

Government aid and Resources

- [Federal COVID-19 wage subsidy to last through summer](#), until the end of August.
- More information about the essential workplaces can be found [here](#). Business owners with questions about the essential business list can call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.
- The [Canada Emergency Business Account \(CEBA\)](#) is an interest-free loan, guaranteed and funded by the Government of Canada, of up to \$40,000 for eligible small businesses. CEBA is being administered through the financial institutions and applications are now open. Please contact your bank for details and information on how to apply.
- Ontario has announced the launch a new web portal, [COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers](#), for businesses looking to retool operations to make health-related products during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Ontario Provides Urgent Relief for Small Businesses and Landlords](#). Rent Assistance in Addition to Billions in Measures to Support Business During the COVID-19 Outbreak.
- The federal government has reached an agreement in principle with all provinces and territories [to implement the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance \(CECRA\)](#) for small businesses. This program will lower rent by 75 per cent for small businesses that have been affected by COVID-19.
- The Government of Canada is introducing a [wage subsidy of 75 per cent](#) for qualifying businesses, for up to 3 months, retroactive to March 15, 2020.
- [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy \(CEWS\)](#). Beginning April 27, applications will be open for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. Most businesses may apply using My Business Account.
- [Prime Minister announces additional support for small businesses](#). The loan program will now be open to businesses that had payrolls last year between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million.
- [New online tool that will help match skilled frontline workers with employers](#). In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Ontario government has launched the new Health Workforce Matching Portal that will efficiently match the availability and skillsets of frontline health care workers to the employers in need of assistance to perform a variety of public health functions. Those providers include retired or non-active health care professionals, internationally educated health care professionals, students, and volunteers with health care experience.