



Updates on COVID-19 Support from the Government of Canada

December 2020 Update

National and Synod Treasurers continue to follow the updates provided by the Government of Canada on available funding and grants available to ELCIC congregations. The following are some recent updates. As always, should you have any questions about how these pertain to your congregation, please contact your Synod Treasurer or the National Office for assistance.

Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)

A new government subsidy has been approved by the Government of Canada. The Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) helps cover a part of the costs associated with commercial rent for organizations that have seen a drop in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is for both renters and property owners and began on September 27, 2020. Please see the government website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-rent-subsidy.html>) for more details about eligibility and what types of expenses are covered.

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

The government of Canada made changes to the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) on November 19, 2020. The periods covered by the subsidy now go until June 2021. The following link provides more details on the subsidy: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy/cews-what-changes.html>.

As we get closer to the end of the year, please note that there are additional requirements when issuing T4s for your employees for 2020. Details of the new requirements can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/support-employers-cra-covid-19.html>. These additional reporting requirements are to help the CRA validate various COVID-19 payments.

T3010 Deadline

A reminder that the deadline for filing your congregation's T3010 Registered Charity Information Return, is December 31, 2020 for deadlines that were between March 18, 2020 and December 31, 2020. This means, if your year-end was December 31, 2019, you should be filing your T3010 before the end of the year if you haven't already.

PD27 – 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy Self-Identification Form for Employers

If you took advantage of the Temporary Wage Subsidy, you will have to fill out a PD27 form. This form helps reconcile the difference between what you should have remitted to the CRA for source deductions, and what the CRA actually received. This form can be filled out and submitted through your CRA MyBusiness account. The link to the form can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/pd27.html>.

Help us by Completing a Brief Survey

The Synod offices recently sent a request to all ELCIC congregations asking Treasurers to complete a brief survey related to COVID and government programs. Please fill it out by December 15, 2020 to help ELCIC National and Synod Treasurers know how best to support congregations. Access the survey here: <https://form.jotform.com/203005745599258>.