



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

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## ORDER FOR OESP CREDITS

**EB-2016-0376**

**OESP Credits Effective May 1, 2017**

**BEFORE:** Rosemarie T. Leclair  
Ken Quesnelle  
Christine Long

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**April 25, 2017**

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), introduced in 2016, is a program that delivers on-bill rate assistance to low-income electricity customers.

For the 2016 calendar year, the amount of rate assistance (the OESP credits) was prescribed by O. Reg. 314/15 (Ontario Electricity Support Program) under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. By Order dated December 21, 2016, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) determined that the OESP credits would remain at their 2016 levels for January 1, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

Recently, O. Reg. 314/15 was amended, effective May 1, 2017. The revised regulation requires the OEB to fix the OESP credits in the newly prescribed amounts. Those amounts are 50% higher than they have been since the program was launched. In addition, the revised regulation expands the eligibility for the program by adding new categories of eligible households.

The revised OESP credits are shown in the tables below.

**Table 1: Sliding Scale for Typical Customer**

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of People)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
28,000 OR LESS	\$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

<sup>1</sup> Order for OESP Credits (EB-2016-0376).

**Table 2: Sliding Scale for Energy Intensive Customers\***

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of People)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
28,000 OR LESS	\$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

*\*Applicable to households that are reliant on electric heat or electricity-intensive medical devices, as well as Indigenous households.*

The purpose of this Order is to reflect the amended regulation. In fixing the amount of the OESP credits to be provided to low-income customers effective May 1, 2017, the OEB has no discretion: the amounts are specified in the regulation. Accordingly, this Order is being issued without a hearing.

## **ORDER**

### **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Effective May 1, 2017, the OESP credits to be provided by rate-regulated distributors shall equal those listed in Schedule A, which are consistent with the amounts specified in O. Reg. 314/15, and which supersede the OESP credits that may be included on a distributor's tariff of rates and charges.
2. This Order prevails over section 9 of the Distribution System Code, to the extent of any conflict.

**DATED** at Toronto April 25, 2017

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**SCHEDULE A**  
**ORDER FOR OESP CREDITS**  
**TABLE OF OESP CREDIT AMOUNTS**  
**EB-2016-0376**  
**APRIL 25, 2017**

## ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Effective May 1, 2017, the following credits are to be applied to eligible residential customers, in accordance with Schedule 1 of O. Reg. 314/15 under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

### OESP Credits by Customer Class

<b>Class</b>	<b>Tariff Value</b>	<b>OESP Monthly Credit Amount</b>
A	T10	\$35
B	T11	\$40
C	T1	\$45
D	T2	\$51
E	T12	\$52
F	T3	\$57
G	T13	\$60
H	T4	\$63
I	T5	\$68
J	T6	\$75
K	T7	\$83
L	T8	\$90
M	T9	\$113