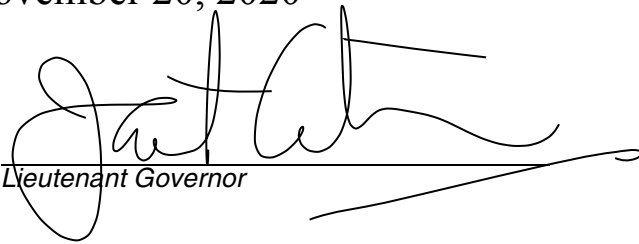


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 588

, Approved and Ordered November 20, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

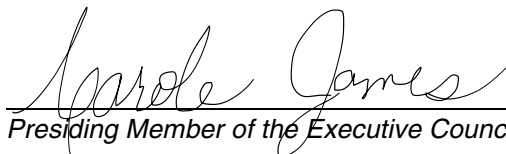
Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective December 1, 2020,

- (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;
Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act, S.B.C. 2002, c. 41, s. 26

Other: O.C. 873/2002 and O.C. 874/2002

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APPENDIX 1

1 Section 2.1 of the Employment and Assistance Regulation, B.C. Reg. 263/2002, is amended

(a) *in subsection (1) by striking out “March, 2021” and substituting “September, 2021”,*

(b) *in subsection (2) by adding the following paragraph:*

(c) pandemic pay. ,

(c) *in subsection (3) by adding the following paragraph:*

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(d) *in subsection (4) by adding the following paragraph:*

(c) pandemic pay. ,

(e) *in subsection (5) by striking out “March 1, 2021” and substituting “September 1, 2021”, and*

(f) *by adding the following subsections:*

(6) For the purposes of this regulation, pandemic pay is to be read as though it is unearned income.

(7) In this section:

“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*;

“essential service” has the same meaning as in the COVID-19 (Limits on Actions and Proceedings) Regulation;

“pandemic pay” means additional income received for work, or the provision of a service, that

(a) the minister considers is an essential service, and

(b) is received

(i) on a temporary basis during the COVID-19 emergency, and

(ii) in addition to the earned income that is received in exchange for the same work or the provision of the same service.

APPENDIX 2

1 Section 2.01 of the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation, B.C. Reg. 265/2002, is amended

(a) *in subsection (1) by striking out “March, 2021” and substituting “September, 2021”,*

(b) *in subsection (2) by adding the following paragraph:*

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