



FACT SHEET

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COVID-19 emergency funding and registration requirements

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Simply applying to a federal government-funding program linked to COVID-19 where eligibility is determined by a set of non-discretionary factors [such as the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) and the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)] is not a registrable activity.

Communications with public office holders limited to requests for information about government-funding programs linked to COVID-19 or requests for information about the status of your application are also not registrable activities.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Communications with public office holders about the making, developing or amending of a government-funding program linked to COVID-19 are registrable activities.

Accordingly, if you are a consultant and you communicate about these matters, you need to register.

If you are employed by a corporation or organization, these communications need to be included in the calculation to determine if your corporation or organization has met the significant part of duties threshold to register (i.e. the 20% rule).

Lobbying communication details about COVID-19 government-funding programs must be included in the registration under "Subject Matter Details".

Applying to a federal government-funding program where eligibility is determined by discretionary factors, such as a proposal to obtain a grant or contribution, continues to be a registerable activity.



WHEN TO UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

If your organization/corporation or clients are already registered and you, or your clients, successfully apply for government funding linked to COVID-19 from any level of government, domestic or foreign, you must update your registration no later than 15 days after the end of the month with:

- the name of the government entity providing the funding,
- the amount of funding received, if it was received in the most recently completed financial year, and
- A confirmation (yes or no) that funding is expected during the current financial year.

Reportable as government funding	Excluded from reportable government funding
Grants	Repayable contributions
Non-repayable contributions	Repayable portions of government loans
Forgiven portions of government loans	Tax credits, refunds, exemptions, rebates, and remissions of taxes
Any other non-repayable funding	Payment of goods or services contracts