

Ontario Business Registry (OBR)

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 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 information between levels of government.
- Filings completed in the OBR initiates the sharing of selected business information with CRA.
- New entities registered in Ontario are assigned a Business Number (BN) by CRA that identifies a business entity which CRA shares electronically with OBR.

OBR/CRA Integration - Corporations

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
CORPORATIONS				
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 	<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 List of directors sent to CRA is limited to 5
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 Officer information Addresses of new Directors and Officers, Dates Directors/Officers 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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CORPORATIONS				
Filing Articles of Amendment	If applicable: <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 	OBR ports to CRA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours Processed by CRA: <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses of new Directors, Date of appointment of Directors 	OBR ports to CRA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-48 hours Processed by CRA: <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

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CORPORATIONS				
Filing Articles of Dissolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Name • Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dissolution (voluntary, involuntary) ◦ Revival • Effective Date of Dissolution/Revival 	<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)

OBR/CRA Integration - Partnerships

Information/Filing	Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Not Ported electronically to CRA from OBR	Timelines	Notes/Additional Information
LIMITED AND GENERAL PARTNERSHIPS (LP/GP)				
Formation of a LP/GP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Partners Registered Head Office Firm Name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses of Partners 	<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
Declaration of Change of an LP/GP	Information in these filings are not ported to CRA from OBR			
Renew a LP/GP				
Cancel a LP/GP				