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Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

> Ontario Electricity Support Program Upcoming Changes

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May 1st Changes to OESP

- The Government's proposed Fair Hydro Plan included a proposal to expand the OESP in the following two ways:
 1. Increase monthly credit amounts for eligible consumers by 50%
 2. Expand the income eligibility thresholds for some household sizes
- Regulation 314/15 of the OEB Act was approved last week to making the above changes effective as of May 1, 2017
- ICF, Ministry of Finance and utilities have been making changes to their systems to accommodate the new changes and all is expected to be completed in time for May 1st.
- A new communications plan has been developed which includes utility bill inserts (with RPP on one side and OESP on the other) along with additional radio, newspaper, transit and out-of-home displays (e.g. doctors' office screens)
- Consumers already on the program (or who have recently submitted an application) do not need to reapply. Their utility will automatically apply the new credit amount.
 - Note – the first bill will be prorated between the old / new credit amounts



Changes to the Base Sliding Scale

Current

Base	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
<28,000	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 34	\$ 38	\$ 42	\$ 50	\$ 50
28,001 - 39,000			\$ 30	\$ 34	\$ 38	\$ 42	\$ 50
39,001 - 48,000					\$ 30	\$ 34	\$ 38
48,001 - 52,000							\$ 30

As of May 1st

Base	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
<28,000	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 51	\$ 57	\$ 63	\$ 75	\$ 75
28,001 - 39,000		\$ 40	\$ 45	\$ 51	\$ 57	\$ 63	\$ 75
39,001 - 48,000			\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 45	\$ 51	\$ 57
48,001 - 52,000					\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 45

Newly Eligible

Changes to the Enhanced Scale

Current

Enhanced	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
<28,000	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 55	\$ 60	\$ 75	\$ 75
28,001 - 39,000			\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 55	\$ 60	\$ 75
39,001 - 48,000					\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 55
48,001 - 52,000							\$ 45

As of May 1st

Enhanced	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
<28,000	\$ 68	\$ 68	\$ 75	\$ 83	\$ 90	\$ 113	\$ 113
28,001 - 39,000		\$ 60	\$ 68	\$ 75	\$ 83	\$ 90	\$ 113
39,001 - 48,000			\$ 52	\$ 60	\$ 68	\$ 75	\$ 83
48,001 - 52,000					\$ 52	\$ 60	\$ 68

Newly Eligible



Both Scales – as of May 1st

Base

Base	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
<28,000	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 51	\$ 57	\$ 63	\$ 75	\$ 75
28,001 - 39,000		\$ 40	\$ 45	\$ 51	\$ 57	\$ 63	\$ 75
39,001 - 48,000			\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 45	\$ 51	\$ 57
48,001 - 52,000					\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 45

As of May 1st

Enhanced	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
<28,000	\$ 68	\$ 68	\$ 75	\$ 83	\$ 90	\$ 113	\$ 113
28,001 - 39,000		\$ 60	\$ 68	\$ 75	\$ 83	\$ 90	\$ 113
39,001 - 48,000			\$ 52	\$ 60	\$ 68	\$ 75	\$ 83
48,001 - 52,000					\$ 52	\$ 60	\$ 68

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