



# BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

## COVID-19 UPDATE SPECIAL BULLETIN #27

### BC Emergency Benefit for Workers (BCEBW)

The provincial government has introduced the BC Emergency Benefit for Workers.

The benefit is \$1,000 and is a one-time, tax-free payment for residents of the province who have been affected. Most people who qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) are also eligible for the BC benefit, including those who have run out of employment insurance benefits.

To qualify for the BCEBW, you must:

- Have been a resident of BC on March 15, 2020
- Meet the eligibility requirements of the CERB
- Have been approved for the CERB, even if you haven't received payment yet
- Be at least 15 years old on the date of application
- Have filed, or agree to file, a 2019 BC income tax return
- Not be receiving provincial income assistance or disability assistance

Starting on May 1, applications can be made online at the government of BC's worker benefit [portal](#).