

# **Governments have announced a number of benefits, which could support your personal finances during Covid-19**



## **Your Tax return**

Tax return filing is now due on June 1, 2020 and money owed is due August 31. However if you receive an HST Rebate or Canada Child Benefit, you are encouraged to file soon.

### ***Laid off from your job or lost self-employment income?***

***Off work because you are sick, isolating, taking care of someone who is sick,  
or home with your kids from school?***

You can apply for \$2,000 per month in wages from the new Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Employment Insurance (EI) from the federal government:

Website: [canada.ca/en/services/benefits](https://canada.ca/en/services/benefits)  
Phone: 1-800-531-7555, Option 1 to apply

### **Have children age 6-17?**

The federal government will increase the child benefit.  
Find out more or sign up if you don't receive it:

**Website:** search "apply Canada Child Benefit"  
**Phone:** 1-800-387-1193

### **Run a small business?**

The government may pay for 75% of your employee wages for three months.  
Details:

**Website:** search "Canada temporary wage subsidy for employers"  
**Phone:** 1-800-959-5525

### **Emergency assistance funds?**

If you are on OW or ODSP you may be eligible for emergency assistance to buy cleaning supplies, transportation, food or clothing.

**Website:** Search: Ontario Works My Benefit, or: [Ontario.ca/community](https://ontario.ca/community)  
**Phone:** Call your case worker

If you are calling the government, have your Social Insurance Number (SIN) ready.  
Phone lines will be busy