



CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT (CEBA)



EXPANSION TO CEBA—\$20,000

Who can apply for the \$20,000 expansion?

Applicants who received \$40,000 CEBA loan may apply for the \$20,000 expansion.

What is the application deadline for the \$20,000 expansion?

The deadline to apply for the \$20,000 expansion at your financial institution is March 31, 2021.

Do I have to prove my business has been affected by Covid-19?

Businesses accessing the additional \$20,000 of financing will be required to attest to need. No proof is required to be submitted with the loan application. The attestation of need is somewhat broad (your business is facing ongoing financial hardship (including, for example, a continued decline in revenue or cash reserves, or an increase in operating costs) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic). There is no definition of "need" and while it may be subject to interpretation, caution should be taken to ensure your business does have an actual need that you could prove if your loan is picked for audit/review by the government.

How much of the \$20,000 expansion is forgivable?

\$10,000 of the \$20,000 CEBA expansion loan is forgiven if the non-forgivable part of the loan is repaid by December 31, 2022.

I already repaid my original CEBA loan. May I apply for the \$20,000 expansion?

Yes, you may apply for the \$20,000 expansion at the financial institution that provided you with your original CEBA loan.

Can I still apply for a \$40,000 loan instead of a \$60,000 loan once the expansion is available at my financial institution?

Once your financial institution begins to offer the \$60,000 loan you may no longer apply for \$40,000.

How can I apply for the \$20,000 expansion?

Please contact the financial institution that provided you with your original CEBA loan to apply for the \$20,000 expansion.

If my financial institution is not yet offering the \$20,000 expansion, can I apply for it elsewhere?

No, you must apply for the \$20,000 expansion at the financial institution that provided you with your original CEBA loan.

Do I need to submit a new application for the \$20,000 expansion?

Yes, you will need to submit a new application and attestation to the financial institution that provided you with your original CEBA loan. You will not need to resubmit your original application, or re-upload expense documents.

How long does it take to receive a \$40,000 or \$60,000 CEBA loan?

Once you have applied at your financial institution, uploaded all necessary supporting documents (if applicable), and if pre-funding eligibility validation is successful, you should expect to receive funding within 10-15 business days.

Will I automatically get approved for the \$20,000 expansion if I have successfully received a CEBA loan, or is there a chance I will get declined?

Applicants who received a \$40,000 loan must apply separately for the \$20,000 CEBA expansion.

In instances where additional information is needed from you or your financial institution relating to your original loan application, or if post-funding validations identified a discrepancy between your original loan application and CRA records, your expansion application may be declined.

Depending on the reason for decline, you may or may not be able to remedy your application.

I have been declined for the \$20,000 expansion, how should I proceed?

Depending on the reason for decline, you may or may not be able to remedy your application. Your financial institution will be notified and will instruct you on the next steps if any action or input is required from you.

How long does it take to receive the \$20,000 expansion?

Once you have applied at your financial institution and if pre-funding eligibility validation is successful, you should expect to receive funding within 10-15 business days.

What is the due date of the \$20,000 expansion repayment?

Same as the initial \$40,000: on or before December 31, 2022 in order to have the forgivable portion forgiven. If not repaid by December 31, 2022, 5% per annum interest is charged starting on January 1, 2023; interest payment frequency to be determined by your financial institution with only interest payments required until full principal is due on December 31, 2025.