

The Ontario Child Benefit

The Ontario Child Benefit is a provincial government program, which provides financial support to low-income families to help provide for their children. Low-income families who qualify for the Ontario Child Benefit receive up to almost \$92 per child per month up to a maximum of \$1,100 per child per year.

There is no separate application for the OCB. Depending on your family income, you may qualify for the Ontario Child Benefit (OCB), if you:

- have filed and had assessed your previous years income tax return (including your spouse or common-law partner)
- have registered your child for the federal Canada Child Tax Benefit
- are the primary caregiver for one or more children under 18 years of age
- are a resident of Ontario

I'm eligible - what happens next?

The Canada Revenue Agency will automatically review your eligibility once you and your spouse/ common law partner's income tax returns from the previous year are assessed and you have registered your child for the Canada Child Tax Benefit. If you are eligible, the Ontario Child Benefit is included with Canada Child Tax Benefit and National Child Benefit Supplement monthly payments.

You can download an Income Tax and Benefit Package from the Canada Revenue Agency website, www.cra-arc.gc.ca/forms.

For more information, or to apply for the Canada Child Tax Benefit, visit the Canada Revenue Agency website for an application form or call the Canada Revenue Agency toll-free at 1-800-959-2221.

How much will I receive?

The amount will be determined according to the number of children under 18 years of age and based on family net income. You can qualify for the benefit whether you are working or not.

To see how much you may be eligible for you can also use the online calculator found on the OCB webpage at www.ontario.ca/childbenefit.

The maximum amount you can receive is \$1,100 per child, per year.

Need more information?

For specific information about your payment, contact the Canada Revenue Agency toll-free at 1-800-387-1193 (TTY: 1-800-665-0354).

For general information about the Ontario Child Benefit program, contact our toll-free number at 1-866-821-7770 (TTY: 1-800-387-5559).

