

# Relief for our Seniors: Federal

- Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
  - \$2,000 a month for up to four months for workers who lose their income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - **Find out if you're eligible**
  - **How to apply**
    - Online using your CRA My Account
    - By phone by calling 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041
- RRIF withdrawals reduced by 25% for 2020
- **Increased GST/HST Rebate**
  - Canadians who normally receive the GST/HST credit and have filed a 2018 tax return will automatically receive a one-time increase in the credit
  - Even if you were previously not entitled to the GST/HST credit, but have filed your 2018 tax return, you may also get the one-time credit amount based on your family net income
  - The maximum amounts that you may qualify for are:
    - \$443 to \$886 if you're single
    - \$580 to \$1,160 if you're married or living common-law
    - \$153 to \$306 for each child under the age of 19 (excluding the first eligible child of a single parent)
    - \$290 to \$580 for the first eligible child of a single parent

# Provincial

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- Double the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) payment for low-income seniors for six months
- Bills + Payments
  - Setting electricity prices for residential, farm and small business time-of-use customers at the lowest rate, known as the off-peak price, 24 hours a day for 45 days to support ratepayers in their increased daytime electricity usage
  - Providing \$9 million in direct support to families for their energy bills by expanding eligibility for the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) and ensuring that their electricity and natural gas services are not disconnected for nonpayment
- \$5 million to support the coordination of subsidized deliveries of meals, medicines and other essentials
- Expanding access to the emergency assistance program administered by Ontario Works to provide financial support to people facing economic hardship and help more people meet basic needs such as food and rent
- Enhancing funding by \$148 million for charitable and non-profit social services organizations such as food banks, homeless shelters, churches and emergency services to improve their ability to respond to COVID-19
- Deferring the upcoming June 30 quarterly municipal remittance of education property tax to school boards by 90 days, which will provide municipalities the flexibility to, in turn, provide property tax deferrals to residents
- Taxpayers in parts of Northern Ontario located outside of municipal boundaries will have 90 extra days to pay property tax without incurring interest or penalties