

COVID-19: Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit (CWLB)

(January 11, 2022)

To help you understand the new federal CWLB, we have prepared the following chart solely for informational purposes. We will seek to update our resources regularly, but urge you to consult with us if you have any specific legal questions about a client's situation: info@connectingottawa.com.

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The CWLB is available for designated regions between October 24, 2021 and May 7, 2022. The CWLB is a single payment of \$300 (\$270 after taxes withheld) for each one-week period, and does not renew automatically. You can apply for the CWLB on the Monday **after** the 1-week period you are applying for has ended.

The government designates the number of weeks you can apply for each lockdown. If you are eligible, you may apply for all open periods during the designated lockdown, and you may apply for any eligible 1-week period for up to 60 days after that period ended.

Ontario is designated as a lockdown region for these periods, which are currently open for applications:

Period 9: December 19-December 25, 2021

Period 10: December 26, 2021-January 1, 2022

Period 11: January 2-January 8, 2022

You must meet ALL of the criteria for the 1-week period you are applying for in order to get the CWLB:

- You reside in Canada, but do not have to be a permanent resident or citizen AND
- You were present in Canada AND
- You are at least 15 years of age AND
- You have a valid (unexpired) Social Insurance Number AND
- You did not receive any of these benefits for the same period:
 - Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
 - Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)
 - Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)
 - Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP)
 - Short-term disability benefits
- You earned at least \$5,000 in 2020, 2021, or in the 12 months before the date you apply from any of these sources:
 - Employment income (total or gross pay)
 - Net self-employment income (after deducting expenses)
 - Maternity and parental benefits from EI or similar QPIP benefits
 - EI regular, special, or fishing benefits
 - Amount from these COVID-19 benefits: Canada Emergency Response Benefit, Canada Recovery Benefit, CRCB, or CRSB
- You filed a 2020 tax return
- A region where you live, work, or provide a service is a designated COVID-19 [lockdown region](#)
- A designated COVID-19 lockdown in your region resulted in **one** of the following:
 - You lost your job or were unemployed
 - You were self-employed but unable to continue your work
 - You were employed or self-employed, but had a 50% reduction in your average weekly income as compared to the previous year: [Calculate your income decrease - Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit \(CWLB\) - Canada.ca](#).
- You did not do any of the following, unless it was reasonable to do so:
 - Quit your job
 - Voluntarily stop working
 - Turn down reasonable work
 - Refuse to return to work when asked by your employer
 - Fail to resume self-employment when it was possible.
- You got the COVID-19 vaccine or the COVID-19 vaccine is not required to continue your work
- You were not self-isolating or in quarantine due to international travel
- You will file your 2021 and 2022 tax returns by Dec. 31, 2023 if you receive the benefit for a period starting in 2022
- You will file your 2021 tax return by December 31, 2022 if you received the benefit for a period starting in 2021

FURTHER INFORMATION ON APPLYING FOR CWLB AVAILABLE AT:

[Who can apply - Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit \(CWLB\) - Canada.ca](#)

HOW TO APPLY FOR Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit (CWLB) (January 5, 2022)

ONLINE	<p>If you are applying online, you must do so through your CRA My Account.</p> <p>You can register for a CRA My Account here: My Account for Individuals - Canada.ca.</p> <p>If you already have a CRA My Account, make sure your direct deposit and mailing information is up to date with the CRA by verifying the information in your account.</p>
TELEPHONE	<p>Before applying, ensure that you have all of this information with you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your Social Insurance Number (SIN) ○ Complete address ○ Full name and date of birth ○ Assessed tax return, notice of assessment or reassessment, other tax document, or be signed into CRA My Account <p>1-800-959-8281 or TTY: 1-800-665-0354 on Monday to Friday 8:00 am-8:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Closed Sundays and public holidays</p> <p>*If you use an operator-assisted relay service, call 1-800-959-8281 instead of the TTY number.</p>
UNABLE TO APPLY DUE TO LANGUAGE?	<p>If you cannot complete the application on your own due to a language barrier, we encourage you to contact the Catholic Centre for Immigrants (613) 232-9634 or OCISO (613) 725-0202.</p>

Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit (CWLB) AND ONTARIO WORKS (OW)/ODSP (January 11, 2022)

OW AND ODSP	<p>The CWLB is non-exempt income and will be deducted dollar-for-dollar from OW and ODSP payments.</p> <p>The temporary measure for CRSB and CRCB that was introduced in fall 2020 expired on November 1, 2021, and will <u>not</u> be extended. Under this measure, social assistance recipients granted OW or ODSP prior to October 1, 2020 received \$2.50 for each month they would lose OW or ODSP as a result of receiving these COVID-related federal benefits. This measure enabled people to stay on social assistance in order to maintain their health benefits.</p> <p>For now, those with prescription drug or other health-related costs who are no longer eligible for health benefits may be assessed for Extended Health Benefits (EHB). Those with high drug costs who do not qualify for the EHB can apply to the Trillium Drug Program.</p>
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[Who can apply - Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit \(CWLB\) - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/social-assistance/2022/01/who-can-apply-cwlbc.html)