

AFFORDABILITY GUIDE 2021

RUBY SAHOTA, MP

BRAMPTON NORTH

905-840-0505 // Ruby.Sahota@parl.gc.ca // RubySahota.LibParl.ca



**Ruby
Sahota, M.P.**
Brampton North

**CONSTITUENCY
OFFICE**

50 Sunny Meadows
Blvd Suite 306
Brampton, Ontario
L6R 0Y7

Phone Number:
905-840-0505

Email:
Ruby.Sahota@parl.gc.ca

Dear Neighbours,

It's almost time to file your taxes and there are important tax breaks and incentives I want to share with you to help you and your families.

Our Liberal government is working hard to make life more affordable for families and individuals across the country. This guide outlines some of the ways we're putting more money in your pocket such as the Canada Child Benefit, Canada Workers Benefit, the Climate Action Incentive, and more.

As your Member of Parliament, I'm focused on making life more affordable for you and bringing real, positive change right here in our community of Brampton North.



[@rubysahotalib](#)



[@rubysahotalib](#)



[@rubysahotalib](#)

My office is here to help

Whether you have questions regarding Canada's policies, need help with immigration cases for your loved ones, or simply want to know more about what I'm doing to better serve you, my office is always open.

We are available by phone, email, and in person by appointment in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions.

Supporting you and your family through COVID-19

Employment Insurance

We made temporary changes to the Employment Insurance (EI) program to better support Canadians who need financial assistance.

The minimum benefit rate is now **\$500** per week before taxes.

Canada Recovery Benefit

Receive \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks if you have stopped working or had your income reduced by at least 50% due to COVID-19 and are not eligible for EI

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit

Receive \$500 per week for up to 2 weeks if you are:

- Unable to work for 50% of the week because you contracted COVID-19
- Are self-isolating
- Have medical conditions that make you more susceptible to COVID-19

Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit

Receive \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks per household if :

- You are unable to work for 50% of the week because you're caring for a child under 12 or family member due to closures
- The child or family member is sick and needs to quarantine



NEW

FOR ONTARIO FAMILIES

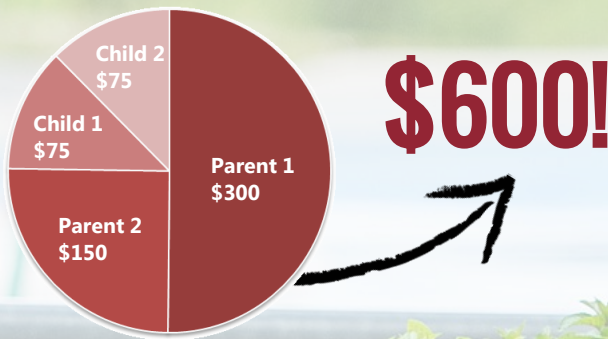
CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE

An average Ontario family of four will receive a \$600 Climate Action Incentive payment through their Income Tax and Benefit return this year.

Climate change is a real threat and **we are taking action**. We are putting a price on carbon pollution to encourage everyone to pollute less and make cleaner choices.

We're also keeping life affordable for families. **The money collected by the federal government in Ontario is being returned to Ontarians** through the new Climate Action Incentive and is revenue neutral.

HERE'S WHAT AN AVERAGE FAMILY OF 4 WILL GET:



ELIGIBILITY: YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT OF ONTARIO AND BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER



A young girl with braided hair is running in a grassy field. She is wearing a striped shirt and dark pants. The background is a blurred green field.

Investing in your family

The bigger, better Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

To support you through the pandemic, we provided a **\$300** top-up to the CCB

To help families out even more, we're temporarily increasing support to up **\$1200** for each child under 6 for families eligible for the CCB.

The CCB is **tax free**. Just file your taxes to qualify.

CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Putting more money in your pocket.

We're increasing the **Basic Personal Amount** to **\$13,808** for the 2021 taxation year with plans to increase it to \$15,000 in 2023.



This increase will benefit those who need it the most.

Over **4.3 million** seniors will benefit, including **465, 000** seniors whose federal income tax will be reduced to zero.





Working from home?

Consider using the new temporary flat rate method to claim your expenses



If you worked from home more than 50% of the time for at least 4 consecutive weeks in 2020 due to the pandemic, **you can claim \$2 for each day** you worked from home during that period.



You can also claim \$2 for any additional days you worked at home in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The maximum you can claim is **\$400.**

INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE



The Canada Workers Benefit means more support for the people who need it the most.

The Canada Workers Benefit provides up to \$2,379 for low income families.

If you're eligible for the CWB, you'll **automatically** receive it when you file your taxes.

SUPPORTING SENIORS

Are you a senior? You may be eligible for the following credits:

- **The Canada Caregiver Credit**
- **Medical Expense Tax Credit**
- **Home Accessibility Tax Credit**
- **Age Credit**
- **Pension Income Credit**
- **Pension Income Splitting**

We're Here To Help

To learn more about:

- All the deductions, credits and expenses you can claim
- Eligibility requirements
- Instructions on how to file claims

Please visit:

[https://www.Canada.ca/En/Services/
Taxes/Income-Tax.html](https://www.Canada.ca/En/Services/Taxes/Income-Tax.html)