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Federal Update, Thurs, May 21, 2020.

- The Prime Minister [announced](#) that the application portal for the **Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)** will open on May 25, 2020. The [Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation's CECRA website](#) has been updated with more information for small businesses and landlords, including FAQs, the application process, what information is needed to apply, who is eligible to apply, and which small businesses are eligible. Please visit this [website](#) for more information.
- Last week, the federal government [announced](#) the Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF) program to provide emergency funding support for large Canadian enterprises facing financial challenges due to COVID-19. Applications for this program are now open. More information about the program, including the application process, can be found [here](#).
- In case you missed it, there have been changes to the **Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)** and **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)** in the last few days:
 - The eligibility criteria for CEBA is being expanded to include more owner-operated small businesses. The program will now be available to a greater number of businesses that are sole proprietors receiving income directly from their businesses, businesses that rely on contractors, and family-owned corporations that pay employees through dividends rather than

payroll. More information about the changes to eligibility can be found [here](#). The CEBA funding is being distributed through financial institutions. Please talk with your financial institution for more information and to apply.

- The CEWS will be extended until August 29, 2020. The Government will consult with key business and labour representatives over the next month on potential adjustments to the program to incent jobs and growth, including the 30 per cent revenue decline threshold. You can find more information about these changes [here](#).