



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - Wage Subsidy Registry Open

UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

Federal Government:

Canada Revenue Agency Launches the Wage Subsidy Registry:

- To protect Canadian's jobs and support businesses throughout the pandemic, the government introduced the wage subsidy. Over 4 million jobs across Canada have been protected as a result of the program.
- As part of government's commitment to transparency, the CRA has launched the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Registry, allowing Canadians to identify which employers are using the subsidy to support jobs.
- Besides the new web-page as noted above, the government also has completed the regulatory changes to allow for the maximum wage subsidy to increase again to 75% until March 13th, 2021 for those organizations most severely impacted by the pandemic.
- See **RELEASE** Here.

WD Supports Saskatchewan Businesses with Sask. Chamber Project:

- Western Diversification (WD) has been focused on saving jobs in the western provinces during COVID-19. Either with loan funding, or other mechanisms they work to address the economic impact of the pandemic and work to assist.
- WD has funded a Labour Market Project with the Saskatchewan Chamber to

develop and use community based initiatives with local Chambers of Commerce to address specific issues in each area

- The Battlefords Chamber of Commerce plans to develop a Community Action Plan for assisting youth, aboriginal, women and newcomers to engage in the labour market locally. See Battlefords Chamber [NEWS RELEASE](#) Here.
- See the WD [RELEASE](#) Here.
- Watch for more news on this file in 2021.

Government Announces Automobile Deduction Limits / Mileage Rates for 2021:

- The limit on the deduction of tax-exempt allowances paid by employers to employees who use their personal vehicle for business purposes will remain at \$0.59 cents per KM for the first 5,000 KM.
- Other limits and rates are included in the release.
- See the [RELEASE](#) Here.

Provincial Government:

Applications Open for Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate:

- Following its introduction the government has announced that applications are now open for businesses to submit their rebate requests. The application window will be open through March 31, 2021.
- The rebate is to assist with the incremental investments that businesses made to adapt their business models as a result of COVID-19. Changes could include use of square footage, installing physical infrastructure, and upgrading technology.
- See [RELEASE](#) Here.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND ALL THE BEST FOR A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2021**

**Stay healthy, safe and enjoy the blessings of
the season. All the best to you and yours!**

RESOURCES YOU NEED

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Government of Saskatchewan:

Visit [Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus) here!

CBRN micro-site has all the information, tools and resources businesses need to manage through COVID-19 pandemic.

Government of Canada:
Department of Finance website:
Finance Dept. [Here](#)

[CRA Website HERE](#)

The "Business Response Team".
Contact them by phone or email. Phone
1-844-800-8688 Website

For information on the **State of
Emergency in Saskatchewan.**
See the **Public Health Orders** in place
December 14th, on the Saskatchewan
government website.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:
Resources for Business
Website [Here](#)

Canadian Business Resilience Network - Resources You Need

Get the most up-to-date information on
Re-Opening the Economy;
Tips and Advice;
Financial Support;
Recovery

See the Chamber's new micro-website

The banner features a dark teal background with white and orange text. On the left, the CBRN logo is displayed with the tagline 'Prepare. Persevere. Prosper.'. In the center, the logos for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Chambre de Commerce du Canada are shown. On the right, the 'In partnership with Canada' logo is present. The main text reads 'COVID-19: GET THE RESOURCES YOU NEED' in large white letters, with a small orange-bordered box containing 'CBRN.ca' at the bottom right.

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Monday Minute

Monday Minute provides up-to-the minute information on key Chamber of Commerce activities, advocacy and events. Recorded each Monday, it is distributed to Chamber members via email, and is available on the Chamber's website.

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Chamber Network Working for You!



As a valued member of the Battlefords Chamber of Commerce, you have access to the chamber network. The Canadian and Saskatchewan Chambers of Commerce

and of course our local resources are here to support you. Stay up-to-date on COVID-19 and other key business issues.

The Canadian, Saskatchewan and Battlefords Chambers of Commerce are working overtime to ensure that all of the key information, policy initiatives and business issues and solutions are at your fingertips. Call if you have any questions or require a referral # or contact.

Email us today!

Consider contributing to the Chamber's new initiative to support our own.

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