

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 15 business days; 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

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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				

Updating Business Information with CRA

- If clients are required to update CRA's records with details the OBR does not send electronically to CRA, they may be able to update the information using My Business Account (MyBA) or by contacting Business Enquiries at 1-800-959-5525.
- For not-for-profit corporation inquiries, clients can contact the Charities Directorate at 1-800-267-2384.