

The Ontario government has provided an Energy Grant and Property Tax Grant for Ontario businesses affected by the Province wide shutdown.

The following link is to the FAQ section [COVID-19 Business Support Grants \(gov.on.ca\)](#) – it can also be reached by clicking the “Get Help” at the top of the Ministry website as seen here.



There are several eligibility streams available, depending on the type of business applying for the grant, and when it was affected by the restrictions:

### **What is the eligibility period for businesses that are newly eligible under Provincewide Shutdown provincial public health restrictions?**

Businesses located in Toronto, Peel, and North Bay Parry Sound District Regions may claim up to a maximum of 3 electricity bills and 3 natural gas bills per business location, if their business was subject to Provincewide Shutdown level restrictions. Bills must have been received on or after December 26, 2020.

All other businesses located in all Ontario regions may claim up to a maximum of 2 electricity bill and 2 natural gas bill per business location, if their business was subject to Provincewide Shutdown level restrictions. Bills must have been received on or after December 26, 2020.

### **What is the eligibility period for businesses impacted by modified Stage 2 or Red-Control provincial public health restrictions?**

Eligible businesses may claim 100% of eligible energy costs received during the time they are affected by public health restrictions, as follows:

For businesses affected when their Public Health Unit moved into the **Provincewide Shutdown**:

- Businesses in **Toronto, Peel and North Bay/Parry Sound** may claim up to a maximum of 3 electricity bills and 3 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after December 26th.
- For all other Public Health Units, businesses may claim up to a maximum of 2 electricity bills and 2 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after December 26th.

For businesses previously affected when their Public Health Unit moved into **modified Stage 2/Red-Control (excluding Restaurants and Bars)**:

- Businesses in **Toronto, York and Peel** may claim up to a maximum of 6 electricity bills and 6 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- Businesses in **Halton, Hamilton, Durham and Waterloo** may claim up to a maximum of 5 electricity bills and 5 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- Businesses in **Simcoe Muskoka, Niagara, Lambton and Windsor-Essex** may claim up to a maximum of 4 electricity bills and 4 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- Businesses in **Ottawa, Chatham-Kent, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, Middlesex-London, Thunder Bay, Peterborough, Northwestern, Sudbury and Districts** may claim up to a maximum of 3 electricity bills and 3 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- Businesses in **Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Timiskaming, Southwestern, Leeds and Grenville and Brant County** may claim 2 electricity bills and 2 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.

**For Restaurants and Bars** affected when their Public Health Unit moved into **modified Stage 2/Red-Control:**

- **Restaurants and Bars in Toronto and Peel** may claim up to a maximum of 6 electricity bills and 6 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- **Restaurants and Bars in York** may claim up to a maximum of 5 electricity bills and 5 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- **Restaurants and Bars in Windsor-Essex, Halton, Hamilton, Durham and Waterloo** may claim up to a maximum of 4 electricity bills and 4 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- **Restaurants and Bars in Simcoe Muskoka, Niagara, Ottawa, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, Middlesex-London, Thunder Bay, Lambton, Sudbury** may claim up to a maximum of 3 electricity bills and 3 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control.
- **Restaurants and Bars in Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Timiskaming, Chatham-Kent, Northwestern, Southwestern, Peterborough, Leeds and Grenville, and Brant County** may claim 2 electricity bills and 2 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control

For businesses affected when their Public Health Unit moved into Grey-Lockdown (**excluding Retail/Shopping Malls and Cannabis businesses**):

- Businesses in **Toronto and Peel** that are affected by the move to Lockdown on November 23rd may claim up to 5 electricity bills and 5 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated no earlier than November 23rd 2020.
- Businesses in **Thunder Bay, Lambton and Sudbury Districts** may claim 3 electricity bills and 3 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Grey-Lockdown.
- Businesses in **York, Hamilton, Niagara and Windsor-Essex** may claim 2 electricity bills and 2 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Grey-Lockdown.

**For Retail/Shopping Malls and Cannabis businesses** affected when their Public Health Unit moved into Grey-Lockdown:

- **Retail/Shopping Malls and Cannabis businesses in Toronto and Peel** that are affected by the move to Lockdown on November 23rd may claim up to 4 electricity bills and 4 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated no earlier than November 23rd, 2020.
- **Retail/Shopping Malls and Cannabis businesses in York, Hamilton, Niagara, Windsor-Essex Thunder Bay, Lambton and Sudbury Districts** may claim 2 electricity bills and 2 natural gas bills per business location. Bills must be dated on or after the day your region/city moved into modified Grey-Lockdown.

Eligible businesses in all affected regions may claim propane or heating oil costs if they do not have natural gas service. Propane or heating oil costs are not subject to a per bill limit, but bills must be dated after your region/city moved into modified Stage 2/Red-Control, Lockdown, or Provincewide Shutdown.

- October 10, 2020, for businesses located in Ottawa
- November 16, 2020, for businesses located in Hamilton and Halton Region
- November 23, 2020, for businesses located in Durham and Waterloo Regions
- November 30, 2020, for businesses located in Windsor-Essex
- December 14, 2020, for business located in Middlesex-London, Simcoe Muskoka, and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Regions

Here is a quick reference to when certain regions moved to different restriction levels:

As of March 30, 2021, eligible regions and public health restriction periods include:

Red-Control, or previously modified Stage 2:

- Toronto:
  - Modified Stage 2, Red-Control: October 10 to November 22, 2020
  - Grey-Lockdown: effective November 23, 2020
- Ottawa: October 10 to November 6, 2020
- Peel Region:
  - Modified Stage 2, Red-Control: October 10 to November 22, 2020
  - Grey-Lockdown: effective November 23, 2020
- York Region:
  - Modified Stage 2 / Red-Control: October 19 to November 6, and November 16 to December 13, 2020
  - Grey-Lockdown: effective December 14, 2020
  - Note: York Region was in the Orange-Restrict level from November 7 – November 15, 2020. Bills dated during this time period are still eligible for the rebate.
- Region of Windsor-Essex:
  - Red-Control: effective November 30 to December 13, 2020
  - Grey-Lockdown: effective December 14, 2020
- Halton Region: Red-Control effective November 16, 2020
- Hamilton: Red-Control effective November 16, 2020
- Durham Region: Red-Control effective November 23, 2020
- Region of Waterloo: Red-Control effective November 23, 2020
- Region of Middlesex-London: Red-Control effective December 14, 2020
- Region of Simcoe Muskoka Red-Control effective December 14, 2020
- Region of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Red-Control effective December 14, 2020