

CONFUSED ABOUT ONTARIO'S VACCINE CERTIFICATES? HERE'S A QUICK GUIDE

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO FIND AND USE YOUR CERTIFICATE

People in Ontario are now required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter most indoor leisure and recreation settings, including restaurants, bars, clubs, fitness facilities, concert venues and event spaces.

It's a new concept for Ontarians, arising from the pandemic, and the details, announced little more than a week ahead of the Sept. 22 start date, left some with questions.

If the Sept. 14 announcement left you with questions about how to obtain or use your certificate — including how the certificate will work for people with no address or those who were vaccinated outside of Canada — hopefully we answer them here.

IS THERE A SMARTPHONE APP FOR PROOF-OF-VACCINATION CERTIFICATES? WHO NEEDS TO DOWNLOAD IT?



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Find out how to obtain and use your vaccine certificate.

There isn't yet an official app for scanning proof-of-vaccination certificates. The Government of Ontario plans to launch one on Oct. 22 specifically to allow businesses to scan enhanced certificates. Patrons will not use the app, but should have the option to download or print an enhanced certificate in a month or so.

WHAT CAN I SHOW AS PROOF OF VACCINATION?

- For people 12 and over, proof of vaccination can include:
 - A paper vaccination receipt issued by the vaccine clinic where you received your dose
 - A vaccination receipt signed by an Indigenous health provider
 - A paper or digital copy of an Ontario Ministry of Health vaccination receipt issued via email
 - A printed or downloaded copy of the vaccination

receipt available through the provincial booking portal

- Eventually, a new enhanced certificate containing a QR code

WHAT CAN I SHOW AS PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WITH MY VACCINE CERTIFICATE?

You must show proof of identification with your vaccine certificate. You can show your birth certificate, citizenship card, driver's licence, govern-

ment-issued identification card, Indigenous Membership Card or status card, passport or permanent resident card.

DO I NEED TO BRING BOTH RECEIPTS, OR JUST MY SECOND DOSE RECEIPT TO SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION?

You only need to bring the receipt that shows you're fully vaccinated. For people who have received two doses of a vaccine, the second receipt will indicate full vaccination.

IF I DON'T WANT TO SHOW ALL MY PERSONAL INFORMATION ON MY RECEIPT, CAN I BLOCK CERTAIN INFORMATION OUT?

No, the receipt has to be presented as it was issued.

THE RECEIPTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL BOOKING PORTAL HAVE A WATERMARK. IS THAT THE VERSION I NEED TO SHOW?

You can use that version or any version issued to you, as long as you pair it with proof of identification.

HOW CAN I GET MY PROOF OF VACCINATION?

In addition to the receipts issued by the vaccination clinic and emailed by the Ministry of Health following vaccination, anyone with a green photo health card can print their receipt from the provincial booking portal or call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

WHAT IF I HAVE A RED AND WHITE HEALTH CARD?

You can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre to have your vaccine receipt emailed to you.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A HEALTH CARD?

Contact your local public health unit, which can verify your identity and issue a COVID ID/personal access code.

Then call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre and provide the ID or code, at which point they will send your receipt by email.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I WANT TO PRINT MY VACCINE RECEIPT BUT DON'T HAVE A PRINTER?

Anyone who doesn't have access to a computer or printer can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 for help getting a copy of the receipt.

HOW CAN I GET PROOF OF VACCINATION IF I DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS?

You can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre to arrange to have your vaccine receipt delivered to a trusted friend, or community organization.

WHAT IF I RECEIVED MY FIRST OR SECOND DOSE OUT OF THE PROVINCE OR COUNTRY?

If you received your first or second vaccine dose out of province, call your local public health unit to record your vaccination status. Once that's done, you should be able to download or print your Ontario vaccine receipt from the provincial booking portal.

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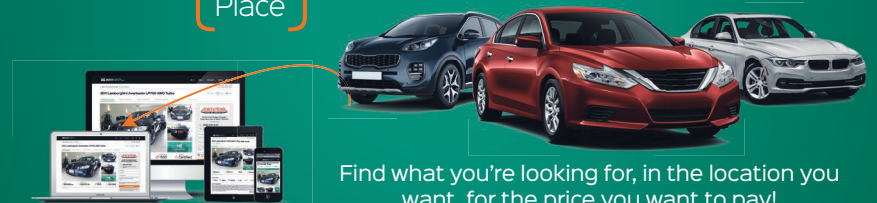
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