

# Emergency Employer Wage Subsidy Program Available AND The Third COVID-19 Impact Survey From TIAO

**Thursday April 2, 2020** - FEO has been searching for the most concise description of the Emergency Wage Subsidy and today we received this from our local Chamber of Commerce.

## **Emergency Wage Subsidy program for businesses:**

- The wage subsidy would apply at a rate of 75 per cent of the first \$58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to \$847 per week. The program would be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020.
- Eligible employers who suffer a drop in gross revenues of at least 30 per cent in March, April or May, when compared to the same month in 2019, would be able to access the subsidy.
- Eligible employers would include employers of all sizes and across all sectors of the economy, with the exception of public sector entities.
- For non-profit organizations and registered charities similarly affected by a loss of revenue, the government will continue to work with the sector to ensure the definition of revenue is appropriate to their circumstances. The government is also considering additional support for non-profits and charities, particularly those involved in the front line response to COVID-19. Further details will be announced in the near term.
- An eligible employer's entitlement to this wage subsidy will be based entirely on the salary or wages actually paid to employees. All employers would be expected to at least make best efforts to top up salaries to 100% of the maximum wages covered.

- Minister Morneau reported today that businesses will be able to apply online for this subsidy through a portal on the Canada Revenue Agency site. The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy funds are expected to start flowing in 6 weeks time.

We will continue to provide you with more detail about the application process as it becomes available.

We would also encourage you to fill out the 3rd TIAO survey as it provides valuable background as we advocate and negotiate on your behalf at all levels of Government.

Thank you for your attention.

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## Survey 3.0 - **NOW OPEN**

Please help us build the most comprehensive picture of the very latest developments on the front-line. It's vital that we are able to monitor and feedback this information to the government.

Please note the survey will close at 8am on Monday April 6th so that we can collate and analyze the information before our weekly conference call with Minister MacLeod.

The survey link is: [click here](#)