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## Did you receive a benefit like CERB? Here's how to minimize the tax you pay on that

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If you received any **COVID-19** benefits from the government during 2020, chances are you're wondering how they will affect your tax filing and return.

Here are three tax experts with advice on how to prepare for the upcoming tax season, and what to expect if you received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), the Canada Recovery Benefit, the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit or the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit.

### Check your tax forms

If you received any COVID-19 benefit, you'll be receiving a T4A from the government that states how much you were paid and how much, if any, was withheld for tax purposes. This will be very similar to the T4 you would receive from an employer, said Janet Gray, an Ottawa-