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IMPORTANT NOTICE
For All Mi'kmaq Social Recipients Living in Communities

Subject: On-Reserve Social Assistance (SA) and the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

Indigenous Services Canada has advised that if you are living in one of our thirteen Mi'kmaq communities and were receiving social assistance from your community government before the COVID-19 pandemic was issued, you may not be eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and that ineligible persons may have to repay CERB payments at a later date through GST, GIS, Canada Child Benefit, etc.

You are eligible for CERB if:

- 1. You reside in Canada**
- 2. You stopped working because of reasons related to COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits or have exhausted Employment Insurance benefits between December 29, 2019 and October 3, 2020;**
- 3. You had employment and or self-employment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or the 12 months prior to the date of your application and;**
- 4. You have not quit your job voluntarily.**

If you are collecting social assistance from your Mi'kmaq government social department and collecting CERB payments, you are not eligible to receive both. Please contact your community Social Development Administrator to discuss social assistance program benefits and eligibility.

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