



OHIP – Ontario Health Insurance Plan

Eligibility

To qualify for OHIP, you must meet **all** of the minimum qualifications listed below **plus at least one** of the additional requirements.

To meet the minimum qualifications you must:

- be physically in Ontario for 153 days in any 12-month period
- be physically in Ontario for at least 153 days of the first 183 days immediately after you began living in the province
- make Ontario your primary home

You must **also** meet at least **one of the following** additional requirements. You:

- are a Canadian citizen
- are an Indigenous person (registered under the federal *Indian Act*)
- are a permanent resident (formerly called a “landed immigrant”)
- have **applied for permanent residence**, and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has confirmed that:
 - you meet the eligibility requirements to apply
 - you have not yet been denied
- are in Ontario on a **valid work permit** and are **working full-time** in Ontario, for an Ontario employer, for at least six months
 - your spouse and any dependents also qualify if you do
- are in Ontario on a **valid work permit**
- are a **convention refugee** or other **protected person** (as defined by Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada)
- have a **Temporary Resident Permit** (only certain case types, e.g. 86 through 95)
- are a **clergy member** who can legally stay in Canada and is ministering full time in Ontario for at least six months
 - your spouse and any dependents also qualify if you do

How to Apply

You must apply for OHIP in person at a [ServiceOntario centre](#). You can drop in, or [book an appointment](#).

You will need to **bring these documents** with you:

- a completed [Registration for Ontario Health Insurance Coverage form](#)
- three separate, original (not photocopies or printouts of electronic documents) identification documents:
 - one that proves your **Canadian citizenship or OHIP-eligible immigration status** (e.g. Canadian birth certificate, Permanent Resident Card)
 - one that proves you **live in Ontario** (e.g. Ontario Driver's Licence, income tax assessment)
 - one that supports **your identity** (e.g. credit card, passport from any country)

Children who are:

- **under 16 years old** do not need a photo or signature on their card so **a parent/guardian can register for them**
 - if you need another record of your child's health card information (e.g. when parents/guardians do not live in the same home), please ask for a transaction record in person at a [ServiceOntario centre](#)
- **older than 16 years** need a photo and signature on their card so **must apply in person** at a [ServiceOntario centre](#)

[See the complete list of qualifying identification documents](#)

When your coverage starts

It can take **up to three months** for your OHIP coverage to begin after you've been approved.

During this time, you may want to consider buying **private health insurance**.

Who gets immediate coverage?

OHIP coverage starts immediately for:

- babies born in Ontario who are Canadian citizens
- some internationally adopted children under 16 who are adopted by Ontario residents
- convention refugees and other protected persons as defined by the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada
- people who move from another Canadian province or territory into a long-term care home in Ontario within the first three months of their arrival

Services covered by OHIP

OHIP **covers part or all** of the following services:

- visits to [doctors](#)
- [hospital visits and stays](#)
- eligible [dental surgery in hospital](#)
- eligible [optometry](#) (eye-health services)
- [podiatry](#) (foot-health services)
- [ambulance](#) services
- travel for health services if you live in [northern Ontario](#)

Doctors

Whether you visit your doctor, or if you see one in a walk-in clinic, OHIP covers the full cost of your services – as long as they're medically necessary.

Learn about the services doctors provide.

Hospital Visits and stays

If you need to go to the hospital, OHIP covers:

- doctor and nursing services
- services to diagnose what's wrong (such as blood tests and x-rays)
- medications for in patients (once a patient is discharged, prescribed medications are not covered)
- some medications for out patients (certain limited medications are provided to out-patients for home use)
- accommodation and meals if you have to stay •if you want a private or semi-private room, you or your private insurance will have to pay some or all of those hospital fees

Dental Surgery in hospital

Some dental surgeries need to be performed in a hospital because they are complex and/or you have another medical condition that needs monitoring during the procedure.

OHIP covers in-hospital dental surgeries such as:

- fracture repair
- tumor removal
- reconstructive surgeries
- medically necessary tooth removal (prior approval by OHIP is required)

Optometry (eye-health services)

OHIP covers the cost of one major eye exam (for vision and general eye health) every 12 months, plus any minor assessments you need, but only if you are:

- 19 years and younger
- 65 years and older

If you are 20 to 64 years old, and you have a specific medical condition affecting your eyes that requires regular monitoring, OHIP will cover a major eye exam for you once every 12 months and any follow-up appointments related to the condition. Covered conditions are:

- diabetes mellitus
- glaucoma
- cataract
- retinal disease

- amblyopia
- visual field defects
- corneal disease
- strabismus
- recurrent uveitis
- optic pathway disease

OHIP may also cover a major eye exam if it has been requested for a specific reason by your doctor (they will need to give you a referral form).

You may be eligible for additional eye care if you are on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) or Ontario Works.

Podiatry (foot-health services)

OHIP covers between \$7-16 of each visit to a registered podiatrist up to \$135 per patient per year, plus \$30 for x-rays. You will need to pay for the remainder of the cost of each visit.

Surgeries performed by podiatrists **are not** covered by OHIP.

Ambulance services

If you need an ambulance for a medical emergency, OHIP covers part or all the costs depending on the circumstances.

Travel for northern-Ontario residents

If you have to travel long distance for specialized medical care and live in one of the following areas, OHIP might help pay for your travel and accommodation through the Northern Health Travel Grant:

- Algoma
- Cochrane

- Kenora
- Manitoulin
- Nipissing
- Parry Sound
- Rainy River
- Sudbury
- Thunder Bay
- Timiskaming

Find out if you qualify and how to apply to the Northern Health Travel Grant.

Services not covered by OHIP

OHIP does not cover:

- prescription drugs provided in non-hospital settings (e.g. antibiotics prescribed by your family doctor)
- dental services provided in a dentist's office
- eyeglasses, contact lenses
- laser eye surgery
- cosmetic surgery

What's covered elsewhere in Canada

When you show your valid Ontario health card in another Canadian province or territory, you will be covered for some of the same services you're covered for in Ontario including:

- physician services (e.g. visit to a walk-in clinic)
- services provided in a public hospital (e.g. emergency, diagnostic, laboratory)

Any service or treatment you receive in another Canadian province or territory must be medically necessary for it to be covered by OHIP.

What's not covered elsewhere in Canada

Services that are not covered by OHIP in another Canadian province or territory include:

- services not covered in Ontario (e.g. cosmetic surgery)
- ambulance services (including transport and paramedic)
- prescription drugs and other drugs given outside a hospital
- home-care services
- fees charged by private hospitals or facilities
- diagnostic or laboratory services outside of a public hospital
- long-term care or residential services
- assistive devices (e.g. prosthetics)

We recommend that you buy private health insurance before leaving Ontario to cover any uninsured services you may need.

For More Information on the health care system in Ontario contact:

ServiceOntario, Infoline at **1-800-267-8097**

TTY 1-800-268-7095

In Toronto, TTY 416-326-1234

Hours of operation: 8:30am - 5:00pm

ServiceOntario Offices

BRAMPTON

1. 55 Mountainash Rd
Brampton, ON L6R 1W4

General Inquiry: 905-792-2701

Hours of Operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am–5pm * Thu 9am–8pm * Sat 9am-1pm

2. Unit 8, 4 McLaughlin Rd
Brampton, ON L6Y 3B2

General Inquiry: 905-452-1132

Hours of Operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am–5pm * Thu 9am–7pm * Sat 9am-1pm

3. Unit 2, 2150 Steeles Ave East
Brampton, ON L6T 1A7

General Inquiry: 905-792-0081

Hours of operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am–5pm * Thu 9am–7pm * Sat 9am-1pm

4. Unit 15, 1 Wexford Rd
Brampton, ON L6Z 2W1

General Inquiry: 905-840-7433

Hours of Operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am–5pm * Thu 9am–7pm * Sat 9am-12noon

5. 1 Gateway Blvd
Brampton, ON L6T 4X2

General Inquiry: 1-800-267-8097

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

6. Unit #8 2880 Queen St E
Brampton, ON L6S 6E8

General Inquiry: 905-791-0046

Hours of Operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am–5pm * Thu 9am–7pm * Sat 9am-5pm

CALEDON

1. 18 King St E
Bolton, ON, L7E 1E8

General Inquiry: 905-857-3314

Hours of Operation: **Mon-Wed and Fri 9am–5pm * Thu 9am–7pm * Sat 9am-1pm**

MISSISSAUGA

1. 5035 Hurontario St, Unit 13
Mississauga, ON L4Z 3X7

General Inquiry: 1 800-267-8097

Hours of operation: **Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm * Thu 9am-7pm, * Sat 9am-1pm**

2. 6295 Mississauga Rd N, Unit 101
Mississauga, ON L5N 1A5

General Inquiry: 905-826-6151

Hours of Operation: **Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm**

3. 1425 Dundas St E, Unit 2
Mississauga, ON L4X 2W4

General Inquiry: 905-629-1364

Hours of operation: **Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm * Thu 9am-7pm * Sat 9am-12noon**

4. Unit 14, 1151 Dundas St W
Mississauga, ON L5C 1C6

General Inquiry: 416-326-1234

Hours of Operation: **Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm**

5. Unit 24, 2225 Erin Mills Parkway
Mississauga, ON L5K 1T9

General Inquiry: 416-326-1234

Hours of Operation: **Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm * Thu 9am-7pm * Sat 9am-1pm**

6. Unit 7A, 257 Dundas St E
Mississauga, ON L5K 1T9

General Inquiry: 416-326-1234

Hours of Operation: **Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm * Thu 9am-7pm * Sat 9am-1pm**

ETOBICOKE

1. Unit 19 A, 250 Wincott Dr
Etobicoke, ON M9R 2R5

General Inquiry: 416-244-0911

Hours of Operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm * Thu 9am-7pm * Sat 9am-1pm

2. Unit 3B 35 Woodbine Downs Blvd
Toronto, ON M9W 6N5

General Inquiry: 416-742-1901

Hours of Operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm * Thu 9am-7pm * Sat 9am-1pm

DUFFERIN COUNTY - Orangeville and Shelburne

1. Unit 7, 41 Broadway Ave
Orangeville, ON, L9W 1J7

General Inquiry: 1-800-267-8097

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm * Sat 8:30am-1pm

1. 109 Adeline St
Shelburne, ON, L9V 3J8

General Inquiry: 1 800-267-8097

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-12noon and 1pm-5pm * Sat 9am-12noon

WOODBIDGE

1. Unit # 4, 7766 Martin Grove Rd
Woodbridge, ON L4L 9S2

General Inquiry: 905-851-0777

Hours of Operation: Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm * Thu 9am-7pm * Sat 9am-1pm