

Subject: Treatment of the Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit (CWLB)

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BACKGROUND:

In December 2021, the Government of Canada introduced the Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit (CWLB), which provides temporary income support to employed and self-employed people who cannot work due to a COVID-19 lockdown. Eligible individuals can receive \$300 for each 1-week period between October 24, 2021 (retroactive) and May 7, 2022.

Eligibility has been temporarily expanded to include people employed by businesses operating under certain capacity restrictions until February 12, 2022.

This income replacement benefit is considered income by the Income Support program and will be treated the same way as Employment Insurance (non-exempt).

INTENT:

To ensure the Income Support policy for Expected to Work and Barriers to Full Employment clients accurately reflects the treatment of these payments.

POLICY:

The following policy has been updated:

- [Income Exemptions Policy](#)