



The Quick Guide to ...



Saskatchewan Temporary Wage Supplement Provincial COVID-19 Income Supports

FOR ALL CUPE LOCAL UNIONS
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What is this temporary wage top-up?

It's called the Saskatchewan Temporary Wage Supplement Program (STWSP).

Announced on April 30 and open for applications starting on May 15, the program provides a temporary wage supplement to eligible lower income workers helping Saskatchewan's most vulnerable citizens through the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is a cost-shared program between the provincial government and federal government (with the federal government providing the majority of the funding) established to provide financial assistance to eligible lower income workers employed by a recognized essential care facility.

Workers in acute care settings such as hospitals are not included in the program.

Who is eligible?

Licensed childcare facility workers

Public and private senior care home workers

Community-Based (CBO) group home and personal care home workers

Emergency shelter workers

Transition shelter workers

Integrated health care facility workers
A facility providing integrated short term and long-term health care.

Home care workers providing care to seniors in their own home

Qualification criteria

IF YOU MAKE less than \$24 / hr Hourly rate you make at the facility.

IF YOU EARN less than \$2,500 GROSS* PER MONTH *Your total earnings in a 4-week period before deductions is less than \$2,500 including from work outside the facility.

IF YOU WORK AT ONE OF THE APPROVED FACILITIES The types of facilities that are recognized by the government as providing essential care.

What if ... I have more than one Job?

Your combined gross monthly income (from all sources and jobs) must be less than the maximums allowable (\$2,500 per month and \$24.00 per hour criteria).

What kind of job positions are eligible?

All workers (except third-party contractors) employed by the owner or operator of the essential care facility: full-time, part-time and casual workers, including care workers, cooks, housekeepers, janitors, administrative staff, and any persons who are employees.

Information to apply

To apply, you will need to have:

- Copy of pay stubs;
- Direct deposit information; and
- Banking information for automatic deposit.

How much will I get & for how long?

\$400 EACH 4 - WEEK PERIOD It is a \$400 flat benefit once every 4-week period

FOR UP TO 16 weeks MAX \$400 per 4-week period x 4 of the 4-week periods between March & July 2020 = 16 weeks maximum payout

APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FOR EACH 4-WEEK PERIOD:

- MARCH 15 - APRIL 11
- APRIL 12 - MAY 9
- MAY 10 - JUNE 6
- JUNE 7 - JULY 4

FOR THE TIME BETWEEN

March 15 - July 4 2020

If there is more than one eligible worker in your family, each worker must submit an application (for each period).

What if ... I started work in-between periods?

Payments are for each 4-week period starting March 15 or the start date of your employment at the eligible facility, whichever is later. If the worker starts their job sometime within the period they would be eligible for that period.

How do I apply?

Online: www.saskatchewan.ca/wage-supplement-program

IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE:

Facility names are listed by region in the application drop-down menu under "Employer Information". If your workplace is not listed, contact:

1-800-667-6102
stwsp@gov.sk.ca