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APPLICATION FOR CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)

The Philippine Consulate General (PCG) in Calgary wishes to inform the members of the Filipino community in Alberta and Saskatchewan that the application for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) is now open. CERB is part of the Canadian Government's financial support program for workers affected by COVID-19 and will provide them with temporary income of CAD 500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

Qualified to apply for CERB are the following:

- Canadian residents, who are at least 15 years old;
- Those who have stopped working because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job or are eligible for employment insurance (EI) regular or sickness benefits;
- Those who had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and
- Those who are or expect to be without employment or self-employment income for at least 14 consecutive days in the initial four-week period. For subsequent benefit periods, they are expected to have no employment or self-employment income.

To apply for CERB, please go to:

- www.canada.ca/coronavirus-CERB or
- https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerbapplication.html?utm_campaign=not-applicable&utm_medium=vanityurl&utm_source=canada-ca_coronavirus-cerb

The CERB is being jointly delivered by Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency. END