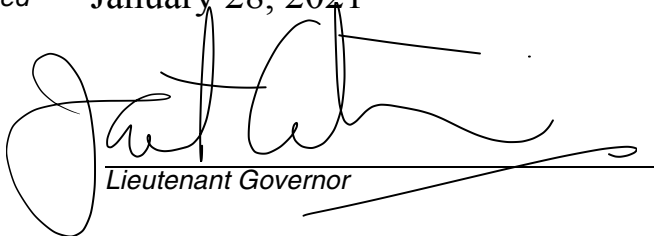


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 046

, Approved and Ordered January 28, 2021



Lieutenant Governor

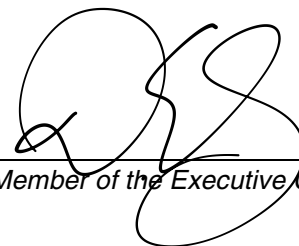
Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the Employment and Assistance Regulation, B.C. Reg. 263/2002, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 1, and
- (b) the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation, B.C. Reg. 265/2002, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 2.



Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Employment and Assistance Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c. 40, s. 35 (1) and (2); *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c. 41, s. 26 (1) and (2)

Other: OIC 873/2002; OIC 874/2002

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APPENDIX 1

1 The following section is added to Part 1 of the Employment and Assistance Regulation, B.C. Reg. 263/2002:

Modifications in relation to COVID-19 emergency – BC recovery benefit

2.7 (1) In this section:

“**BC recovery benefit**” means the one-time payment, of up to \$500 in the case of an individual and up to \$1 000 in the case of a family or single parent, provided by the government in relation to the COVID-19 emergency;

“**COVID-19 emergency**” means the emergency that is the subject of

(a) the notice provided on March 17, 2020 by the provincial health officer under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act*, and

(b) the declaration of a state of emergency made on March 18, 2020, and any extension of that declaration, under section 9 of the *Emergency Program Act*.

(2) Section 11 (1) is to be read as though it also provided that the BC recovery benefit is exempt for the purposes of section 11 (2) and (2.1).

(3) Section 1 (a) of Schedule B is to be read as though it also provided that the BC recovery benefit is exempt from income when calculating the net income of a family unit for the purposes of section 28 (b) of this regulation.

(4) Section 6 of Schedule D is to be read as though it also provided that no deduction is to be made for the BC recovery benefit when calculating the maximum amount of hardship assistance for which an applicant’s family unit is eligible under section 2 of that Schedule.

APPENDIX 2

1 The following section is added to Part 1 of the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation, B.C. Reg. 265/2002:

Modifications in relation to COVID-19 emergency – BC recovery benefit

2.07 (1) In this section:

“**BC recovery benefit**” means the one-time payment, of up to \$500 in the case of an individual and up to \$1 000 in the case of a family or single parent, provided by the government in relation to the COVID-19 emergency;

“**COVID-19 emergency**” means the emergency that is the subject of

(a) the notice provided on March 17, 2020 by the provincial health officer under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act*, and

(b) the declaration of a state of emergency made on March 18, 2020, and any extension of that declaration, under section 9 of the *Emergency Program Act*.

- (2) Section 10 (1) is to be read as though it also provided that the BC recovery benefit is exempt for the purposes of section 10 (2).
- (3) Section 1 (a) of Schedule B is to be read as though it also provided that the BC recovery benefit is exempt from income when calculating the net income of a family unit for the purposes of section 24 (b) of this regulation.
- (4) Section 6 of Schedule D is to be read as though it also provided that no deduction is to be made for the BC recovery benefit when calculating the maximum amount of hardship assistance for which an applicant's family unit is eligible under section 2 of that Schedule.