

## **COVID-19 RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS**

### **Eligible EI Options**

#### *Laid off due to work closures*

- Apply for regular EI Benefits (700 work hours in the last year to qualify)
- You will need a ROE saying you've been laid off from your employer
- The 1 week waiting period will apply (you are not paid for 1 week)
- Eligible for 55% of average earnings to a maximum of \$573/week

#### *Unable to work due to self-quarantine?*

- Apply for EI Sickness Benefits (600 work hours in the last year)
- This is applicable up to 15 weeks of assistance
- You do not need a ROE or a doctors note
- The 1 Week wait period has been waived
- Eligible for 55% of average earnings to a maximum of \$573/week

### **Ineligible for EI Options**

#### *Laid off and ineligible for EI*

- Apply for the Emergency Support Benefits
- Amounts and eligibility has not yet been announced
- Providing up to \$5.0 billion in support to workers not eligible to EI
- Applications will be accepted through CRA MyAccount and My Service Canada Account

#### *Self-quarantine and ineligible for EI?*

- Apply for the Emergency Care Benefit
- Up to 15 weeks of benefits, up to \$900 bi-weekly
- Applications will be accepted through CRA MyAccount and My Service Canada Account beginning April 2020
- They will need to re-attest every two weeks to reconfirm eligibility.

#### *Unable to work due to School Closures*

- Apply for Emergency Care Benefits
- Parents with children who require care due to school and childcare closures
- Applications will be accepted through CRA MyAccount and My Service Canada Account beginning April 2020
- They will need to re-attest every two weeks to reconfirm eligibility.

#### *Reduced Hours due to reasons beyond the control of their employers*

- Apply for the EI work Sharing Program
- Extends the agreements to 75 weeks

- Will ease eligibility requirements
- Streamlining the application process

### **Increases to the Canada Child Benefit**

For the 2019-2020 year only it will be increasing by \$300 per child.

### **Income Tax Deadlines**

For individuals (other than trusts) the due date is deferred to June 1, 2020

-They recommend people still file as soon as possible to ensure that their GSTC or Canada Child Benefits are properly determined.

Trusts will have until May 1, 2020 to be filed.

### **24-hour Emergency Income Support Contact Centre**

Get emergency financial assistance to help with basic needs like shelter, food, clothing and transportation.

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