



USW Guide to Benefits During COVID-19 NEW BRUNSWICK

● LAID OFF DUE TO WORKPLACE CLOSURE?

Apply for Employment Insurance (EI) regular benefits.

- Payment is 55% of average insurable weekly earnings
- Max of \$573 per week less applicable taxes
- Paid for 14-45 weeks based on unemployment rate in your region
- To be eligible, you will need to have worked the following number of hours in the last 52 weeks:
 - Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John: 665
 - Madawaska-Charlotte: 630
 - Restigouche-Albert: 490
- If you are unsure which EI region you are in, you can input your postal code here and find out: https://srv129.services.gc.ca/eiregions/eng/postalcode_search.aspx
- You will need a Record of Employment (ROE) saying you have been laid off from your employer.
- There is a one-week waiting period after you are approved; you will not be paid for that week
- You do not qualify if you are unemployed because you are directly participating in a strike.
- You must apply online. You can do so [here](#).

● UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO SELF-QUARANTINE OR SICK DUE TO COVID-19?

Apply for EI sickness benefits.

- Payment is 55% of average insurable weekly earnings
- Paid for 15 weeks.
- You need to have worked 600 hours in the last 52 weeks.
- Once you have applied [here](#) you need to call 1-833-381-2725 to notify that you would like to have the one-week waiting period waived. This line is only for those who are sick or quarantined and affected by COVID-19.
- A yet to be established dedicated toll-free number will be set up for these applications.
- Apply online here: canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/apply

● LAID OFF BUT INELIGIBLE FOR EI?

● UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE?

● SELF-QUARANTINED AND INELIGIBLE FOR EI?

● EMPLOYED BUT NOT CURRENTLY PAID BECAUSE THERE IS INSUFFICIENT WORK AND EMPLOYER HAS ASKED YOU NOT TO COME TO WORK?

Apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).

- The government will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 for up to 4 months backdated to March 15th.
- The CERB will be accessible through a secure web portal on April 6th.
- You will also be able to apply via:
 - Your CRA My Account secure portal
 - Your My Service Canada Account; or
 - an automated telephone line via toll-free number
 - You should start receiving your benefits 10 days after you submit your application form. The earliest you can receive benefits through direct deposit is April 16th.

● IS THE PROVINCE DOING ANYTHING?

- A one-time income benefit will be provided to self-employed workers who have lost their job due to the State of Emergency. This one-time \$900 benefit is administered through the Red Cross.
- Child-care fees for anyone who has lost income due to COVID-19 outbreak will be covered.
- Patients with drug coverage under NB's public drug plans are only responsible for the initial co-payment on a prescription fill or refill.

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