Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers amount

Line F –10% Temporary Wage Subsidy reduction for employers

The 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers reduces the amount of income tax source deductions that employers have to remit to CRA on behalf of their employees by up to 10% of their remuneration (to a maximum of \$1,375 per employee up to \$25,000 per employer). Many employers that qualify for the CEWS also qualify for the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers.

Under the new rules, the government made the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy work automatically by creating a new law that says that employers who qualify are "deemed" to have sent in too much money to the CRA for income tax source deductions on behalf of their employees. Some employers took advantage of this right away by reducing the amount of income tax that they sent to the CRA on behalf of employees. Other employers have not done anything yet.

CEWS and the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers are intended to provide total support of up to 75% for payroll, not 75% + 10%. If you did not reduce the source deductions you remitted to the CRA, but you were entitled to the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers, the CRA will treat you as having over-remitted your employee source deductions (so that normally you will be entitled to a refund). The CRA will require you to fill out a self-identification form, that will be published in the coming months, in order for us to credit your payroll program account by the amount of the subsidy. In all cases, if you are eligible for the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy, you must put the amount that you are eligible for in the box for line F, whether or not you have taken advantage of it.

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