

How will the Critical Worker Benefit apply in Lloydminster?

Dear Mr. Melrose-Wyatt:

Thank you for your February 17, 2021 letter regarding the Critical Worker Benefit (CWB) and eligibility for residents of Lloydminster. I appreciate the opportunity to respond and provide the following information on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

The CWB is a one-time payment of \$1,200 to eligible workers in the health, education and social services sectors, as well as some parts of the private sector delivering essential services, such as grocery and pharmacy supply, food processing, transportation and private health clinics.

The Alberta government is working directly with health care, social services and education sector employers to distribute the benefit to eligible workers. We expect these workers to receive the payment from their employer in the coming weeks. Private sector employers must apply for the benefit on behalf of their eligible workers.

In bi-provincial towns, such as Lloydminster, Alberta or Saskatchewan residents may be eligible, however the employer's place of business must be located in Alberta and their workers must perform their duties in that location. Businesses located on the Saskatchewan side of the municipality are ineligible. The program is intended to recognize workers who provided support in delivering critical services to Albertans during the pandemic. We acknowledge the contributions of all Albertans during this pandemic; however, given the limited funding available not all workers could be made eligible.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

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