

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE – SUPPORT FOR NEW BRUNSWICK WORKERS & STUDENTS AFFECTED BY COVID-19

	Lost Job/No Job		Have Work, Can't Work Due to...		Other	
	EI Eligible	Not EI Eligible (EI ran out / seasonal workers)	Sickness, Quarantine, Isolation	Caring for Children Without School or Daycare	Self-Employed / Small Business Owner – Not EI Eligible	Students / Recent Graduates
Provincial Support						
Low-Income Seniors' Benefit (\$400) ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Social Assistance Program ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Federal Support						
School Year 2020-21 Support for Post-Secondary Students ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Employment Insurance (EI) ¹	✓		✓	✓		✓
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) (\$2,000/month) ²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tax-free payment for certified holders of the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) (One-Time up to \$600/person) ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Other Support						
Food Banks and Other Related Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mortgage/Loan Deferrals Via Banks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emergency Social Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

¹Must meet certain eligibility criteria to qualify for program/benefit

²Benefit closed. May be eligible for retroactive payment through CRA.

Visit www.nbjobs.ca/covid-19/students

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Details/Notes	
Provincial Support	
Low-Income Seniors' Benefit (\$400)	<p>A \$400 benefit to assist low-income seniors in New Brunswick. To be eligible for the benefit, a person must have been a resident of New Brunswick on Dec. 31, 2019, and have received one of the following federal benefits under the <i>Old Age Security Act</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guaranteed Income Supplement (65 years or older)• Allowance for Survivor Program (between 60 and 64 years old)• Allowance Program (between 60 and 64 years old) <p>Applications will be available on April 1. Eligible New Brunswickers are strongly encouraged to apply online. More information about the program, and on how to apply, is available at 1-800-669-7070. The application deadline is Dec. 31, 2020.</p>
Social Assistance Program	Eligibility determined on a case by case basis. Contact regional social development offices to learn more.
Federal Support (click here)	
School Year 2020-21 Support for Post-Secondary Students	<p>Changes to Canada Student Grants and Loans have been introduced so students facing financial challenges from COVID-19 can access and afford post-secondary education. Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doubling of Canada Student Loan Grant amounts• Exemption from student and spousal contribution• Increasing the cap on Canada Student Loans <p>These new measures are in effect as of August 1, 2020 and will be available to students for one year.</p>
Employment Insurance (EI)	For individuals who were recently laid off or have reduced hours and qualify for Employment Insurance benefits. Requests can be submitted today (the typical period has been waived).
Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	This benefit is closed. However, you can still apply for the CERB retroactively through CRA.

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Federal Support [\(click here\)](#)

[Tax-Free Payment for Certified Holders of the Disability Tax Credit \(DTC\)](#)

A special one-time-tax payment to individuals who are certificate holders of the DTC as of June 1, 2020, as follows:

- \$600 for Canadians with a valid DTC certificate.
- \$300 for Canadians with a valid DTC certificate and who are eligible for the Old Age Security (OAS) pension.
- \$100 for Canadians with a valid DTC certificate and who are eligible for the OAS pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

People who are eligible for this special payment will receive it automatically.

Other Support

[Food Banks and Other Related Services](#)

[Mortgage/Loan Deferrals Via Banks](#)

[Emergency Social Services](#)

Emergency social services are available 24-hours per day. Call toll-free 1-800-442-9799 from anywhere in Canada or visit [online](#).