receiving CERB • High school graduates, post-secondary students (including those about to begin their studies, and part-time students) and recent graduates (since December 2019). • Students are able to earn up to a threshold amount per month over the summer and still be eligible for CESB (tbc but likely \$1000) • Students will need to complete an attestation that they had intended to work full or part time for the summer months • Will need to apply every 4 weeks. <p>Available only to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, protected persons and those persons registered under the Indian Act.</p> <p>For information (application is pending): https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-introduces-legislation-to-support-students-in-need.html</p>

<p>Remove 20 hour /week restriction for International Students</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the restriction that allows international students to work only a maximum of 20 hours per week while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods. International students and their employers should consult Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada's Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada during the COVID-19 Outbreak to determine if the work the student is doing would allow them to work more than 20 hours per week during the academic session. This temporary rule change will be in place until August 31, 2020. <p>Information: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</p>
<p>Canada Student Loan and Grant Program enhancements</p>	<p>This longstanding government student financial assistance program is to help Canadian citizens and permanent resident students meet the costs of post-secondary education. Students apply through their province of residence.</p> <p>More students will be able to access the Canada Student Loan and Grant Program with the following increased levels of generosity temporarily IN PLACE FOR ONE YEAR ONLY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double the Canada Student Grants for all eligible full-time students to up to \$6,000 and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21. The Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents will also be doubled. Broaden eligibility for student financial assistance by removing the expected student's and spouse's contributions in 2020-21, in recognition that many students and families will struggle to save for school this year. Enhance the Canada Student Loans Program by raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided to a student in 2020-21 from \$210 to \$350. <p>For more information about CSLP (enhancements not yet published): https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans.html</p>

<p>Canada Student Service Grant</p> <p>Up to \$5,000 in funding for their education in the fall</p>	<p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students and youth in volunteer placements <p>Application details to come.</p> <p>Information: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</p>
<p>Enhanced Canada Child Benefit</p> <p>An additional \$300 per child for the scheduled CCB payment for the month of May</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary residents living in Canada for 18 months holding a valid permit in their 19th month are eligible, provided they meet all other criteria <p>Who Can Get the Canada Child Benefit?</p> <p>If you are already receiving this benefit, you do not need to apply. How to apply</p>
<p>Special Goods and Services Tax Credit Payment</p> <p>One-time special payment to eligible individuals in mid-April. Up to \$400 for individuals and up to \$600 for couples</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are considered a Canadian resident for income tax purposes the month before and at the beginning of the month in which the Canada Revenue Agency makes a payment and meet one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - you are at least 19 years old - you have (or had) a spouse or common-law partner - you are (or were) a parent and live (or lived) with your child <p>No need to be apply. Eligible individuals will receive this payment automatically.</p>

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