

Rural Action Centre staff and partners are here to help you during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Please do not hesitate to contact your Rural Action Centre if you have questions or need some direction.** We do not have all the answers, but we are happy to provide any help we can. **Below please find updated information about specific new programs announced in the last week.** 

PROVINCE: Overview of programs, details, online applications: www.princeedwardisland.ca/covidforbusiness

FEDERAL: For individuals and businesses: www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

NEW\* INCOME SUPPORT FUND – for EI eligible and Self-Employed

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/covid-19-income-support-fund

## **COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND LANDLORDS**

Rent can be deferred for three months. Landlords can be compensated: www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/finance-pei/commercial-lease-rent-deferral-program

## **NEW\* EMPLOYEE GIFT CARDS – Employers Apply**

Sobeys gift cards for employees who are laid off to help them before their EI benefits begin. <a href="https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/employee-gift-card-program">www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/employee-gift-card-program</a>

## NEW\* CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT - Employees, Contract Workers, & Self-Employed

\$2000 per month for four months; apply through web portal in early April www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-individuals.html#new\_canada\_emergency\_response\_benefit

New\* 75% WAGE SUBSIDY – Retroactive to March 15th - www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html#wage\_subsidies

## NEW\* CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT - Small & Medium businesses, Non-Profits

Loans of up to \$40,000 interest-free: <a href="www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html">www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-businesses.html</a>

NEW\* UNITED WAY PEI COMPASSION FUND - Community Non-Profits / Registered Charities

Details and online application: <a href="https://peiunitedway.com/covid-19-response">https://peiunitedway.com/covid-19-response</a>

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