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Admin Centre for Sport, Culture and Recreation

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To: Admin Centre Payroll Customers

From: Shauna Hubick, CFO

Re: Bill C-20 - Changes to Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

On Monday July 27th, Bill C-20 received Royal Assent through the Government of Canada. Bill C-20 makes the legislative changes necessary for organizations without a payroll number to be considered an eligible employer within the CEWS.

Originally, the CEWS rules required an organization to have a payroll account registered with the CRA to be eligible. This requirement stymied certain employers who use a payroll provider to fulfill this obligation. Under Bill C-20, the definition of a qualifying entity has been expanded to include entities without a payroll account as long as their payroll is administered by a payroll service provider that does have a registered payroll account and who makes remittances for the employees of the qualifying entity.

In addition to the important change noted above, Bill C-20 also extends the CEWS program to December 19, 2020, updates the subsidy calculations for new qualifying periods (those starting after July 5, 2020), and extends the deadline to file an application for the CEWS for any qualifying period (including qualifying periods 1 to 4) to January 31, 2021.

More detailed information regarding changes to the CEWS program are outlined in this article, <https://www.nortonrosefulbright.com/en/knowledge/publications/3d71ae4e/a-broadening-of-cews-revisions-and-updates-to-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy>

At this time, the application process has not yet been updated to reflect the changes in Bill C-20. Once we are notified that the changes have been made, we will communicate that, along with any other pertinent information regarding the application process.

Although it has taken some time, this is great news for all organizations on our payroll system that are looking to access the CEWS and I want to say thank you for your patience as we worked on resolving this issue over the past few months.

If you have any questions, or are looking for payroll information as you go through the application process, please contact Brandi Garrioch at bgarrioch@sasksport.ca or 306.780.9327.