

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Can Work for You

Get the support you need to keep your employees on your payroll or bring them back to work.

The CEWS can fit your situation

You can get a base subsidy for each of your eligible employees. The amount you get per employee is based on your revenue drop.*



How much can you qualify for?

	Revenue drop 50% or more	Revenue drop 0-49%
Base rate	60% up to \$677.40/week per employee	Your revenue drop % x 1.2 (eg. 20% x 1.2 = 24% base rate or \$270.96/week per employee)

Subsidy rates apply to remuneration of up to \$1,129 per week per eligible employee. The rates shown here are in effect for Period 5 (July 5 – August 1) and Period 6 (August 2 – August 29).

The maximum base subsidy rate will be gradually reduced from 60% in Periods 5-6 to 20% in Period 9 (October 25 – November 21).

Were you especially hard-hit?

If you've been especially hard-hit by the COVID-19 crisis, you may qualify for an additional top-up subsidy, based on your average revenue drop for the previous 3 months.*



Do you qualify for a top-up?

	Revenue drop 70% or more	Revenue drop between 50-70%	Revenue drop between 0-50%
Top up	25% up to \$282.25/week per employee	1.25 x (your 3-month average revenue drop % - 50%) (eg. 1.25 x (60% - 50%) = 12.5% or \$141.13/week per employee)	No top-up

* You can calculate your revenue drop in different ways, and use the way that works best for your situation.



NOTE: The Safe Harbour rule provides certainty to employers that have already made business decisions for July and August. If your revenue dropped by 30% or more in any of periods 4, 5, or 6, under the Safe Harbour rule your subsidy rate will be at least 75% (and possibly more) for periods 5 or 6 (or both).

Go to Canada.ca/coronavirus to learn more and calculate your subsidy.