

# Canada Recovery Benefits Legislation Receives Royal Assent

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Focus readers will recall that, in late August, the Federal Government announced its intention to introduce legislation that would support the creation and implementation of three new recovery benefits to become available as of September 27, 2020:

- Canada Recovery Benefit (“CRB”)
- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (“CRSB”)
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (“CRCB”)

On September 24, 2020, the Federal government tabled Bill C-2, *An Act relating to economic recovery in response to COVID-19*. Amongst other things, Bill C-2 would have enacted the *Canada Recovery Benefits Act* to authorize the payment of the CRB, CRSB and CRCB in response to COVID-19.

On September 28, 2020, rather than amending Bill C-2, the Federal government tabled a new Bill (Bill C-4, *An Act relating to certain measures in response to COVID-19*) that incorporates changes to the CRSB sought by the NDP. Bill C-4 was passed by the House of Commons on September 29, 2020. The Bill received first reading in the Senate on September 30, 2020, was passed by the Senate without amendment and received Royal Assent on October 2, 2020.

Although generally quite similar to what was originally announced in August and discussed in our previous [Focus Alert](#), the CRB, CRSB and CRCB as tabled are different in certain ways.

The following table provides a high-level overview of each of the new recovery benefits under Bill C-4, including details on benefit amounts, duration, eligibility criteria and other limitations or restrictions.

<b>Benefit Amount</b>	\$500.00/week	\$500.00 for each 1-week period	\$500.00 for e
<b>Benefit Duration</b>	26 weeks (13 two-week periods)	2 weeks	