

Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

Ontario Business Registry

OBR Integrations with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

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Overview of OBR Integrations

- Since the Ontario Business Registry (OBR) launched in October 2021, the integrations with CRA and partner Ministries were expanded to include business entities of partnerships and sole proprietorships (in addition to corporations).
- Integrations are system to system data exchanges based on agreed upon frequency and data elements. They create efficiencies by sharing key business information between levels of government.
- Filings completed in the OBR initiate the sharing of selected business information with CRA.
- New legal entities registered in Ontario are issued a Business Number and Ontario program account, which is shared electronically with OBR.

Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Business Number (BN)	A unique nine-digit number assigned to a business for the purposes of interacting with business-facing programs at the federal, provincial/territorial, municipal and aboriginal levels of government.
Legal Entity	A Business/Corporation/Partnership/Sole Proprietorship.
Firm Name/Operating Name	The Business Name registration for a Legal Entity.
Legal Name	The name that identifies a Legal Entity for legal, administrative and other official purposes.
RHO and CRA Mailing Address	The Registered Head Office of a corporation in the OBR.
PPOB	The Principal Place of Business for a Business Name/Partnership.
TZ Program Account	A two-letter program identifier attached to the BN used to identify an entity. “TZ” is attached to the BN15 assigned for registrations completed in the OBR after October 19, 2021.

OBR/CRA Integration – Business Corporations under Ontario Business Corporations Act (OBCA)

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
Filing Articles of Incorporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Name* Operating (Business) Name (if different from Legal Name) Address (RHO & PPOB) Incorporation Date Directors Jurisdiction Incorporation Certificate Number Business activity description** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses of new Directors Date of appointment of Directors 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRA creates BN immediately and ports BN electronically to OBR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triggers creation of new BN an Ontario TZ program account At registration up to 5 directors sent to CRA, additional directors sent to CRA after BN is created
Filing Notice of Change/Initial Return/Annual Return	<p>If applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors – additions and deletions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address (RHO & PPOB) updates Addresses of new Directors Dates Directors appointed and/or ceased 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRA processes immediately upon receiving the change from OBR 	<p>Only sent if BN is on file in OBR</p>

*When a request to change the legal name is submitted after an incorporation filing (usually on the same day) and a BN has not been assigned, legal name updates cannot be provided electronically to the CRA.

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OBR/CRA Integration – Business Corporations under Ontario Business Corporations Act (OBCA)

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Filing Articles of Amendment	<p>If applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Legal (Corporate) Name (legal name updates can only be provided electronically to CRA if the BN has already been assigned) Change in Directors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Number of Directors (fixed or minimum/maximum) Updates to Share Structure 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRA processes immediately upon receiving the change from OBR 	Only sent if BN is on file in OBR
Filing Articles of Amalgamation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Name Operating (Business) Name (if different from Legal Name) Successor Address (RHO & PPOB) Successor Incorporation Date List of Predecessors Directors Jurisdiction Incorporation Certificate Number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses of new Directors, Date of appointment of Directors 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately one month; during peak period in January each year, processing may take longer 	CRA communicates to OBR which BN will be retained/used for the newly formed entity

OBR/CRA Integration – Business Corporations under Ontario Business Corporations Act (OBCA)

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
Filing Articles of Dissolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Name Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissolution (voluntary, involuntary) Effective Date of Dissolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address (RHO & PPOB) Jurisdiction 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRA processes immediately upon receiving the change from OBR 	Only sent if BN is on file in OBR
Filing Articles of Continuance (continue into Ontario)*	<p>Encrypted and emailed separately to CRA (not ported electronically from OBR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Name Former Legal Name Former Jurisdiction Incorporation Date Continuance Date Address (RHO & PPOB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Number of Directors (fixed or minimum/maximum) Updates to Share Structure 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File sent weekly to CRA <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 2-3 business days, depending on volume received. 	Excel file generated every Monday (end date of data is previous Friday - on a holiday the data is previous Thursday to meet Monday's timeline to generate file)

*The OBR does not send CRA information from Articles of Continuance filings where the corporation is continuing *out* of Ontario.

OBR/CRA Integration – Extra-Provincial Corporations under Extra-Provincial Corporations Act (EPCA)

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
Application for an Extra-Provincial (EP) Corporation		Information in this filing is not ported to CRA from OBR. CRA would receive data from the home jurisdiction.		<p>An EP would already have a BN from their home jurisdiction, and the OBR would use the existing BN along with the code “TZ” for a registration in Ontario.</p> <p>Ontario sends a BN registration request to CRA when an EP from a non-partnered jurisdiction is registered in OBR.</p>
Filing Notice of Change/Initial Return/Annual Return		Information in this filing is not ported to CRA from OBR. CRA would receive data from the home jurisdiction.		
Termination of an Extra Provincial Corporation (ceased in Ontario)		Information in this filing is not ported to CRA from OBR.		
Amalgamation of an Extra Provincial Corporation		Extra Provincial corporations amalgamate in their home jurisdiction.		<p>If the successor corporation chooses to operate and register in Ontario as an Extra-Provincial corporation, the filing must list any predecessor(s) that were operating in Ontario prior to registration.</p> <p>If the successor corporation chooses to operate and register in Ontario as an Ontario corporation, a Continuance filing must be completed to continue in Ontario.</p>

OBR/CRA Integration – Not-for-Profit Corporations under Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA)

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
Filing Articles of Incorporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Name* Operating (Business) Name (if different from Legal Name) Address (RHO) Incorporation Date Directors Jurisdiction Incorporation Certificate Number Business Activity description** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address (PPOB) Addresses of new Directors Date of appointment of Directors 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRA creates BN immediately and ports BN electronically to OBR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triggers creation of new BN At registration up to 5 directors sent to CRA, additional directors sent to CRA after BN is created
Filing Articles of Amendment	<p>If applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Legal (Corporate) Name (legal name updates can only be provided electronically to CRA if the BN has already been assigned) Change in Directors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Number of Directors (fixed or minimum/maximum) Updates to Share Structure 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRA processes immediately upon receiving the change from OBR 	<p>Only sent if BN is on file in OBR</p>

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OBR/CRA Integration – Not-for-Profit Corporations under Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA)

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
Filing Articles of Amalgamation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Name • Operating (Business) Name (if different from Legal Name) • Successor Address (RHO) • Successor Incorporation Date • List of Predecessors • Directors • Jurisdiction • Incorporation Certificate Number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successor Address (PPOB) • Addresses of new Directors • Date of appointment of Directors 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately one month; during peak period in January each year, processing may take longer 	CRA communicates to OBR which BN will be retained/used for the newly formed entity
Filing Articles of Dissolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Name • Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dissolution (voluntary, involuntary) • Effective Date of Dissolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address (RHO & PPOB) • Jurisdiction 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRA processes immediately upon receiving the change from OBR 	Only sent if BN is on file in OBR

OBR/CRA Integration – Not-for-Profit Corporations under Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA)

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
Filing Articles of Continuance (continue into Ontario)	<p>Encrypted and emailed separately to CRA (not ported electronically from OBR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Name • Former Legal Name • Former Jurisdiction • Incorporation Date • Continuance Date • Address (RHO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address (PPOB) • Change in Number of Directors (fixed or minimum/maximum) • Updates to Share Structure 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File sent weekly to CRA <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 2-3 business days, depending on volume received 	<p>Excel file generated every Monday (end date of data is previous Friday - on a holiday the data is previous Thursday to meet Monday's timeline to generate file)</p>
Applying for Authorization to Continue out of ONCA (ceased in Ontario)	Information in this filing is not ported to CRA from OBR.			

OBR/CRA Integration – Limited Partnerships under the Limited Partnerships Act (LPA)

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
Formation of a Limited Partnership (LP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual (full name) ○ Legal Name of Business • Firm Name • Business Activity description** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses of Partners (Individual) 	<p>OBR ports to CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-48 hours <p>Processed by CRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRA creates BN immediately and ports BN electronically to OBR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triggers creation of new BN and Ontario TZ program account*
Declaration of Change of an LP	Information in these filings are not ported to CRA from OBR.			
Renew an LP				
Cancel an LP				

*If the formation of a LP also includes the registration of a firm name in Ontario, a request would go to CRA to assign the TZ program account number which would be ported to OBR.

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Updating Business Information with CRA

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