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## **April 11, 2020**

Parliament passed the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (“CEWS”) into law. The CEWS that passed into law was slightly revised from the earlier initiative announced by the Government on March 27, 2020 and [discussed in our earlier post on the CEWS](#).

- The government’s primer on the revised CEWS can be found [here](#).
- Our overview of the revised CEWS program can be found [here](#).

The Government of Ontario [extended the provincial state of emergency](#) until April 23, 2020. The extension includes the continued enforcement of various closures and other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including among other things:

- the closure of outdoor amenities in parks and recreational areas, non-essential workplaces, public places, and bars and restaurants;
- restrictions on social gatherings of more than five people; and
- the prohibition of price gouging.

## **April 8, 2020**

The Prime Minister [announced](#) temporary changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program. The Program subsidy applies to employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees to hire youth between the ages of 15 and 30.

- The subsidy for hiring summer students will be increased from 50% to 100% per year.
- The end date for employment is extended from August 28, 2020 to February 28, 2021
- Employers may hire on a part-time basis.

- Employers may adapt their jobs and projects to provide support for essential services.

The Government of Canada announced certain proposed changes to the CEWS in response to input from stakeholders and the opposition parties.