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We will be closed on Friday, April 02 to
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If someone you know is looking to advertise their business, tell them that the Chamber offers member only rates for advertising in our bi-weekly emails and on our LED sign.

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Member Directory



A benefit Opportunity

Audio Conferencing, Web Collaboration, Webinar Services

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce has created an Audio Conferencing, Web Conferencing and Webcasting Affinity Program for its members. This includes:

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Upcoming Employment Standards Webinars

Alberta Employment Standards is offering free webinars beginning March 31, 2021. The webinars will provide an overview of the Employment Standards Code and Regulation, and cover changes from Bill 32: the Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, as well as changes made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dates and Times

Wednesday, April 7: 1:30 – 2:30 PM

- General overview of employment standards in Alberta

Wednesday, April 14: 10 – 11 AM

- Overview of employment standards, with a focus on general holiday pay changes, and vacation pay

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

- This information session provides a general overview of current employment standards in Alberta, with a focus on changes related to COVID-19.

Sign up for a webinar on the [registration page](#).
If you are unable to attend a live webinar, you can find recorded webinars [online](#).

Latest Economic News

- Varcoe: After one terrible year, three hopeful signs for Alberta [Read more](#)
- After worst year on record, Canadian economy enters 2021 with double digit growth [Read more](#)
- Alberta's economy is on the mend but far from healed: ATB [Read more](#)



New Legislation to Help Workers and Families

To provide further support to Canadian workers, the federal government has passed legislation to increase the number of weeks available to workers through regular EI benefits.

For self-employed individuals who opted into the EI program to access special

benefits are now able to use \$5,000 as their 2020 earnings threshold rather than the previous \$7,555. This change is retroactive for claims established as of January 3, 2021 and applies until September 25, 2021.

New regulations have also come into effect regarding the Canada Recovery Benefits that increase the amount of weeks that individuals are able to apply for.

Find out more about this new legislation [here](#).



Enhanced COVID-19 Business Benefit

Stay tuned for updates on the Enhanced COVID-19 Business Benefit that was announced earlier this year. The benefit will provide funding to businesses that have experienced a revenue reduction of at least 60%. Payments will be calculated based on 15% of the eligible business's monthly revenue, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Applications will be opening in mid-April 2021. Find out if you will be eligible [here](#).

Canadian Chamber of Commerce News



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- [Carbon tax ruling provides policy certainty, but concerns remain about the competitiveness of Canadian businesses](#)
- [New data portrays the stark reality for the food service sector in 2020: Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)
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