COVID-19 MEASURES TO HELP CANADIANS

You may be eligible to receive some of these credits and benefits the Government of Canada has introduced to help Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

The CERB provides temporary income support to workers who have stopped working and are without employment or self-employment income for reasons related to COVID-19. The benefit amount of $2,000 will be paid in blocks of four weeks (up to a maximum of 16 weeks).

Canadians can now apply for CERB through My Account or the automated phone line.

GOOD AND SERVICES TAX/HARMONIZED SALES TAX (GST/HST) CREDIT

The Government provided a one-time special payment on April 9, 2020. This payment doubles the maximum annual GST/HST credit payment amounts for the 2019-20 benefit year. The average boost for those eligible will be close to $400 for single individuals and $600 for couples.

You will get the extra payment amount automatically if you normally receive the GST/HST credit and have filed a 2018 tax return.

CANADA CHILD BENEFIT (CCB)

The Government increased the maximum annual CCB payment amounts, for the 2019-20 benefit year, by up to $300 per child. The overall increase for families will be on average $550 (approximately).

You will get the extra payment amount automatically as part of your May payment if you normally receive the CCB, have filed a 2018 tax return, and have a child under the age of 18.

The income tax deadline for individuals has been extended to June 1, 2020, and the deadline to pay amounts owed has been extended to September 1, 2020.

MY ACCOUNT
▶ canada.ca/my-cra-account

CRA COVID-19 INFORMATION
▶ canada.ca/cra-coronavirus

CHILD AND FAMILY BENEFITS
▶ canada.ca/child-family-benefits

BENEFIT ENQUIRIES
▶ 1-800-387-1193

TERRITORIAL TAX AND BENEFIT ENQUIRIES
(ACCESSIBLE FROM 867 AREA CODE ONLY)
▶ 1-866-426-1527

GENERAL TAX ENQUIRIES
▶ 1-800-959-8281

CRA AUTOMATED PHONE SERVICE FOR CERB
▶ 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041

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