

PROVINCIAL / FEDERAL COVID-19 BENEFIT CHART*

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Provincial (British Columbia)

FOR INDIVIDUALS

BC CLIMATE ACTION TAX CREDIT (BCCATC)	<p>WHAT IS IT? Helps offset the impact of the carbon taxes paid by individuals or families.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Adult: up to \$218.00 (increased from \$43.50) Child: \$64.00 (increased from \$12.75)</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Residents of BC, low- to moderate-income families, are 19 years of age or older, or have a spouse or common-law partner, or are a parent who resides with your child.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION To apply, file your income tax return for 2019. Climate Action Tax Credit One-Time Enhanced July 2020 Payment for the Climate Action Tax Credit</p>
BC EMERGENCY BENEFIT	<p>WHAT IS IT? A one-time, tax-free payment for BC residents who are unable to work due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>AMOUNT \$1,000</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Eligibility requirements include: 1. Resident of British Columbia on March 15, 2020 2. Approved for the CERB 3. At least 15 years old 4. Have filed, or agree to file, a 2019 B.C. income tax return 5. Not receiving provincial income assistance or disability assistance</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Online and telephone applications are now open BC Emergency Benefit for Workers</p>
BC TEMPORARY RENTAL SUPPLEMENT (BC-TRIS) PROGRAM	<p>WHAT IS IT? This program will provide a temporary rental supplement to assist renters struggling to pay rent as a result of income loss or income reduction due to COVID-19. Along with this supplement, the province is also halting evictions for non-payment of rent, and freezing rent increases.</p>	<p>AMOUNT \$500.00, paid directly to the landlord (at this time) for a period of 3 months</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Eligibility requirements include: • A 2019 gross household income of less than: \$74,150 for singles and couples without dependents, or \$113,040 for households with dependents. • As a result of COVID-19: - Receiving or eligible for EI; or - Receiving or eligible for the CERB; or - Experienced a drop of at least 25% in monthly household employment income • Paying more than 30% of current household income towards rents. • Renting a primary residence in B.C. • Not receiving rent subsidies through any other government program</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Tenants must start the online application. Once an application has been reviewed and assessed as eligible, an e-mail will be sent to the landlord asking them to complete the application process. BC Housing Lower mainland: 778-452-2836 Toll Free: 1-877-757-2577</p>
BC HYDRO COVID-19 CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<p>WHAT IS IT? This program provides customers the option to defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Customers experiencing financial hardship during the Coronavirus outbreak.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Call to apply 1.800.BCHYDRO (1.800.224.9376) BC Hydro News</p>
BC HYDRO COVID-19 RELIEF FUND	<p>WHAT IS IT? Bill credit based on average consumption for individuals facing job loss due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Bill credit for up to 3 months based on average consumption</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Eligibility requirements include: • Must be a residential account holder as of March 31, 2020 • Must be eligible for EI, CERB, or B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers • Account holder (or their spouse/partner) must have stopped working due to COVID-19 • Average monthly electricity consumption does not exceed 2,500 kWh</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Apply on the BC Hydro website</p>
BC HYDRO CUSTOMER CRISIS PROGRAM	<p>WHAT IS IT? Grant program for individuals finding themselves in temporary hardship.</p>	<p>AMOUNT \$600.00</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? The person applying must be the residential account holder and can only apply for the primary residence. Eligibility requirements include: • Account must have overdue payments and facing disconnection • Experienced a life event, within last 12 months, causing temporary financial crisis • Outstanding balance of \$1,000 or less, with some attempt to make payments towards bill</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Apply online or by mail. BC Hydro News</p>
CHILD CARE RESPONSE	<p>WHAT IS IT? Licensed child care providers receiving Temporary Emergency Funding must not charge parents fees for vacant spaces, including when a parent temporarily withdraws a child due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment cessation</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? N/A</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION N/A Child Care Response to COVID-19</p>
TEMPORARY SALARY TOP-UP FOR LOW-INCOME ESSENTIAL WORKERS	<p>WHAT IS IT? Temporary top up to the salaries of low-income essential workers, making less than \$2,500 per month on a full time basis. No application required. The Government provides the funds to employers, who are then responsible for distributing the funds to eligible employees as lump sum payments.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Lump-sum payment equivalent to about \$4 per hour for straight time hours worked</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? To receive temporary pandemic pay, an employee must: • Have been working straight-time hours at any point during the 16-week period starting on March 15, 2020, at the height of the Province's response to the pandemic. • Work in an eligible sector, workplace and role delivering in-person, front-line care in health, social services and corrections. • Provide additional support and relief to front-line workers by working in ways that directly serve vulnerable populations.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION BC COVID-19 Temporary Pandemic Pay</p>
FORTIS COVID-19 CUSTOMER RECOVERY FUND	<p>WHAT IS IT? Bill deferral program to assist residential customers that are unable to work or have lost their job.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? To be eligible for this program customers acknowledge loss of employment, livelihood or being forced to take a voluntary leave due to the COVID-19 outbreak and agree to enter into a payment arrangement for the deferred balance.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Apply online or by telephone at 1-888-292-4101 (natural gas) or 1-888-292-4105 (electricity)</p>
ICBC AUTOPLAN FEE WAIVERS	<p>WHAT IS IT? ICBC will waive the \$30 cancellation fee for cancelling insurance and the \$18 re-plating fee when reinstating the policy on a vehicle.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Fee waiver</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? N/A</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Call your Autoplan broker. Learn more at ICBC Update</p>
ICBC AUTOPLAN PAYMENT PLAN	<p>WHAT IS IT? Customers on a monthly Autoplan payment plan, who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19, can defer their payments for up to 90 days with no penalty.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Currently no screening process. The website specifies people experiencing hardship but no information needs to be provided on application.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Apply online. ICBC Payment Plan Deferral Date Request Learn more at ICBC Update</p>

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FOR STUDENTS

BC STUDENT LOANS	<p>WHAT IS IT? No payments will be required for these loans and interest that currently applies will not accrue. Repayment will be paused automatically.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? All British Columbia student loan borrowers.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION No need to apply, automatic enrollment. Student Aid BC</p>
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FOR BUSINESSES

BC HYDRO COVID-19 CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<p>WHAT IS IT? This program provides customers the option to defer bill payments or arrange for flexible payment plans with no penalty.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Deferred bill payments or flexible payment plans, without penalty</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Must be a residential or commercial customer that does not qualify for the BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief Fund</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Call BC Hydro customer service at 1.800.224.9376 BC Hydro News</p>
BC HYDRO COVID-19 RELIEF FUND	<p>WHAT IS IT? This program allows small businesses to apply to waive electricity use charges for up to three months.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Waiver of up to three months of electricity use charges</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? • Must be a business account holder as of March 31, 2020 • Business must have been closed for at least 14 consecutive days, ceased most operations, and not earning any revenue • Proof that business has been closed • If you have more than one eligible account, you need to submit an application for each account. You can get the charges waived for up to 10 accounts.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Apply on the BC Hydro website</p>
BC LOGGING TAX DEFERRAL	<p>WHAT IS IT? The BC Logging tax filing deadline has been extended. Logging tax returns are now due by September 1, 2020.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Tax deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Individuals or corporations that have income from logging operations on private or Crown land.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Provincial Tax and Revenue Update</p>
DELAYED CARBON TAX INCREASE	<p>WHAT IS IT? Carbon tax rates will remain at their current levels until further notice.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Delay</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? N/A</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Ministry of Finance Tax Notice</p>
CHILD CARE PROVIDER EMERGENCY FUNDING	<p>WHAT IS IT? Licensed group child care providers and smaller home-based child care providers are eligible for temporary emergency funding to keep operations going or to maintain their businesses while closed.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Two times their average monthly government funding</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Licensed child care providers who have a 2020/21 funding agreement through the Child Care Operating Funding Program.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Temporary Emergency Funding Guidelines (updated June 1, 2020) The link to the sign-up form will be emailed to all providers who have an active CCOF Funding Agreement.</p>
DEFERRED EMPLOYER HEALTH TAX AND SALES TAX PAYMENTS	<p>WHAT IS IT? Extension of time for filing and payment for the Employer Health Tax and Sales taxes including provincial sales tax, carbon tax, motor fuel tax and tobacco tax.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? BC businesses.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Ministry of Finance Tax Notice</p>
FORTIS COVID-19 CUSTOMER RECOVERY FUND	<p>WHAT IS IT? Bill credit and deferral program for small business that have experienced income loss or been forced to close.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Bill credits and payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Must be a small business that has lost income or has been forced to close due to COVID-19 and must agree to enter into a payment arrangement for the deferred balance.</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Apply online or by telephone at 1-888-292-4101 (natural gas) or 1-888-292-4105 (electricity) If you are a small business owner in the program, you have the option to: • receive support in the form or bill credits; • defer your bill payments from April 1 to June 30, 2020. When you apply for the program, you will automatically be entered into repayment plan that will be spread out over the next 12 months.</p>
ICBC DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN	<p>WHAT IS IT? Customers on a monthly Autoplan payment plan, who are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19, can defer their payments for up to 90 days with no penalty (includes premiums for fleets of vehicles).</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Must be up to date on premium payments</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Apply on the ICBC website</p>
PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION AND DEFERRAL	<p>WHAT IS IT? Reduced property taxes for commercial properties (average 25% reduction) and deferred payment of property tax on commercial properties in classes 4-8 until October 1, 2020, without penalty.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Tax reduction and payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? All businesses that own commercial properties</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION No application necessary For more information click here</p>
DELAYED PST BUDGET 2020 TAX CHANGES	<p>WHAT IS IT? Tax changes announced in Budget 2020 will be postponed until further notice.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Delay</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? N/A</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Provincial Tax and Revenue Updates</p>
REDUCED SCHOOL TAX RATES	<p>WHAT IS IT? School Tax rates for commercial properties will be reduced by 50% for the 2020 tax year.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Delay</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Commercial Properties</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION Provincial Tax and Revenue Updates</p>
WORKSAFE BC DEFERRED PAYMENTS	<p>WHAT IS IT? Employers can defer payment without penalty of their first quarter premiums until June 30, 2020. Employers who report payroll on an annual basis do not need to report their 2020 premiums until March 2021. Also, holders of Personal Optional Protection coverage can defer payment of premiums that are due on April 20 until June 30, 2020.</p>	<p>AMOUNT Payment deferral</p>	<p>WHO IS ELIGIBLE? BC Businesses</p>	<p>HOW TO APPLY/ MORE INFORMATION WorkSafe BC</p>

