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CERB extension, three new EI benefits, EI reforms, and freezing of EI premiums expected to cost \$39 billion

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Canada's finance minister Chrystia Freeland and employment minister Carla Qualtrough announcing the extension of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit for another month and new recovery benefits in the employment insurance program on Parliament Hill on August 20, 2020. (CPAC screenshot)

People who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to receive assistance, as the federal government revealed on Thursday (August 20) that the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will be extended for another month, before being transitioned into the employment insurance (EI) program.