

# THERE'S HELP FOR LOWER-INCOME FIRST NATIONS HOUSEHOLDS

## ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM



## DO YOU QUALIFY?



If you are a customer of an electricity utility and in a lower-income home, you may qualify for a reduction on your electricity bill through the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP).

## YOU COULD RECEIVE A CREDIT ON YOUR ELECTRICITY BILL

Beginning in 2016, the OESP will reduce the cost of your household electricity by applying a monthly credit directly to your bill.

## WHAT SUPPORT COULD YOU RECEIVE?

The amount of the credit you could receive depends on two factors:

- How many people live in your home and
- Your combined household income

To help address some of the unique challenges that can lead to higher electricity use and costs in many communities, the OESP provides a higher level of support to lower-income First Nations households.

For example, a home with four people and an annual household income of \$39,000 can receive an on-bill credit of \$50 each month.

### OESP CREDIT AMOUNTS FOR ENERGY INTENSIVE HOUSEHOLDS

Level of Household Income (\$)	Number of people living in home						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
28,000 or less	\$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

## HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply through the Ontario Native Welfare Administrators' Association (ONWAA).

ONWAA will be coming to your community to provide on-site, face-to-face, assistance. They can help you complete the application.

You can also apply online if you have recently filed taxes and have verified income from the Canada Revenue Agency that reflects the household's total income.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO PROVIDE TO ONWAA?

Please provide your ONWAA representative with:

- 1 Your electricity bill
- 2 Names and birthdates of all residents in your home
- 3 Proof of household income for everyone residing in your household.



## NEW ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The following organizations are ready to help you.

- ONWAA at **1-844-885-3157** or [oesp@onwaa.com](mailto:oesp@onwaa.com)

- The OESP Contact Centre at 1-855-831-8151 (toll free within Ontario)
- Your local electricity utility.

OR you can contact the OEB at 1-877-632-2727 (toll-free within Ontario)