

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						
Social Assistance Program ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Federal Support						
School Year 2020-21 Support for Post-Secondary Students ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Employment Insurance (EI) ¹	✓		✓	✓		✓
Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) (\$1,000/2-week period) ¹			✓	✓	✓	✓
Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) (\$500/1-week period) ¹			✓	✓	✓	✓
Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) (\$500/1-week period) ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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

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

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

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Details/Notes

Provincial Support

[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](#)

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:

- Doubling of Canada Student Loan Grant amounts
- Exemption from student and spousal contribution
- Increasing the cap on Canada Student Loans

These new measures are in effect as of August 1, 2020 and will be available to students for one year.

[Employment Insurance \(EI\)](#)

For individuals who were recently laid off or have reduced hours and qualify for Employment Insurance benefits. As of September 27, 2020, there are some temporary changes to the EI program to help you access EI benefits. These changes will be in effect for 1 year. Go to [EI benefits and leave](#) to find the benefit type that applies to your situation.

[Canada Recovery Benefit \(CRB\)](#)

Income support of \$1,000 (\$900) after taxes are withheld) for a 2-week period to employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and are not entitled to EI benefits. **If needed, individuals may apply up to a total of 13 eligibility periods (26 weeks) between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.** The CRB is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). [See eligibility criteria.](#)

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Federal Support (click here)	
Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)	Income support of \$500 (\$450 after taxes withheld) for a 1-week period to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they are sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk of getting COVID-19. If needed, individuals may apply up to a total of 2 weeks between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021. The CRSB is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). See eligibility criteria.
Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)	Income support of \$500 (\$450 after taxes withheld) per 1-week period (per household) to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care. This applies if their school, regular program or facility is closed or unavailable to them due to COVID-19, or because they are sick, self-isolating, or at risk of serious health complications due to COVID-19. If needed, individuals may apply up to a total of 26 weeks between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021. The CRCB is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). See eligibility criteria.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$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 .