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## Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

Applications will open Friday May 15, 2020 at 6am Eastern time

Students are asked to submit their applications over four days depending on the month of their birth.

The Emergency Student Benefit is available to post-secondary students and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance and who have been unable to find work due to COVID-19.

A student who is currently working during the pandemic may still be eligible for the benefit providing all other requirements are met and the gross income earned from employment or self-employment has been \$1000 or less during the 4-week period applied for.

All Applications must be submitted before September 30, 2020

The CESB provides a \$1250 payment to eligible students for each 4-week period beginning May 10<sup>th</sup> and ending August 29<sup>th</sup> 2020. Only one eligibility period can be applied for at a time. Re-application must be made for each 4-week eligibility period.

Students may receive an additional \$750 for each 4-week period if they have a disability or have at least one child under the age of 12 or other dependents.

The Eligibility periods for **post-secondary students**, post-secondary graduates, and students who have recently left their post-graduate studies are:

May 10 to June 6, 2020

June 7 to July 4, 2020

July 5 to August 1, 2020

August 2 to August 29, 2020

The CESB is available to students **graduating high school**, who have completed or expect to complete high school in 2020 and have applied for a post-secondary educational program that starts before February 1, 2021.

For students completing high school before June 7, 2020 the completion date must be before the start of the first eligibility period you are applying for.

Students with a completion date after June 7, 2020 will only be able to apply for 2 eligibility periods, starting with the July 5 to August 1 period.

It is expected that students who are able to work must be actively looking for a job and may be required to provide information to the CRA to verify that they have been actively looking for work during the eligibility period. It is important to keep a record of daily job search activities.

A Government of Canada Job Bank portal is available as a means to demonstrate that students are looking for work and will notify individuals of jobs currently available in their field and location. This portal may be accessed on the application link provided below.

Visit the following link to apply <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergency-student-benefit/cesb-how-apply.html>

You will sign in to your CRA My Account or Register for an account on this page.

It is advisable that direct deposit be set up with CRA to receive the payment(s) within 3 business days. Otherwise payments by cheque should be received within about 10 business days.

Students may re-apply for another 4-week eligibility period on this site as well.