

# PAID SICK LEAVE REBATE

### What is it?

The Paid Sick Leave Rebate supports Yukon workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing those without paid sick leave to stay at home if they become sick or are required to self-isolate. It enables those who put their health first and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus to meet their basic financial needs.

## Who can apply?

#### Eligible

The following Yukon-based applicants can apply:

- Employers (whose employees are Yukon-based)
- Self-employed individuals.

### Ineligible

This rebate is not available to:

- Government of Yukon and its corporations
- Government of Canada and its corporations
- Yukon First Nation governments
- Municipalities

### Criteria

### **Employers**

- Both employers and their employees must be Yukon-based.
- Yukon-based businesses who meet the three of the following criteria:
  - Has an office with a physical address in Yukon;
  - Is subject to the Yukon Income Tax Act;
  - Has a valid registration with Corporate Affairs (Business Corporations Act, Partnership & Business Names Act, or Societies Act); and
  - o Has a valid municipal business licence, where applicable.

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- Employers who pay employees to take time off for sick leave and need to be in self-isolation due to COVID-19.
- The rebate will cover a maximum total of 10 days of wages per employee (not including benefits, payroll taxes or deductions) to allow for sick leave and/or for a 14-day self-isolation period.
- These paid sick leave days will apply only after all existing regular paid sick leave for the employee is used.
- The rebate program cannot be split into multiple uses. Employers can only access the program once per employee.
- The maximum daily rebate will be \$378.13 per day per employee.
- A doctor's note will not be required.
- This rebate program will be in effect for six months, from March 11, 2020 to September 11, 2020.

#### Self-employed individuals

- Yukon-based self-employed individuals who require time off work for sick leave and a 14-day self-isolation period due to COVID-19.
- The program will cover a maximum of 10 days of documented average daily earnings to allow for a 14-day self-isolation period.
- If no Notice of Assessment is submitted, the maximum daily rate will set to the 2020 maximum Employment Insurance rate of \$114.60 per day.
- The maximum daily rebate will be \$378.13 per day.
- The rebate program cannot be split into multiple uses. Applicants can only access the program once.
- A doctor's note will not be required.
- This rebate program will be in effect for six months, from March 11, 2020 to September 11, 2020.

## Required documents

#### **Employers**

Complete and sign the application form and return with the following:

• In order to demonstrate that you are a Yukon-based business, provide copies of your business license, proof of your office location (such as a utility bill, or lease), notice of assessment for the year or municipal business licence.

• Copies of the most recent pay stubs (for all employees in the application) covering the dates and proof of wages paid for sick leave/self-isolation.

#### Self-employed individuals

Complete and sign the application form and return with the following:

- Copy of business licence dated before March 1, 2020, proof of your office location (such as a utility bill, or lease), notice of assessment for the year or municipal business license); and
- Copy of most recent Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada to calculate average daily earnings and provide evidence of self-employment earnings.

## How to apply?

- 1. Applicants (not employees) to complete an application form.
- 2. Applicants to submit the application and required supporting documents:
  - Email: ecdev@gov.yk.ca
  - Fax: 867-393-6228
  - Mail: Government of Yukon, Paid Sick Leave Rebate (F-1), Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

## Where applicants can get help

• Phone: 867-456-3803

Toll-free: 1-800-661-0408, extension 3803

Email: <u>ecdev@gov.yk.ca</u>