

Canada Emergency Student Benefit

Overview

How much money is being allocated?

Post-Secondary Students will receive \$1250 a month from May to August. However, if a student has a disability, or is caring for someone the amount increases to \$1750.

Who is eligible?

- University/College Students
- Students planning on enrolling in September
- Individuals who graduated in December 2019
- Working students who are earning less than \$1000 a month

How do I Apply?

The legislation still needs to approve this new program to be brought forward. However, once it is passed, payments and application will be distributed through the Canada Revenue Agency.

I already applied for CERB, will I be able to qualify for CESB? Do I need to give the money back? Can I use both programs?

Students do not need to give the CERB money back. The Federal Government has stated that CESB was designed to compliment CERB and other programs by filling in the gap, while also aiding those who did not meet the requirements for CERB. Keep in mind that if you apply for CERB and try to apply for CESB, it will make you ineligible to receive CERB in subsequent months as you need to be receiving less than \$1000 to qualify for CERB.

Special Student Groups

- **What About International Students?**
 - Unfortunately, there are no clear indications that international students are included in this benefit.
 - The Federal Government has stated that international students will be allowed to go over their maximum 20 hours a week, provided they work in an essential service. In order to determine their eligibility to work over 20 hours, they will need to consult Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Canada's Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada. However, International Students are still eligible to apply for CERB and Carleton's Student Emergency Fund.

- **What about Indigenous Students?**

- Indigenous Students will be eligible for more financial assistance, more information on this will be provided in the official bill.

How will this affect my OSAP? Financial Aid? Scholarships and more?

There will be an extension of scholarships, fellowship, and grants for 3-4 months. This will include doubling Canada Student Grants for eligible full-time students (up to \$6000) and part-time students (up to \$3600). Additionally, the Federal Government is expanding eligibility for financial assistance, raising the maximum weekly amount provided to \$350 while also launching the Canada Student Service Grant. The Canada Student Loan program will also allow more students to qualify for it, yet students from the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Quebec do not qualify for these programs as they have their own system.

What is the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) and how does it differ from the CESB?

CSSG is part of the "I Want to Help" program which provides financial incentives for students who participate in the COVID-19 response. Students will be able to receive up to \$5000 for their volunteer work.

I still need a job, what jobs are available for students to pursue?

The Federal Government is proposing 76,000 jobs for young people in sectors that need more assistance, such as farms and contract tracing. Furthermore, there will be temporary changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program. This will entail that employees can apply for a subsidy that covers up 100% of the provincial hourly minimum wage. More details TBA.

Finally, as your student association, we celebrate this success, and we will continue to advocate for those lacking support, including international students.