



Housing Cambridge

COVID-19 Notice 09

The **Canada Emergency Relief Benefit (CERB)** can provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 every 4 weeks for up to 16 weeks to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19. This benefit is available to those who meet the following criteria:

- live in Canada and are at least 15 years old
- stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits
- have not voluntarily quit their job
- had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application

As of April 15, 2020, The CERB was expanded to:

- Allow people to earn up to \$1,000 per month while collecting the CERB.
- Extend the CERB to seasonal workers who have exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to undertake their regular seasonal work because of COVID-19.
- Extend the CERB to workers who have recently exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to find a job because of COVID-19.

Applications can be completed over the phone at 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041, or can be completed online at <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>

If you have questions about the Canada Emergency Relief Benefit or if you require assistance in completing an application, you can contact Jason Perfect at 519-650-5599 ext. 231.

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