

Applying for the Ontario Disability Employment Support Program (ODSP)

Individuals can apply for the Ontario Disability Employment Support Program after their sixteenth birthday, by contacting the ODSP office in Mississauga at 905-897-3100 (Toll free: 1-800-361-0897 or TTY 905-897-3109) or Brampton at (905) 460-5025. Individuals applying for ODSP must qualify both medically and financially.

The ODSP Employment Supports program works with community service providers to help people with disabilities prepare for and find jobs, keep a job and advance their career. The program can also help people with disabilities become self-employed. ODSP Employment Supports help people who have a wide range of disabilities.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Employment Support under the ODSP, you must:

- Be 16 years of age or older;
- Be a resident of Ontario; and,
- Have a disability that is expected to last a year or more, and your disability makes it hard for you to find or keep a job.
- If you are above the age of 18 and receive ODSP you are automatically qualified for Employment Supports
- Keep in mind that there may be a fee attached if you are from the age of 16-18.

Helpful hints:

- Qualifying medically for ODSP depends on the forms being completed by a qualified professional and on accompanying, supportive documentation being provided where available.
- If an application for ODSP is refused based on a decision that the applicant does not meet the definition of a person with a disability, the applicant can appeal the decision.

To find out more, visit:

http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/odsp/employment_support/index.aspx