

Update

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (“CEWS”) & Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (“CERS”)

The Government of Canada announced updates to the CEWS and CERS subsidy programs. Qualifying employers, qualifying tenants, and qualifying landlords may claim the CEWS and CERS through June 5, 2021. In particular, the following changes are being proposed for claim periods from March 14 to June 5, 2021.

CEWS - The current rate structure would remain in place. As such, the maximum base wage subsidy rate for the CEWS would remain at 40%, and the maximum top-up wage subsidy rate would remain at 35%.

CERS - The maximum rent subsidy rate would remain at 65%, and the lockdown support would remain at 25%.

For more details on either program, please refer to our previous [publications](#).

For revenue decline calculations, to ensure that the general approach continues to calculate an organization's decline in revenues relative to a pre-pandemic month, the prior reference periods would be based on calendar months from 2019. The alternative approach would continue to be the average of January and February 2020. The chart below highlights both approaches:

	Period 14	Period 15	Period 16
Timing	March 14 – April 10, 2021	April 11 – May 9, 2021	May 9 – June 5, 2021
General approach	March 2021 over March 2019	April 2021 over April 2019	May 2021 Over May 2019
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	February 2021 over February 2020	March 2021 over March 2019	April 2021 Over April 2019
Alternative approach	March 2021 or February 2021 over Average of Jan/Feb 2020	April 2021 or March 2021 over Average of Jan/Feb 2020	May 2021 or April 2021 Over Average of Jan/Feb 2020

Note, employers that chose to use the general approach or alternative approach for prior CEWS periods must continue to use that approach.

Timeline to apply:

Period Number*	Period	Filing deadline
Period 1 – Period 6	March 15 – August 29, 2020	Closed
Period 7	August 30 – September 26, 2020	March 25, 2021
Period 8	September 27 – October 24, 2020	April 22, 2021
Period 9	October 25 – November 21, 2020	May 20, 2021
Period 10	November 22 – December 19, 2020	June 17, 2021
Period 11	December 20 – January 16, 2021	July 15, 2021
Period 12	January 17 – February 13, 2021	August 12, 2021
Period 13	February 14 – March 13, 2021	September 9, 2021
Period 14	March 14 – April 10, 2021	October 7, 2021
Period 15	April 11 – May 8, 2021	November 4, 2021
Period 16	May 9 – June 5, 2021	December 2, 2021

*CERS commenced from Period 8 onwards.

Please note, that the legislation supporting the amendments for the Periods 14 – 16 have been announced but not yet enacted into law as at the time of writing.

As your trusted advisors, we can aid your organization via the review of your eligibility and assist you with filing the CEWS or CERS claims. Please feel free to contact your McGovern Hurley advisor for further details.