

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW CERB RULES

YOU CAN GET EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS BENEFITS IF YOU MAKE \$1,000 OR LESS

The federal government has announced new measures for people whose income has dropped as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Rules to qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) have been relaxed to include anyone whose income has fallen to \$1,000 a month or less. Seasonal workers and people whose Employment Insurance benefits have recently run out also qualify.

The relaxed rules mean that people with reduced hours and pay, as well as those who work in the gig economy, will receive benefits.

Those of you who did not previously qualify for the CERB may now apply by going to www.canada.ca, and by clicking on the “Get the support you need” link near the top of the home page.

For those of you who have already for the CERB, and have received or are awaiting your first benefits, please be reminded that you must apply on a monthly basis throughout the 16-week eligibility period, in order to receive your full benefits. Your initial application does not entitle you to any payments after the first. You must make a separate application in respect of each and every 4-week period.

Please consult the above website for further information and assistance.