

Subject: Treatment of Federal Recovery Benefits Income

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BACKGROUND:

The Government of Canada has transitioned its response to the COVID-19 pandemic from emergency to recovery. They have created three new income replacement benefits to address gaps of the Employment Insurance (EI) program for those who work but do not pay into the EI program.

- Canada Recovery Benefit: Provides up to 26 weeks of income for workers who are self-employed or ineligible for EI and still require financial support if they cannot resume or return to work.
- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit: Provides up to two weeks of income for workers who must self-isolate or are ill for reasons related to COVID-19 and do not have employer paid sick leave.
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit: Provides up to 26 weeks of income replacement for employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care.

INTENT:

These benefits will be treated similar to EI income where the first \$100 the learner receives of any of these benefits will be exempt. The remaining amount will be deducted as per the policy. Learners are still required to complete a Change in Circumstances form to indicate if there are changes to their income throughout their

training. A [Frequently Asked Questions Document](#) has also been created to assist Learners in determining how this change affects them.

POLICY:

The following Ministerial Orders have been posted:

- Ministerial Order 2020-51 (Labour and Immigration)
- Ministerial Order 118/2020 (Advanced Education)

The following Learner policy has been updated:

[Non-Exempt and Partially Exempt Income](#)