

## All About the Ontario Photo Card

### What is the Ontario Photo Card?

The Ontario Photo Card is a government-issued identification card that provides photo identification for Ontario residents who do not have a driver's licence.

### Key Features:

- **Valid Proof:** Recognized as official photo identification across Ontario.
- **Long-lasting:** Valid for five years before renewal is needed.
- **Security:** Equipped with the same security features as the Ontario driver's licence.

### Why is it Essential for Non-Drivers?

- **Daily Identification:** Whether it's picking up a package, verifying your age, or accessing certain services, having a photo ID is often required.
- **Banking & Financial Transactions:** Many banks and financial institutions require valid photo identification for account setup, transactions, and verifications.
- **Travel within Canada:** While not a substitute for a passport, the Ontario Photo Card is often accepted as ID for domestic flights and train journeys.
- **Social & Community Inclusion:** Participation in many community and social activities often requires a form of identification.

### Who Might Benefit from an Ontario Photo Card?

- Seniors who no longer drive.
- Individuals who choose not to drive.
- Teenagers and young adults who don't yet have a driver's licence.
- People with medical conditions preventing them from driving.
- New residents or immigrants to Ontario.

### Who Is Eligible?

- Ontario residents over the age of 16 who do not possess a driver's licence.
- Applicants must be physically present in Ontario for at least 153 days in any 12-month period.



### How to Apply

You can apply for an Ontario Photo Card in person at a [ServiceOntario centre](#) if you:

- do not have a driver's licence
- are a resident of Ontario
- are 16 years of age or older

You will need to bring the following to a ServiceOntario centre:

- original [identity documents](#) (for example, birth certificate) to prove your legal name and date of birth
- your [marriage certificate](#), if you are applying under your married name

### Cost and Delivery

- \$35 to get or renew your Ontario Photo Card.
- Once your application is processed, your Ontario Photo Card will be mailed to you within 4 to 6 weeks.

### Did You Know?

- If you require assistance with any part of the application process, you can have someone accompany you to help. You don't need a Letter of Authorization or Power of Attorney (POA) for third-party assistance.
- For enhanced accessibility, you can request that braille be applied to your photo card at no additional cost.

**Support** More information about the Ontario Photo Card is available online at [Ontario.ca/PhotoCard](https://Ontario.ca/PhotoCard). For more information, visit the official [ServiceOntario](#) website or contact a [local ServiceOntario centre](#). Anyone who faces difficulties applying for an Ontario Photo Card or booking an appointment should contact ServiceOntario at [1-866-532-3161](tel:1-866-532-3161) (TTY: [1-800-387-5559](tel:1-800-387-5559)).