

On August 11th the Federal Government released an online calculator for the CEWS (link provided below).

The calculator is meant to assist small business owners with the calculation of their wage subsidy for periods 5 and later. This calculator was developed in response to the increased complexity brought on by the expanding qualification criteria and calculation.

Shortly after release, a bug was identified that prevented users from receiving subsidy for employees that were unpaid for two consecutive weeks. For periods 1 to 4, this was appropriate given that the rule was that no subsidy could be received by employees who were unpaid for two consecutive weeks. This effort was in place to prevent overlap between CERB and CEWS. However, in period 5 and later, this restriction was lifted but the calculator was not updated to reflect this change.

As of August 13th, this issue has been corrected and the calculator is functioning as intended. We believe this calculator is a great resource for small business owners who are looking to apply for the CEWS.

If you have any questions or would like us to review/prepare your CEWS applications, please reach out to us. We have staff who have researched this matter extensively and are happy to help.

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy/cews-calculate-subsidy-amount.html>