

COVID-19 Response Plan

Saskatchewan Government – Support for Canadians

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SK Support for Businesses

Program	Eligibility	Benefit	Action Needed
Provincial Sales Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable to SK businesses unable to remit PST due to cashflow concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three-month relief from penalty and interest charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax returns must still be filed each month/quarter No requirement to submit a request for relief
Re-Open SK Training Subsidy (RSTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable to SK employers on the Government of SK's list of critical public services and allowable businesses during the emergency period, or eligible to resume operations in a confirmed phase of Re-Open SK Plan (see list) Eligible trainees must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident with valid SIN; and, and existing employee of the applying employer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% reimbursement to eligible employers for approved training Approved employers receive 33% of cost of training at time of agreement; remaining 67% paid upon completion of final reporting and verification of expenditure Maximum payment is \$10K to eligible employers for duration of RSTS program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications must be received by March 31, 2021 For more information, see program overview and application instructions
Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate (SRAR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small businesses in SK which incur incremental expenses to adapt business models to operating during COVID-19 pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of up to \$5K for 50% of total eligible business-adaptation investments made by applicant between April 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 Minimum business expenditure is \$300 (rebate of \$150) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications accepted from December 22, 2020 to March 31, 2021 For details, see here
Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment (SSBEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Saskatchewan business who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was carrying on business on February 29, 2020 (Phase 1) or October 31, 2020 (Phase 2); Has been ordered to temporarily close or curtail operations through a COVID-19 public health order; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of 15% of the business's monthly sales revenue in either April 2019 or February 2020 up to a maximum of \$5,000 per business. The business may select either of those months to calculate their payment. Payment can be used for any purpose. Phase 1 of the program was offered April through June of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply online on or before July 31, 2020 (Phase 1) Applications for Phase 2 opened December 7, 2020; application process closes January 31, 2021 More details available: SSBEP



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has less than 500 employees; ○ Can attest to a loss in revenue due to a COVID-19 public health order and that they plan to re-open following the cancellation of the order; and ○ Has not received any payment, including insurance, to compensate for the loss of sales revenue other than amounts from other government assistance programs 	2020; amended Phase 2 was established for December 1-31, 2020.	
Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) (closed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable to SK employers unable to pay WCB premiums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCB is: • Waiving penalties and interest charges for late payments from April 1 until July 31, 2020 • Forgiving interest and penalties for late payments applied in month of March • Prioritizing employer payroll revisions to help employers reduce their premiums • Suspending payroll audits until further notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required; employers able to make premium payments are encouraged to do so

SK Support for Individuals

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Self-Isolation Support Program (closed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers residing in SK and in self-isolation due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracting COVID-19 or present symptoms; • Being in contact with person infected with COVID-19; or • Returning from abroad And: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not receiving compensation from employer ○ Not having private insurance ○ Not having coverage by another government program, such as Federal Employment Insurance (EI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of \$450 per week, for a maximum of two weeks, or \$900 total, will be granted to an eligible SK worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application process • More details available: Self-Isolation Support Program
Temporary Wage Support for Lower Income Essential Workers for Vulnerable Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-time and full-time workers employed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior-care facilities including private care homes and home care; ○ Licensed childcare facilities; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of \$400 per month, for a maximum of 16 weeks, will be granted to an eligible SK worker for period from March 15, 2020 to July 4, 2020 (Phase 1) • Phase 2 provides \$400 for each four-week period, for two periods from November 19 to December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications accepted until February 15, 2021 • For more details, see here



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group homes ran by community-based organizations; and ○ Emergency shelters and transition shelters. ● Phase 1 had an eligibility requirement that a worker must have total earnings less than \$2,500 in the four-week application period; Phase 2 has no such requirement 	16, 2020, and from December 17, 2020 to January 13, 2021	
Utility Payment Deferral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saskatchewan customers whose ability to make bill payments may be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zero-interest bill deferral for up to six months for all Crown utilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact utility provider to make payment arrangements

Federal Support for Canadians

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