

APPENDIX 1

Federal Government Financial Relief Measures Related to COVID-19

This summary should be read in conjunction with the rest of this document (COVID-19 – Financial Relief for Canadians). It is only intended to be a general overview of the programs - specific details should be reviewed. Further, it should be noted that clarifications or modifications to the supports may have been released by the government since publication on April 8, 2020.

Businesses

Payroll	What?	How much is it worth?	Application process
10% Temporary Wage Subsidy	This subsidy is a 3-month measure targeting employers that are small businesses (including incorporated and unincorporated businesses), non-profit organizations and registered charities. Eligible employers will receive a wage subsidy accessible by reducing remittances of income taxes withheld as source deductions from their employees' remuneration.	The subsidy is equal to 10% of the remuneration paid from March 18 to June 19, 2020, capped at the lesser of \$1,375 x the number of eligible employees and \$25,000.	No need to apply - the employer calculates the subsidy when they remit payroll to CRA.
75% Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	This subsidy is a 3-month measure which will permit employers experiencing a significant revenue decline (announced as 30%) to receive a subsidy for employee remuneration paid. This subsidy will be paid by the government to the employer. Eligible employers are to include businesses (both incorporated and unincorporated), non-profit organizations and registered charities, but not public sector entities. As of April 8, 2020, negotiations as to the final form of the subsidy were still being held.	The general principal is to encourage the employer to maintain workers at their pre-COVID-19 compensation levels. In general, the subsidy is intended to cover 75% of wages paid, with the employer covering the remaining 25%.	Applications will be taken through CRA's My Business Account portal and a web-based application. Businesses not already registered for the My Business Account service may wish to do so to be prepared when the application process becomes available.
Employment Insurance Work-sharing Program	This existing program provides EI benefits to workers who agree to reduce their normal working hours as a result of developments beyond the control of their employers.	Reduce payroll costs by 10% to 60%.	Application required prior to commencing participation. Details online at https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus/employers-factsheet.html .

Loans	What?	How much is it worth?	Application process
Canada Emergency Business Account	Interest-free loans to small businesses and not-for-profits to help cover their operating costs during a period where their revenues have been temporarily reduced. To qualify, organizations will need to have paid between \$50,000 and \$1 million in total payroll in 2019.	Up to \$40,000 loans. 25% of the loan will be forgiven where it is repaid by December 31, 2022.	Contact your lending institution.
Loan guarantee and co-lending program for small	Loans supported by Export Development Canada and the Business Development Bank of Canada will become available.	Up to \$6.25 million in loans available from each of the two programs.	Contact your lending institution.

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Deferral of Tax	What?	How much is it worth?	Application process
Deferral of corporate income tax	Payment of balances and instalments under Part 1 of the Income Tax Act due on or after March 18 and before September 1, will be due on September 1, 2020. No interest will accumulate on these amounts during this period.	Variable based on outstanding tax amount.	No need to apply - done automatically.
GST/HST & customs deferral	Payment of GST/HST payments, instalments or remittances due on March 27 and up to June 2020, will be due on June 30, 2020. Custom duties and GST on imports due for March, April and May 2020, will be due on June 30, 2020. No interest will accumulate on these amounts during this period.	Variable based on outstanding amount.	No need to apply - done automatically.

Individuals

One-time payments	What?	How much is it worth?	Application process
Special GST Credit payment	A one-time payment through the GST credit will be made on April 9.	Amount will double the maximum annual GST credit, resulting in an average payment for those benefitting by close to \$400 for single individuals and close to \$600 for couples. Some whose income was too high to qualify for regular payments will be eligible for this one-time payment.	No need to apply - based on tax returns filed for 2018.
Special Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment	An additional one-time payment in May under the CCB program.	\$300 per child for those currently receiving CCB payments. A reduced amount may be available to those whose income is too high to receive regular CCB payment.	No need to apply - based on tax returns filed for 2018.

Tax deferrals	What?	How much is it worth?	Application process
Deferral of personal income tax	Income tax amounts that become due on or after March 18, 2020 (also including instalments) and before September 2020 are deferred to September 1, 2020. No interest will accumulate on these amounts during this period.	Variable based on income tax outstanding.	No need to apply - done automatically.

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Support for lost income	What?	How much is it worth?	Application process
Employment insurance (EI) sickness benefit	EI regular or sickness benefits are still available. The one-week waiting period for EI sickness has been waived for claimants who have been quarantined, as has the requirement to provide a medical certificate.	Unchanged from the past. If eligible for both EI and CERB, CERB will be paid first (regardless of whether it is higher or lower than EI) for the respective period. If still eligible for EI at the end of the CERB eligibility period, EI will be available as normal.	Applications for EI regular or sickness benefits for periods commencing on or after March 15 are being processed through CERB.
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	A taxable benefit for eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19.	\$2,000/4 week period for up to 4 periods (16 weeks). Benefit is available from March 15 to October 3, 2020, divided into 7 periods.	Online through CRA's My Account portal or by automated phone service (1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041 if you have filed a tax return in the past) or call 1-800-959-8281, CRA's Enquiries Line, if you have never filed a tax return).

Other Support	What?	How much is it worth?	Application process
Mortgage support	Case-by-case support to assist with mortgage payments, including the possibility to defer up to six monthly mortgage payments (interest and penalty).	Variable based on outstanding mortgage.	Contact your lending institution.
Emergency Loan Program for Canadians Abroad	An emergency repayable loan to Canadians abroad in need of immediate financial assistance to return home or to temporarily cover their life-sustaining needs while they work toward their return.	Up to \$5,000.	Go to https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates , call Global Affairs Canada's 24/7 Emergency Watch and Response Centre in Ottawa at +1 613-996-8885 (collect calls are accepted where available), or email sos@international.gc.ca .
Student loans	Loan repayments and interest under the Canada Student Act, Canada Student Financial Assistance Act, and Apprentice Loans Act are suspended until September 30, 2020.	Variable based on outstanding loan.	No need to apply - done automatically. Borrowers should check with their provincial or territorial student loan provider to see if payment is required on the provincial or territorial portion.
Minimum RRIF withdrawal	The minimum withdrawal from a RRIF or a money purchase pension plan for 2020 (computed as a percentage of its value on January 1, 2020) will be reduced by 25%.	Tax on 25% reduction deferred until funds are withdrawn in the future.	Contact your financial institution for process to reduce withdrawals.

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Tax Deadlines & Payments – Summary of Extensions*

	Filing Deadline	Payment Deadline
Individuals - 2019 tax year	June 1, 2020	September 1, 2020 (including June 15, 2020 instalment payment)
Individuals (self-employed or spouse of self-employed) - 2019 tax year	Unchanged - June 15, 2020	September 1, 2020 (including June 15, 2020 instalment payment)
Corporations - filing for current tax year	June 1, 2020 (for any corps whose returns would have been due after March 18 and before June 1, 2020)	September 1, 2020 (balances and instalments for most income tax amounts (Part 1 under the ITA) due on or after March, 18 and before September 2020)
GST/HST	Unchanged. However, CRA has stated that they won't impose penalties where a return is filed late provided that it is filed by June 30th. No relief has been announced for any other GST/HST filings, such as elections or rebate claims.	June 30, 2020 (amounts due March 27 to June 30)
Trusts - for current tax year (including the associated T3 information return)	May 1, 2020 (trusts with tax year end of December 31, 2019) June 1, 2020 (trusts that would otherwise have a filing due date in April or May)	September 1, 2020 (balances and instalments due from March 18 to September 1, 2020)
Charities	December 31, 2020 (charities with T3010 due between March 18 and December 31)	N/A
PART XIII non-resident tax - 2019 NR4 information return	May 1, 2020	Unchanged - 15th of each month following an amount paid or credited by residents of Canada to non-resident persons
2019 T5013 Partnership Information Return	May 1, 2020	N/A
2019 NR4 Information Returns , Statement of Amounts Paid or Credited to Non-Residents of Canada information return	May 1, 2020	N/A
Other information returns (for example, T1134, T1135, T2054 and T2057)	June 1, 2020 (returns, elections, designations and information requests that would otherwise be due after March 18, 2020, and before June 2020, unless CRA specifically noted as having a different deadline)	N/A
Payroll remittances	Unchanged	
Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED)	Unchanged	
Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit and other Investment Tax Credits	Unchanged	

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Provincial Income Tax Filings

	Filing Deadline	Payment Deadline
Most provinces and territories	With the exception of Quebec (which has separate income tax filings for all taxpayers) and Alberta (which has separate corporate income tax filings), the provinces' income tax filings are incorporated in the tax returns filed with, and administered by, the Canada Revenue Agency. Alberta and Quebec have announced exceptions similar to the Federal extensions, as set out above below.	
Alberta - Corporations - filing for current tax year	June 1, 2020 (for any corporations that would have had a due date after March 18 and before June 1, 2020)	August 31, 2020
Quebec - Individuals - 2019 tax year	June 1, 2020	September 1, 2020 (including June 15, 2020 instalment payment)
Quebec - Corporations - filing for current tax year	June 1, 2020 (for any corporations that would have had a due date between March 17 and May 31)	September 1, 2020 (balances and instalments due between March, 17 and August 31)
Quebec - Partnership Information Return	May 1, 2020*	
Quebec - GST/HST and QST	Unchanged. No penalty will be levied if filed by June 30, 2020, for returns due between March 27 and June 1.	June 30, 2020 (balances and instalments related to returns normally filed between March 27 and June 1)

* Quebec originally announced a due date of March 31, 2020, but subsequently extended the deadline to May 1, 2020, to follow the Federal extensions.

Other Administrative Deadlines

CRA Audits	For the vast majority of businesses, CRA will temporarily suspend audit interaction with taxpayers and representatives. Interaction with taxpayers will be limited to high risk and exceptional cases, or cases of high risk. GST/HST refund claims which require some contact before they can be paid out. Other audits are temporarily suspended.
Responses to CRA information requests	Extended to June 1, 2020 (related to administrative tax actions due after March 18 to June 1, 2020)
CRA objections and appeals	The deadline for objections that are due March 18, 2020 or later is deferred to June 30, 2020. Objections related to benefits and credits should not be delayed, as entitlement to these are a critical service which will continue to be delivered. Objections on other matters will be held in abeyance.
CRA Collections	Collection activities on new receivables will be suspended until further notice.
Requirements to pay (RTP) currently in place	Remittances are not required until further notice. RTPs received during the week of March 23, 2020 should not be actioned.

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