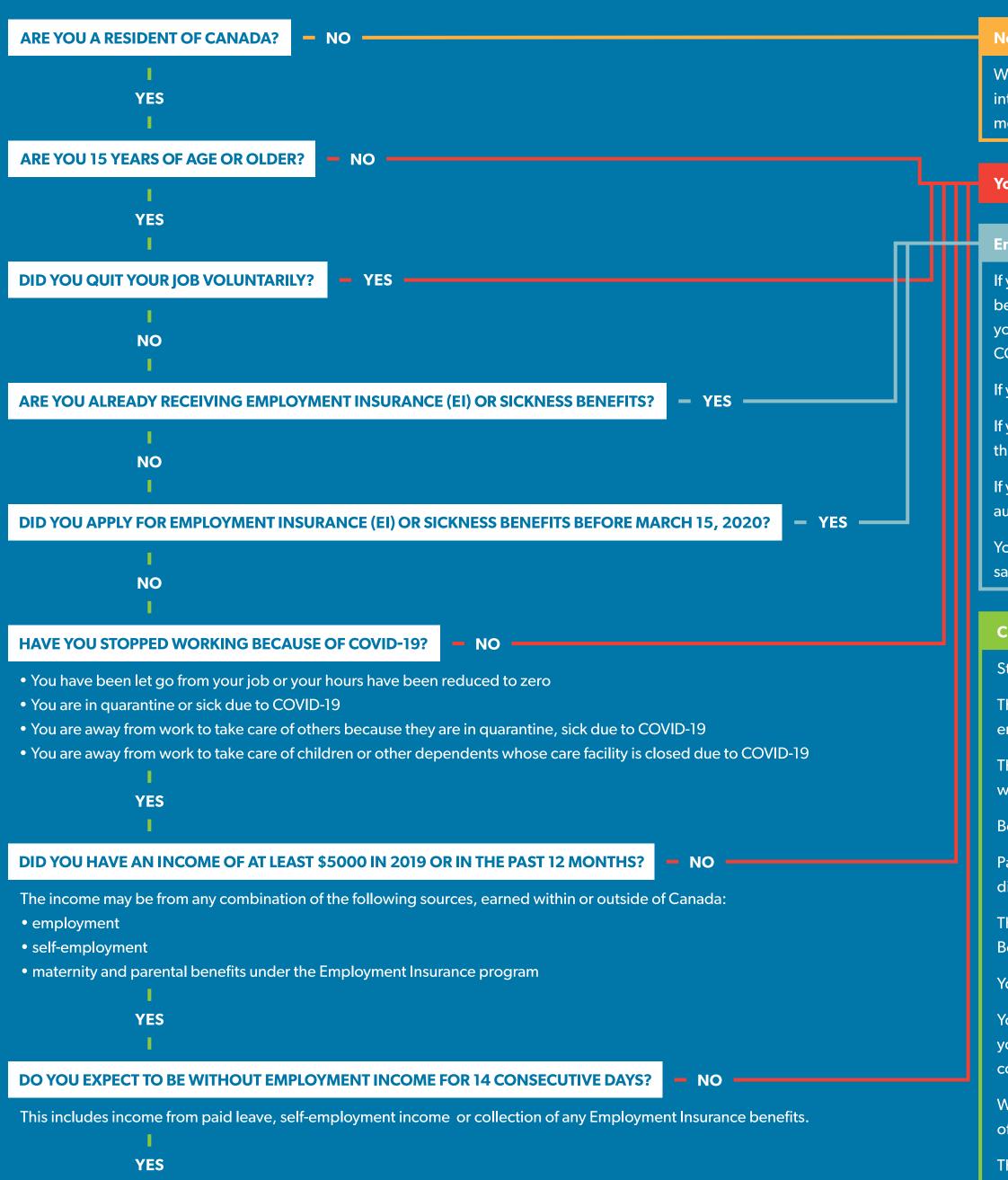
Do you qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)?





Non-Canadian Citizens

Workers who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents, including temporary foreign workers and international students, may be eligible to receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) if they meet the other eligibility requirements.

You may not qualify for income support

Employment Insurance (EI)

If you were eligible for Employment Insurance benefits that started before March 15, 2020, and these benefits end before October 3, 2020, you may then apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit if you meet the eligibility requirements, including that you have stopped work because of reasons related to COVID-19.

If you applied for EI but your claim has not been processed yet, you do not need to reapply.

If you became eligible for Employment Insurance prior to March 15th, your claim will be processed under the pre-existing Employment Insurance rules.

If you became eligible for El regular or sickness benefits on March 15th or after, your claim will be automatically processed through the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

You cannot be paid Employment Insurance benefits and the Canada Emergency Response Benefit for the same period.

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

Starting April 6, 2020, you can apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

The Benefit provides temporary income support to workers who have stopped working and are without employment or self-employment income for reasons related to COVID-19.

The benefit will be paid in blocks of four weeks in the amount of \$2,000, which is equivalent to \$500 per week. A maximum 16 weeks of benefits can be paid.

Benefits will start within 10 days of you submitting an application. There is no waiting period.

Payments will be made through direct deposit or by cheque. You will be paid more quickly if you choose direct deposit. Your payments will be retroactive to your eligibility date.

The Benefit is taxable although tax will not be deducted at source. You will be expected to report the Benefit as income when you file your income tax for the 2020 tax year.

You do not need a medical certificate to receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

You do not need to be laid off. Workers who remain attached to their company can receive the benefit if you stopped working as a result of COVID-19, and will be without employment income for at least 14 consecutive days.

When you apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, you will receive \$500 per week, regardless of what you may have been eligible to receive through Employment Insurance.

The benefit is available from March 15, 2020, to October 3, 2020.