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We would like to send you a few updates regarding COVID-19 and ask you to share this information in your networks. Please continue to consult the [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates.

**1. Launch of the consultations to improve living conditions for Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs)**

On October 27, 2020, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Marie-Claude Bibeau, [announced](#) that the Government of Canada has begun consultations with provinces and territories, employers, workers, worker support groups, and other interested parties on a proposal to establish minimum requirements for employer-provided accommodations for the TFW Program across Canada.

This consultation is seeking feedback on proposed federal accommodations requirements for the TFW program, including potential impacts and considerations for transitioning to new requirements. It will be open until December 22, 2020.

Individuals wishing to obtain more information or provide feedback in this [consultation](#) should contact Employment and Social Development Canada by sending an email to [NC-TFWP-APT-PTET-EPA-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:NC-TFWP-APT-PTET-EPA-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca).

**2. Changes to the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)**

On October 26, 2020, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland [announced](#) that eligibility for [CEBA](#) has expanded by removing the previous March 1, 2020, condition for having an active business chequing/operating account. With this removal, eligible businesses can now apply after opening a business chequing/operating account with their primary financial institution. All applicants have until December 31, 2020 to apply for CEBA.

To assess their eligibility for CEBA, applicants can use the [pre-screening tool](#) on the CEBA website. To apply for CEBA, businesses should contact their financial institution and provide the appropriate information and documentation.

Applicants may contact the **CEBA Call Centre at 1-888-324-4201** between Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. to receive a status update on a completed application EST.

Thank you,  
**Industry Engagement Division**  
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