

Subject: Treatment of Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Government of Canada is expanding its COVID-19 pandemic assistance through the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB). This benefit will assist to post-secondary students and recent graduates who may not be able to secure summer employment due to the pandemic. The CESB will provide funding for up to four months (May to August 2020) for individuals who are not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Employment Insurance.

**INTENT:**

The CESB will be considered fully exempt as income and as a liquid asset for learner households. Any assets purchased with these funds are also exempt. All other income such as Employment Insurance must be reported as outlined in policy.

**POLICY:**

The following Ministerial Orders have been posted:

Ministerial Order 2020-30 (Labour and Immigration)  
Ministerial Order 107/2020 (Advanced Education)

The following learner policies have been updated:

[Learner Policy & Procedures- Exemptions](#)  
[Learner Policy & Procedures- 100% Exempt Income](#)