



Hello,

Here is today's update on our Government's actions on COVID-19.

TODAY'S NEWS

Support from industry

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced further progress under Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19 that will help provide vital, made-in-Canada protective gear and medical equipment to respond to the outbreak.

The Government of Canada is building a secure, domestic supply of needed items to protect frontline health workers as they fight this global pandemic. Nearly 5,000 Canadian companies have offered their expertise and capacity as we work together on projects.

Complementary to these domestic efforts, the Government of Canada is also working through over 22,000 submissions to Public Services and Procurement Canada from companies interested or able to sell to Canada. All efforts are being made to secure contracts and deliveries as quickly as possible.

Medical equipment and supplies

We are expecting 500,000 3M masks tomorrow, and we are working as quickly as possible to get them to our front-line workers. Our priority is the health and safety of all Canadians.

For more information on Lyne Bessette, your Member of Parliament for Brome-Missisquoi

If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, here is today's article from *La Presse+* on Lyne Bessette, MP for Brome-Missisquoi. During this crisis, the role of MP takes on a whole new meaning. You can be sure that we are working hard to support the people of Brome-Missisquoi.

Here is the link (French only) to read more: <https://bit.ly/3b3oORf>
Enjoy!



THANK YOU TO ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS FOR BEING THERE FOR CANADIANS!

Whatever field you're working in, we're grateful for the outstanding work you've been doing every day since the beginning of this crisis. Your dedication in these turbulent times deserves our respect and recognition.



**More than 600,000
applications to the
CERB yesterday.**

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CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT

We have received several questions about the CERB.
Here is a FAQ to help figure it all out.



Can you receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit if you are not a citizen or permanent resident?

To be eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, you must reside in Canada and have a valid Social Insurance Number.

Workers who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents – including temporary foreign workers and international students – may be eligible to receive the Benefit if they meet the other eligibility requirements.

Does the minimum income of \$5,000 have to be earned in Canada?

No.

The income does not have to be earned in Canada, but you need to reside in Canada.

If I am on special benefits such as maternity/parental am I eligible to apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

It is expected that you will return to work when you are finished collecting maternity/parental or other special benefits under the Employment Insurance Program.

If work is not available as a result of reasons related to COVID-19 upon conclusion of your maternity/parental leave, you may be eligible to apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, provided you meet the eligibility requirements.

If I am in receipt of dividends am I eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

Yes, as long as the dividends are non-eligible dividends (generally, those paid out of corporate income taxed at the small business rate).

An individual could count this income towards the \$5,000 income requirement to be eligible for CERB.