

COVID – 19 UPDATE: MAY 7

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR SLOW REOPENING OF ECONOMY:

The following link takes you to a comprehensive discussion of reopening business across BC. It discusses what employers will be required to do. Currently, the Employers' Associations, Unions, Guilds and industry representative bodies (MPPIA) are working together to create a return to work strategy. The timeline as to when the industry can get back to work is yet to be established but we will announce soft dates as soon as we have an idea as to when that might be. Please take the time to review the BC government recovery plan:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan>

Please Also Remember to review the following benefits to determine if you qualify. If you do, we urge you to apply if you haven't already.

1. B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers - Please click on the following link to apply for the one-time \$1000.00 supplement.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports/emergency-benefit-workers#find-out-eligibility>

2. BC Government Temporary Rental Supplement - To apply, go to

<https://bctrs.bchousing.org/>

3. ***REVISED: CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)***

All of the following information is more clearly particularized on the FEDERAL government webpage here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>

4. ***THE PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN:***

All of the following information is more clearly particularized on the BC government webpage here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

Please continue to check back regularly for updates as more information becomes available.