

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
Workers' Compensation Board (WCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicable to SK employers unable to pay WCB premiums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCB is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiving penalties and interest charges for late payments from April 1 until June 30, 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
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; Has been ordered to temporarily close or curtail operations through a COVID-19 public health order; 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 	<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. Effective May 8, 2020 the Government of Saskatchewan Announced they will be extending the SSBEP for the month of May 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply online on or before July 31, 2020 More details available: SSBEP



	<p>for the loss of sales revenue other than amounts from other government assistance programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments are being made to allow support for northern outfitters and businesses operating in provincial parks, additional details to follow in the coming days. 		
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SK Support for Individuals

Program	Eligibility	Benefit	Action Needed
Self-Isolation Support Program	<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 earning less than \$2,500 per month and employed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior-care facilities including private care homes and home care; ○ Licensed childcare facilities; ○ Group homes ran by community-based organizations; and ○ Emergency shelters and transition shelters. 	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application details to follow in the coming days.
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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