

Program Overview and Application Instructions

This document is used for Phase Two of the Saskatchewan Temporary Wage Supplement Program (STWSP).

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The new phase of the Saskatchewan Temporary Wage Supplement Program (STWSP) provides a temporary wage supplement to eligible workers (specified below) helping Saskatchewan's most vulnerable citizens through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The amount of financial assistance provided in **Phase Two** of the temporary supplement is \$400 for each 4-week period, for two periods from November 19, 2020 to December 16, 2020 and December 17, 2020 to January 13, 2021.

An eligible worker under **Phase Two** of the wage supplement program, is a worker who is:

- Employed by a:
 - Personal care home licensed pursuant to *The Personal Care Homes Act*; **or**
 - Special-care home designated pursuant to *The Provincial Health Authority Act*; **or**
 - Integrated health care facility (facility that includes a designated Special-care home along with acute care and/or health centre services within the same facility).
- A home care worker providing care to seniors in their homes.

Note: There is no income criteria for eligibility.

These facilities are impacted by the suspension on visitation effective November 20th for long-term care facilities and personal care homes, and are therefore included in Phase Two. Other facility types, while providing valuable assistance to citizens through the COVID-19 pandemic, are not included in this phase.

Acute care facilities such as hospitals which provide access to acute short term care services such as emergency, ambulatory care, diagnostic services, inpatient and outpatient care, critical care, and surgical care operated by the Provincial Health Authority or its affiliates as defined in *The Provincial Health Authority Act*, are not eligible facilities.

Eligible essential care facilities are listed alphabetically in the online application form (see drop-down menus under each eligible facility type).

The benefit will be provided to full-time, part-time and casual workers, and includes anyone employed by the facility, such as care workers, cooks, housekeepers, janitors, administrative staff, etc., but does not include third party contract service providers working in the facilities.

Residents of Alberta or Manitoba who meet the criteria and are employed by an eligible essential care facility in Saskatchewan, or Lloydminster, AB or Flin Flon, MB are eligible to apply.

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Before making a submission of any kind to the STWSP, the applicant should thoroughly review this document and the program [webpage](#).

To qualify for the STWSP program, an applicant must submit the appropriate and complete application and attest to all the eligibility criteria for that application.

APPLICATION STEPS

Individuals should review all the eligibility criteria and *Program Questions and Answers* available on the [webpage](#).

The applicant may apply for both 4-week periods on one application form (November to December 16, 2020 and December 17, 2020 to January 13, 2021).

Applications will be accepted until February 15, 2021.

Complete the appropriate application form at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/wage-supplement-program>

- Include banking information for automatic deposit;
- Upload copies of supporting pay/employer information and direct deposit information
- Attest to eligibility criteria;
- Declare application to be true and accurate;
- Consent to information being used to confirm eligibility; and
- Click on Submit.

Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis. Complete applications with all required information will be given priority.

Applications may be audited after a payment is provided. Any payments that are deemed to be ineligible will be considered a debt owing to the Government of Saskatchewan and subject to collection.

For more information, email stwsp@gov.sk.ca or call 1-800-667-6102 or 306-787-6645 in Regina.