

Hello everyone!

I hope you're all doing well. Just a reminder that if you have any colleagues who need help to navigate any of the COVID-19 programs that are available, feel free to send them my contact information. As well, I'd really appreciate any positive remarks on our Google page by clicking [here](#).

Canadian Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) Updates

- So this program is quite complex as it involves multiple parties (landlord, tenant, CHMC, provincial and territorial partners)
- Your business needs to have had at least a 70% reduction in revenue for April, May, and June. You would use the same basis as the CEWS benchmarks (year-over-year or against the January/February 2020 average).
- The property owner **must** have a mortgage and that the property is occupied by one or more small business tenants (if you do not have a mortgage, further mechanisms will be implemented in the near future)
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- The property owner must have had declared rental income on their tax return for the tax years 2018 and/or 2019
- The property owner will enter into a rent reduction agreement for April, May and June 2020 that will reduce the tenant's rent by at least 75%. This program can continue past June 2020 if the revenue reduction is still being met.
- There are **exclusions** that won't be relevant for many tenants in Cornwall (over \$50,000 in monthly rent, \$20 million in annual revenue, etc.)

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- The landlord will get a forgiven loan to cover 50% of the rent and the landlord must "pay" at least 25% of the remaining variance.
 - Summary: Minimally, the landlord will get 50% covered and "pay" 25% out of pocket with the business owner paying the remaining 25%
 - I say "pay" since it's really a reduction in revenue. Example: Monthly rent is \$2,000 per month. The landlord will get \$1,000 (50%) through the CECRA, the business owner will pay \$500 (25%) and the landlord has a 'loss' of \$500 (25%).
- The deadline to apply is August 31, 2020, and the landlord can retroactively apply.
- **We cannot apply on your behalf. You must speak to your landlord and they must apply.**

<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/covid19-cecra-small-business?fbclid=IwAR2geUTmTcWi2l1k3mLzDIRM2ob4sOoy35HWsklbkOAkJSTpwMYVG6jOoE>

Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

- We're finalizing our numbers tomorrow for the applications. There will be an attestation that we will require for you to sign before it is sent off to CRA. If direct deposit has not been set up (CRA My Business Account), you will receive a cheque in the mail.

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Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA)

- Just a reminder that you needed \$20,000 of box 14 in the 2019 T4 Summary to apply.
- The funds are to be used exclusively for ongoing operations costs that cannot be deferred.

Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

- No big updates here.
- There still hasn't been any legislation updates in regards to the \$1,000/month that you can earn while on the CERB. It still states that you are **not** working due to COVID-19.

Thanks!



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