

## CEWS program redesigned for Period 5 applications

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) helps employers impacted by COVID-19 to keep workers on their payroll or bring previously laid-off employees back to work.

To ensure Canadian workers and businesses are in a better position as our economy safely re-opens, the Government has implemented changes to the CEWS that broaden the reach of the program and provide better targeted support. The CRA will open applications for CEWS period 5 on August 17, 2020.

The CEWS is in place to help workers transition back to their jobs and to support employers as they increase their revenues. The Government of Canada is committed to providing employers – including employers who can now benefit as a result of the enhanced CEWS – with the information and resources they need to apply and benefit from this important economic measure.

### Enhancements to the CEWS Program

Since announcing the CEWS program in April, 2020, the Government of Canada has consulted with stakeholders to discuss potential adjustments.

On July 27, [Bill C-20](#), *An Act respecting further COVID-19 measures*, received Royal Assent, resulting in significant changes to CEWS that will ensure the program will continue to protect jobs by helping employers keep workers on the payroll and encouraging employers to re-hire workers previously laid off.

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Looking to keep your employees on your payroll or bring them back to work? The CEWS can work for you. The CEWS is now more flexible to fit your situation.

- Extended Program**  
We've extended the CEWS until **November 21, 2020** to support you as the economy re-opens.
- Expanded Eligibility**  
A wider range of employers can now qualify.
  - SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS AND TAXABLE CORPORATIONS
  - CERTAIN INDIGENOUS GOVERNMENT-OWNED CORPORATIONS
  - REGISTERED CHARITIES
  - PARTNERSHIPS CONSISTING OF 50% OR MORE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS
  - NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- Accessible Base Subsidy**  
All eligible employers who've experienced a revenue drop\* can now qualify for a base subsidy. Your subsidy amount is based on your revenue drop\*.
- Top-up Subsidy**  
Employers who are especially hard-hit can qualify for a top-up of up to 25%.
- Flexibility**  
You can calculate your revenue drop\* in different ways, and choose the way that works best for your situation.
- Predictability**  
To provide certainty as you make business decisions, you can calculate your base subsidy using your revenue drop\* in the current period or the previous period – whichever is greater. Also, if your revenue drop\* is 30% or more in Periods 5 and 6 (July – August) you are entitled to a CEWS rate of at least 75% - what you'd get under the previous CEWS rules – or potentially even more if you qualify for a higher rate under the new rules.

\*Go to [Canada.ca/coronavirus](#) to learn more and calculate your subsidy.

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### **Period 5 Applications**

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is currently updating its systems to prepare to accept applications for period 5 (July 5 to August 1).

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Consistent with the previous schedule, subsequent application claim periods will be accessible every four weeks.

### **Supporting businesses across Canada**

The Government of Canada is committed to helping businesses navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and come back strong as the economy safely re-opens. CEWS is a key part of the Government's economic response to COVID-19 and the program redesign makes it more applicable to employers from coast to coast

### **Resources for the CEWS and COVID-19 fiscal measures**

- **Webpage:** [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#)
- [Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#)
- [Government legislation to support Canadian workers, businesses, persons with disabilities, and legal rights receives Royal Assent](#)
- [Supporting Canadian Workers and Businesses with a redesigned Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#)
- [Frequently asked questions – CEWS](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Changes to taxes and benefits: CRA and COVID-19](#)
- **CRA digital services:** [My Business Account](#) and [Represent a Client](#)