

MOF Request for OESP Messaging - Due ASAP

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Hi Deputy,

Below is the messaging MOF requested regarding OESP for their Fall Statement – it has been reviewed by SNAP as well as OEB. Ok to share with MO then MOF?

Thanks,
Denna

The OESP provides a fixed monthly credit directly on qualified consumers' bills. The credit amount eligible consumers receive is based on household income and household size. This allows the program to provide a greater benefit to low-income consumers who are most in need of assistance.

This is a rate relief program funded by all ratepayers for low-income ratepayers who have applied and meet the eligibility requirements. OESP monthly credits range from \$30 to \$50. A household receiving the lowest OESP credit would receive \$360/ year off their bills, or \$425/ year when combined with the removal of the DRC. Customers who rely on electric heating, or use certain medical devices requiring significant amounts of electricity, and First Nations and Métis customers are eligible for a higher level of assistance.

We are encouraged by the response the OESP has received so far. As of October 31, 2016, more than 240,000 applications have been submitted to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and more than 150,000 have been approved.

The OEB will continue to work closely with intake agencies, utilities and other stakeholders, including grassroots organizations to ensure the program reaches those who need it most. People who need assistance with OESP can also contact them directly at (855) 831-8151 or help@ontarioelectricitysupport.ca.