

## **Individuals with 900 series Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) Eligibility to access Employment Ontario (EO) Services and Programs**

Social Insurance Numbers that begin with a “9” are issued to individuals who are not Canadian Citizens or permanent residents (i.e. protected persons and temporary residents of Canada) who need a SIN for employment purposes. A “permanent” SIN card can only be issued to Canadian Citizens or permanent residents.

Since March 30, 2003, all temporary SIN cards (900-series) issued to persons who are neither Canadian Citizens nor permanent residents of Canada for employment purposes are produced with an expiry date that coincides with the SIN holder’s authorized stay in Canada.

As of April 1, 2004, temporary 900-Series SINs – with an expiration date – are issued for employment purposes only for four distinct statuses:

- Temporary Worker
- Student
- Visitor
- Diplomat

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**Employment Service (ES) including OEAS “On Hold”:** Individuals who are not Canadian Citizens or permanent residents (i.e. with 900-series SINs) may access Resource and Information services, but are not eligible for ‘assisted services’ (i.e. Job Search, Job Matching, Placement and Incentives, and Job Retention) under the Ministry’s existing Employment Service. Assisted services should not be provided to individuals whose stay in the country is uncertain.

**Youth Job Link (YJL):** Individuals who are not Canadian Citizens or permanent residents (i.e. with 900-series SINs) may access Resource and Information services, but are not eligible for job matching incentives and supports.

**Other Employment Ontario Programs:** Second Career (SC), Ontario Job Creation Partnerships (OJCP), Youth Job Connection (YJC) and Canada-Ontario Job Grant (COJG) – Individuals who are not Canadian Citizens or permanent residents (i.e. with 900-series SINs) should not be considered for Employment Ontario Programs (SC, OJCP, YJC, COJG) until they become a permanent resident and are issued a new “permanent” SIN.

**Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS):** Immigration status is not an eligibility requirement for LBS; therefore, the program does not collect SINs.

The following exceptions apply:

1. \*Individuals, with a 900-series SIN, who have been determined to be a Convention Refugee by the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board and are awaiting their official documents (i.e. Certification, permanent SIN), which takes approximately six months. Usually, those individuals will have a letter to this effect. These individuals must present documentation to support their change in status.
2. \*Individuals working in Canada on a temporary work permit who have been granted permanent resident status while still in Canada. Individuals must provide documentation to support their change in status.
3. \*Individuals, with a 900 series SIN, who do not have any employment conditions included on their temporary work permit issued from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). For example, the type of work, the employer they can work for, where they can work and/or how long they can work.

Individuals who have conditions associated with employment identified on their work permit and where the working conditions are deteriorating and/or the employment has broken down must contact [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#) (CIC) to discuss the matter with them.

Individuals must provide the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) with their new permanent non-900 series SIN when they receive it.

<b>Employment Ontario Program or Service</b>	<b>Eligible to Access?</b>
<b>Ontario Employment Assistance Services (OEAS)</b>	
• Resource and Information	Yes
• Enhanced OEAS services (e.g. employment service needs determination, counselling, Job Finding Clubs)	No*
<b>Employment Service (ES)</b>	
• Resource and Information	Yes
• Assisted Services (Job Search, Job Matching, Placement and Incentives, Job Retention)	No*
<b>Literacy &amp; Basic Skills</b>	Yes (SIN not required)
<b>Youth Job Connection (including Youth Job Connection: Summer)</b>	No*
<b>Youth Job Link</b>	
• Resource and Information	Yes
• Job Matching Incentives and Supports	No*
<b>Canada-Ontario Job Grant (including Customized Training and UpSkill pilots)</b>	No*
<b>Ministry Administered Employment Benefits</b>	
• Second Career (SC)	No*
• Ontario Job Creation Partnerships (OJCP)	No*

\*unless client falls under the exceptions described above