

Hello,

We are writing to you about your Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). The CERB provides \$500 a week for up to 24 weeks or until October 3, 2020, whichever comes first.

When you first applied for the CERB through Service Canada, you received a payment of \$2,000. This was an advance of four weeks of the CERB, which was issued in order to get money in your pocket as quickly as possible.

Because of this advance, you will receive either no payment when you complete your next report or two reduced payments when you complete your next two reports. This will depend on your reporting schedule and your ongoing need for benefits, and is equivalent to the first two-week period of the advance. We will communicate with you about the second half of the advance in the coming weeks.

Please continue completing reports. This shows that you are eligible for all weeks of the CERB, including the four weeks of the benefit covered by the advance payment.

The CERB is taxable, which means we will provide you with a tax slip so you can report any payments you received on your 2020 income tax return.

As we begin to restart the economy and get people back on the job, Canadians receiving the CERB should be actively seeking work opportunities or planning to return to work, provided they are able and it is reasonable to do so.

Jobbank.gc.ca, Canada's national employment service, offers a free online database of job listings in Canada, as well as other employment services and information for job seekers, including career planning, resume creation, job matching and alerts.

Yours sincerely,

Canada Employment Insurance Commission

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