

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

GET YOUR MONEY FAST!

Those who applied for the CERB last week on their designated day, and opted for Direct Deposit, received their money from the federal government in as little as 2 business days.

The key to receiving the benefit quickly is to have a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) account, because it is the federal tax department that is processing the benefit, and because the CRA is able to electronically deposit funds into your personal bank account only if you also have an account with them. For those who do not yet have an account, you can very easily apply for one at the same time that you are applying for the CERB itself. It takes just a few extra steps, and all you have to do is to simply follow the on screen prompts. Then, within 10 business days, you will receive confirmation by e-mail of your account, with a security code you can use the very next time that you apply for the CERB. Again, the general steps to follow in order to apply for the CERB are:

1. Go to www.canada.ca and click on “Get the support you need” near the top of the home page.
2. Scroll down and click on “Support for individuals”.
3. Scroll down and click on “Canada Emergency Response Benefit”
4. Click on “Apply for the CERB” to apply online, or call the toll-free number **If you do not yet have a CRA account, do not apply by telephone; apply online and follow the on screen prompts to set up your account while you are applying for the CERB**

If you don't already have a CRA account when first applying for the CERB, you will receive your first instalment by cheque within 10 business days of your application. Remember, at all times you should only apply on the days assigned to the month of your date of birth:

Mondays	January, February, March
Tuesdays	April, May, June
Wednesdays	July, August, September
Thursdays	October, November, December
Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays	All Months

By following the proper steps, you will receive the funds you need to help meet your expenses much more quickly.