



> **TUNE-IN**

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Atlantic Canada
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Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

1. What measures and steps can I take right now in order to get ready for programs?
2. What would you suggest we do in preparation for the aftermath of this situation?
3. What role can government play beyond programs and funding to assist companies through this situation?



Opportunities NB (ONB)

1. What assistance is the provincial government providing to support businesses impacted by COVID-19 in NB?
2. When will the small Business loans become available?
3. What will be the criteria to get these loans?
4. What can I do now to prepare for applying for assistance?



More information for businesses:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/gateways/for_business/covid19.html



- **What can the NB Government do for employers and their employees until the Federal Government's Canada Emergency Response Benefit is available ?**
 - The **New Brunswick Workers Emergency Income Benefit** is a one-time income benefit of \$900 which is available for workers or self-employed people residing in New Brunswick who have lost their job due to the state of emergency. The benefit will help to bridge the gap between when a person lost their job or closed their business on or after March 15, 2020, to when the national benefit takes effect. The benefit will end on April 30, 2020.
 - The benefit is offered by the Government of New Brunswick, in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross.
 - Applications are now open.

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/post-secondary_education_training_and_labour/promo/nbweib.html



- **What is the eligibility criteria for the New Brunswick Workers Emergency Income Benefit?**
- You are **an individual** and have lost your job; been laid off on or after March 15th due to the state of emergency in New Brunswick OR you are **self-employed** and have lost all revenues through self-employment on or after March 15th due to the state of emergency in New Brunswick;
 - You earned a minimum of \$5,000 (gross) earnings in the last 12 months or in the last calendar year. *The income of at least \$5,000 may be from any or a combination of the following sources: employment (wages and benefits); self-employment; Employment Insurance including maternity and parental benefits;
 - You have applied (or plan to apply) for support through the Federal government (either Employment Insurance or the Canada Emergency Response Benefit);
 - You are a resident of New Brunswick;
 - You are 18 years of age or older.



➤ **Who is NOT eligible for the NB Workers Emergency Income Benefit?**

If you answered YES to any of the questions below, you are NOT eligible for the benefit.

- Currently in receipt of Employment Insurance due to job loss that was prior to the State of Emergency and unrelated to COVID-19?
- Currently in receipt of Social Assistance?
- Currently in receipt of Old Age Security (OAS), or a Private/Provincial/Federal Pension?
- Currently in receipt of some form of income or benefit (e.g. salary, sick leave, disability insurance, workers compensation etc.) to compensate for the temporary loss of all your income unrelated to COVID-19?
- Currently incarcerated in a Federal or Provincial institution?



- **What is the application process for the New Brunswick Workers Emergency Income Benefit?**
- Start by completing the **online** registration form so that we can validate your identity.
 - You will then receive an email confirming that we have received your request for registration.
 - Once your identification is validated, you will receive a second email containing a link to the application form for financial assistance.
 - The email will be sent to you as quickly as possible.
 - Check your spam folder if it does not arrive in your inbox.
 - Once you have submitted your application, it will be reviewed in a timely manner.
 - If your application for financial assistance is accepted, the one-time payment will be made by bank transfer.

You can also apply by **telephone**, by speaking with a Canadian Red Cross agent at **1-800-863-6582** (from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week).



➤ **Are there services that WorkingNB can provide to employers during the state of emergency?**

- WorkingNB, through Human Resources Support Services, can support employers by having a dialogue about their current and future human resource needs.
- We can provide guidance to employers who may be faced with a temporary closure or a reduction in services during the pandemic.
- We can support employers who find themselves having to hire additional staff. This can be done by using a Virtual Job Fair. The technology is available and ready to go.
- Employers are asked to call their local WorkingNB office. Contact information can be found at the WorkingNB web site:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/post-secondary_education_training_and_labour/workingnb.html





As CBDCs, we assist in the creation of small businesses and in the expansion and modernization of existing businesses by providing financial and technical services to entrepreneurs.

1. What type of companies is CBDC helping during the pandemic?
2. What type of documents and information will the client need to have to provide for a request?
3. How can a client interact with CBDC Officers during confinement due to COVID-19?

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