



## GUIDELINES FOR ODSP APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

As a part of our commitment to ensure a transparent and effective process for all individuals seeking assistance through the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), we have provided a concise set of guidelines. Adhering to these ensures that applicants and recipients understand their rights, obligations, and the criteria for obtaining and maintaining support.

### Key Guidelines:

- **Age Requirement:** Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age. If under 18, the application process can commence up to six months before the 18th birthday.
- **Residency:** Only Ontario residents are eligible for ODSP.
- **Asset Limit:** An applicant's assets must not exceed the specified limits set out by the program.
- **Financial Need:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need based on income, living expenses, family size and make-up, and shelter costs.
- **Disability Definition:** Applicants should either meet the ODSP's definition of a person with a disability or belong to a prescribed class.
- **Health Verification:** Disability, its likely duration, and restrictions must be verified by an approved health care professional.
- **Disability Determination Process:** The ministry's Disability Adjudication Unit reviews the completed package to ascertain if the applicant meets the disability definition.
- **Medical Review Date:** For conditions that may improve over time, a date will be set for a subsequent medical review.

We urge all applicants and recipients to carefully go through these guidelines, as well as other related information provided by ServiceOntario, to ensure full compliance and to maximize the benefits provided by ODSP.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to maintaining the standards and processes set by the Ontario Disability Support Program.

Warm regards,  
ServiceOntario