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Availment of Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) by Temporary Foreign Workers and International Students

To address the loss of income resulting from the economic shutdown brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada had rolled out the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or the CERB which will provide payment of \$2,000 a month or \$500 a week, for up to 16 weeks, to individuals who have lost their employment.

Filipino temporary foreign workers and international students **may be** eligible to avail themselves of the CERB if the following requirements are met by the applicant:

- Residents of Canada who are at least 15 years old and have a valid Social Insurance Number.
- Those who lost their jobs (since 15 March 2020) because of COVID-19 and did not voluntarily quit their jobs.
- Those who sourced their income from an employer, self-employment or provincial/federal maternity or paternity benefits.
- Those who have not applied for or received CERB or Employment Insurance benefits from Service Canada for the same eligibility period.
- Those who earned at least \$5,000 in 2019 or within 12 months preceding the date of application.
- Those who expect to have no employment or self-employment income for subsequent benefit periods/months.

To verify eligibility for the CERB, and to obtain additional information, please access the link below:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>

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