

## Catch Up Payments for Parents (November 1, 2022)

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<p>The provincial government is providing parents with Catch Up Payments to help fill learning gaps that may have emerged because of COVID-19. As a parent or guardian, you can use this one-time funding for things that best suit your child's needs like tutoring services, supplies, and equipment. <b>The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST.</b></p>	
<b>HOW MUCH CAN I RECEIVE?</b>	<p>Eligible applicants will receive a one-time payment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200 for each student between kindergarten and Grade 12, up to age 18</li> <li>• \$250 for each student with special education needs between kindergarten and Grade 12, up to age 21</li> </ul>
<b>AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PAYMENT?</b>	<p>You are eligible to apply if you are a resident of Ontario and are a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parent or guardian of a student from kindergarten to Grade 12</li> <li>• secondary school student who is 18 years of age (students 18 years of age can apply on their own or a parent/guardian can submit an application on their behalf)</li> <li>• parent or guardian of a student from kindergarten up to age 21 with special education needs <b>AND</b></li> <li>• go to a publicly funded school or a private school in Ontario</li> <li>• go to a First Nation operated or federally operated school in Ontario</li> <li>• are homeschooled in Ontario</li> </ul>
<b>ARE REMOTE STUDENTS &amp; THOSE OVER 18 ELIGIBLE?</b>	<p>Both in person and remote learning students are eligible.</p> <p>Students of Adult and Continuing Education programs for individuals over 18 years of age are <u>not</u> eligible.</p>
<b>WHAT IS A "SPECIAL EDUCATION NEED"?</b>	<p>For the purposes of this payment program, a student with special education needs is any student receiving special education programs or services by their school board, or any student with a special education need. A special education need may include the costs of your child's tutoring, supplies, or equipment during the 2022-23 school year.</p>
<b>CAN BOTH PARENTS APPLY?</b>	<p>No. Only one parent or guardian can apply for each student. The parent or guardian should have custody of the child. In shared custody arrangements, it is up to the child's parents or guardians to determine who will apply. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.</p>
<b>HOW DO I APPLY?</b>	<p>You have to sign in or create a <a href="#">My Ontario Account</a> to apply for Catch Up Payments. A separate application must be completed for each student with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the name of their school and school board (if applicable)</li> <li>• their date of birth</li> <li>• a valid email address</li> <li>• depending on the method of payment selected, your banking information (bank name, branch or transit number and account number)</li> </ul> <p>All information about a student should match their school's record if they attend a publicly-funded school.</p>
<b>HOW CAN I RECEIVE PAYMENT(S)?</b>	<p>You will be asked to select your preferred method of payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• e-transfer (quickest way to get paid)</li> <li>• direct deposit (you will need your bank name, branch or transit number, account number), or</li> <li>• cheque (if you don't have an email address or cannot provide banking information)</li> </ul>
<b>WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY PAYMENT(S)?</b>	<p>You will get an email within 1-5 business days confirming that your application was received. It will include your confirmation number. Check your junk mail folder if you do not receive the confirmation email.</p> <p>It will take a few weeks for you to receive your payment. Some applications may take longer to verify and process. If the information is incomplete or inaccurate, your payment will be delayed or denied.</p>
<b>CAN I CHECK THE STATUS OF MY APPLICATION(S)?</b>	<p>When you create a profile, you will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• check the status of your application</li> <li>• make any updates or changes to the information you provided</li> </ul>
<b>I NEED HELP APPLYING</b>	<p>If you cannot complete the application on your own due to a language, we encourage you to contact your social service provider or the Catholic Centre for Immigrants (613) 232-9634 or OCISO (613) 725-0202.</p>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
[Catch Up Payments | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/catch-up-payments)