
Making Government Services Easier for New Parents

Provincial and Federal Governments Introduce Expanded Newborn Registration Service

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With just a few clicks, Ontario parents can now apply for child benefit programs for newborns as part of the newly expanded online Newborn Registration Service application on the ServiceOntario website.

In partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada, ServiceOntario now provides a quick, easy, and secure way for parents to register their newborn, apply for a birth certificate, Social Insurance Number Card and now, Canada Child Benefits, with one single, easy-to-use online service.

The service lets parents combine four separate applications into one easy-to-use online process. This reduction in waiting and processing time makes it significantly easier for parents to cross another thing off their to-do list.

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"Busy families want their government to deliver better service, and work together to make things easier for them. The expansion of The Newborn Registration Service is another great example of how ServiceOntario is committed to making services faster, friendlier and easier to access."

– Harinder S. Takhar - Ontario Government Services Minister

"Parents of newborns have enough to think about when a baby arrives, so it makes sense for federal and provincial governments to work together to provide better services to Canadian families, to reduce duplication and red tape whenever we can."

– The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, on behalf of the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Federal Minister of National Revenue, Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Minister for the Atlantic Gateway.

QUICK FACTS

- The expanded service, including the Canada Child Benefits application, became available across Ontario in July 2010.

- So far, over 100,000 parents in the province have used the online service.
- Website analysis shows that approximately 89% of parents in Ontario are going online to register the births of their children, and nearly all parents indicated they found the online service easy to use.
- Application for child benefits on birth registration forms have been implemented in four other provinces (Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and Québec) making the service available for approximately 75% of the newborn population in Canada.

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Read about The Newborn Registration Service and other family-friendly services from ServiceOntario at: [Serviceontario.ca](https://www.serviceontario.ca)

Visit [the Canada Revenue Agency's web site](https://www.cra.gc.ca) for more information on Canada Child Benefits and this new service.

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