



City of Peterborough

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Peterborough, ON --

As part of the government's initiative to modernize and improve social assistance technology and delivery across Ontario, we are pleased to announce that a new Online Application for Social Assistance will be available in our community.

As of May 16, 2011, residents of City and County of Peterborough are able to use the new provincial Online Application to apply for Ontario Works by visiting www.ontario.ca/socialassistance.

By using the online application residents can:

- find out if they may be eligible for **three** social assistance programs: Ontario Works, the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD); and
- apply for Ontario Works, ODSP and ACSD.

The online application is just one of the ways people can apply for Ontario's social assistance programs. Applicants continue to have the option of applying in person or over the phone.

The Online Application for Social Assistance is:

- Confidential
- Convenient – applicants can access it from the privacy of their own home or from any computer with an Internet connection
- Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- More accessible for people with disabilities
- Available in English and French.

The screening section within the online application allows potential applicants to see whether or not they might be eligible before they start the application process. As well, an appointment scheduling feature allows applicants to suggest dates and times for their verification interviews at the local office.

This information is also available on the City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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