



Update on Government of Canada COVID-19 programs

July 2021

ELCIC National and Synod Treasurers continue to meet regularly to review information on financial support available through the Government of Canada as we navigate through the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following highlights a few of the updates to the financial support programs that may be available to your congregation.

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) - Extension

The Government of Canada has approved the extension to the CEWS until September 25, 2021. There is a gradual decrease in the subsidy starting in July, 2021. For more up-to-date information, follow this link: [What the changes are: Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy \(CEWS\) - Canada.ca](#).

Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP) - New

In addition to the CEWS extension, the recent federal budget proposes to implement the Canada Recovery Hiring Program that will be in place between June 6, 2021 and November 20, 2021. This will give the ability to use either the CRHP or the CEWS program for periods 17 to 20. CRHP may be of interest to those congregations that are planning to hire additional employees and/or increase the hours for existing employees who have been working reduced hours during the pandemic. Eligible employers may claim either CRHP or CEWS for a particular period, but not both. Details of the program can be found here: [Canada Recovery Hiring Program \(CRHP\) - Canada.ca](#). Note that the CRHP program goes until November 25, 2021, where the CEWS program will end September 25, 2021.

The Government has put together a comparison of the CEWS and CRHP programs and can be found here: [Compare the CRHP and the CEWS: Canada Recovery Hiring Program \(CRHP\) - Canada.ca](#). This comparison can help with determining which program is most appropriate for you to apply for.

Registered Charity Information Returns - Reminder

Just a reminder that the deadline for congregations with a December 31 fiscal year end to file their T3010, Registered Charity Information Return was June 30, 2021. The Government of Canada gave a deadline extension in 2020 to charities reporting their 2019 year, but no such extensions have been announced for the 2020 year.

We hope that you are have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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Questions?

As further information becomes available, it is our commitment to you that we will continue to keep in communication with new updates as they become available. Please contact your Synod Office and the ELCIC National Office with any specific questions.