



Frequently Asked Questions:

Learner Income Support and the Canada Emergency Response Benefit

What is the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)?

This new benefit is being provided by the Government of Canada for people who have stopped working because of COVID-19. If eligible, CERB may provide you with temporary income support of \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

Please visit www.canada.ca for more information and to see if you are eligible.

If I am currently receiving Learner Income Support, am I eligible for CERB?

Yes, it is possible for a full-time learner or their spouse/partner to be receiving Learner Income Support from the Government of Alberta while being eligible for the CERB at the same time.

If I receive money from the federal government under CERB will this amount be deducted from my Learner Income Support funding? If so, how much?

No. CERB payments will not affect your Learner Income Support funding or status. These funds are considered exempt by the Government of Alberta for learners and no deductions will be made. In addition, anything you buy with these funds will also be exempt.

Do I need to report this income to the Learner Income Support Office?

No, you do not need to report this income.

What if I am receiving Employment Insurance (EI) or other income?

You need to report Employment Insurance or any other income besides CERB on your Learner Income Support application. If you have already received Learner benefits you need to submit a Change in Circumstances form if your income changes.

Where can I get more information about my Learner benefits?

If you have submitted an application or are currently in receipt of Learner Income Support, you can contact the Learner Income Support Office by calling Phone: [780-427-3722](tel:780-427-3722) in Edmonton, toll free: [1-800-222-6485](tel:1-800-222-6485) for outside Edmonton. If you have not applied, speak to your training provider for more information on your funding options.

