

# COVID-19

APRIL 21, 2020

## Message from the President & CEO

Dear CPA members,

The CPA members and team extend our sincere sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of those who have lost their lives in the senseless tragedy that took place in Nova Scotia.

The act of violence that has occurred has shocked and devastated Atlantic Canada and fellow citizens across the country.

Like everyone, industry members and trainers in Nova Scotia are dealing with immense loss and grief. Our thoughts are with you as you continue to provide essential services to your communities.

In this challenging time where we are isolated from our family and friends, we encourage all of you to find some way to reach out and support one another. We are a strong, united community and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,



Nathalie St-Pierre  
President & CEO



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### News of the Day

*Please note that the CPA is adjusting our schedule for issuing updates on COVID-19. Unless important news is released, we will be issuing our News of the Day on Mondays and Thursdays.*

## Federal

### FINANCIAL AID

#### Government of Canada launches Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy calculator for employers

Today, the government launched the **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) calculator** to support employers as they prepare to apply for the CEWS, which can be found on CRA's [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Web page](#).

To help employers keep and re-hire workers amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government is implementing the emergency wage subsidy. This economic measure provides a 75% wage subsidy of up to \$847 per employee per week, to eligible employers, for up to 12 weeks, preventing further job losses and encouraging employers to re-hire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19, retroactive to March 15, 2020.

The CRA encourages employers to sign up for [My Business Account](#) or [Represent a Client](#), as employers will be able to apply through these portals. **The CRA will open the application process on April 27, 2020.** CEWS claims will be subject to verification by the CRA. Funds for approved applications will begin to be released on May 5.

## Manitoba

### PROVINCIAL ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The Manitoba government's updated information for measures related to COVID-19 include:

- **Special services for Class 1 drivers during COVID-19:** In recognition of the important role played by Class 1 drivers, the government has created special processes for all Class 1 drivers to do business with Manitoba Public Insurance over the phone and online. This includes making payments, requesting commercial driver abstracts, renewing a driver's licence, registration or insurance and more. Click [here](#) for details.
- Manitoba is actively assessing **measures to support trucking operations** and ensure the supply chain is maintained during COVID-19. Further information will be available shortly on the [Manitoba infrastructure web page](#).
- Reminder that effective March 24, 2020, truck drivers moving essential freight through Canada's provinces for COVID-19 relief will be exempt from hours-of-service (HOS) requirements, provided that carriers give advance notice, until April 30, 2020. For further information visit: the MB government's website: [Hours of Service Regulations and Applicability to COVID-19 Response Efforts](#).

## Training

### **Extension of training certificates**

Yesterday, we noted that the provincial governments had extended their lockdown policies and had granted the **extension of training certifications** for the propane industry to limit contact during training sessions. The [updated document - dated April 20](#) - is now available for viewing.

Please view the [Trainer Tab on the CPA website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

The CPA is regularly updating documents. As such, it is recommended that you clear your cache before downloading any of the documents. To do so, please follow these steps:

#### **Clear your cache:**

1. Access your usual browser
2. Press simultaneously the "CTL", "SHIFT" and "DELETE" keys.
3. Select "Images and caches" then choose "Erase the data"

**Keep informed with up-to-date information by visiting our [COVID-19 website](#).**