

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

CANADA ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY DETAILS ON 75% WAGE SUBSIDY: CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY

On Friday March 27, 2020 the Government of Canada announced a 75% wage subsidy for qualifying businesses for up to 3 months retroactive to March 15, 2020. This will help businesses to keep and return workers to payroll. More details on the eligibility criteria for this wage subsidy were to follow.

Today the Government of Canada announced some preliminary details on the 75% wage subsidy which include the following:

- Any business that has seen a drop of 30% or more in revenues is eligible.
- Includes large and small business, including not-for-profits and charities.
- No limit on the number of employees.
- Subsidy to cover 75% of an employee's salary up to \$58,700 (i.e. approximately \$847/week).
- Prime Minister urges employers to top-up the remaining 25%.
- These extraordinary measures are due to the extraordinary circumstances; there will be serious consequences for businesses who "game" the system.

There is still more to understand about the 75% wage subsidy. There should be additional announcements in the coming days.

Stay tuned.

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