

COVID – 19 Financial Relief

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GVHS has compiled a list of some of the services which are providing Financial relief during the Corona Virus Pandemic. Please contact these services providers directly

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

The Government of Canada will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 a month for up to 4 months to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19.

Call 1-800-959-2019 or Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>

B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers

The B.C. emergency benefit for workers will provide a one-time, tax-free, \$1,000 payment for B.C. residents who are unable to work due to COVID-19. Visit the website below for more information

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports>

BC Housing -BC Temporary Rental Supplement (BC-TRS)

BC-TRS will provide up to \$500 per month to low and moderate-income renters who are facing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, but do not qualify for existing rental assistance programs

Call 1-877-757-2577 or Visit <https://www.bchousing.org/COVID-19>

BC Hydro

BC Hydro Customers who have lost employment or have become unable to work due to COVID-19, may be eligible for free credit on your BC Hydro bill. Call 1 800-224-9376

Or Visit: <https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/covid-19-relief-fund.html>

Employment Insurance (EI)

EI benefits provides income replacement and is available to eligible claimants who are unable to work because of illness, injury or quarantine Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>

ICBC

ICBC Customers on a monthly payment plan who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19 may defer their payment for up to 90 days with no penalty

Call 1-800-663-3051 Or Visit: <https://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/contact-us/Pages/covid-19.aspx>

Canada Child Benefits

Eligible recipients will receive \$300 more per child with their regular May CCB payment.

Call 1-800-387-1193 or Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/child-and-family-benefits.html>

Student Loans

B.C. student loan payments are frozen for six months until September 30, 2020

The Government of Canada has paused the repayment of Canada Student Loans until September 30, 2020.

Phone / Cable / Internet

Your Cell Phone and Cable Providers maybe offer deferrals or reduced rates. Please check with your provider.