

B.C. Increased Employment Incentive

Most employers who, in the last quarter of 2020, have increased pay or hired additional employees may be entitled to apply for a refundable tax credit. The credit is based on qualifying B.C. remuneration, which consists of the total amount paid to employees earning less than \$1,129 per week (\$58,725 annually). The amount is calculated at 15% of the increase in qualifying remuneration in the fourth quarter of 2020 when compared to the third quarter of 2020.

The credit will first be applied to any EHT balance outstanding and the remainder will be issued as a refund. Any charities or non-profit organizations reporting EHT based on multiple locations do not have to report the eligible remuneration by location as part of the calculation for this incentive.

Please note that public institutions are not eligible to apply and in the case of associated employers, only one credit may be claimed by one employer for each employee.

You can register for the credit through the eTaxBC system.

The following link has further details on the program:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/increased-employment-incentive>



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