



Bloom ABA

OAP GUIDE

OAP Eligibility Checklist

Everything you need before you register with AccessOAP.

Before you start

The Ontario Autism Program (OAP) is needs-based, not income-tested — there is no financial eligibility bar to clear. Use this checklist to confirm you have what AccessOAP will ask for before you register, so your registration goes through cleanly the first time.

Eligibility checklist

- ☐ Your child has (or is actively pursuing) a written diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder from a qualified professional — a pediatrician, psychologist, or psychiatrist
- ☐ Your child is under 18 years of age
- ☐ Your family lives in Ontario
- ☐ You have a valid Ontario health card number for your child

Documents to gather

- ☐ Written diagnostic report or assessment summary
- ☐ Your child's Ontario health card (OHIP) number
- ☐ Proof of Ontario residency (utility bill, lease, or similar) if requested
- ☐ Parent or guardian identification
- ☐ Contact details for your child's pediatrician or diagnosing clinician
- ☐ A short written summary of your child's current needs and daily challenges — this helps at intake, even though it is not formally required

TIP

AccessOAP accepts diagnoses from registered psychologists, psychological associates, and physicians (including psychiatrists and developmental pediatricians). Upload documents as PDFs where possible — it speeds up processing.

How to register

- Go to accessoap.ca or call 1-833-425-2445 (Mon–Fri, 8:30am–5pm ET)
- Complete the online registration form, or register by phone with a navigator
- Submit your written diagnosis and health card details when prompted
- An AccessOAP navigator will contact you to complete an intake conversation
- You will receive a needs-based funding determination — timelines vary, so register as early as possible

GOOD TO KNOW

Foundational Family Services — caregiver workshops and parent networking — are available as soon as you register, even before your Core Clinical Services determination comes through.

After you register

Once your funding determination arrives, you choose your own registered service providers — funding is not tied to a single government-run clinic. Bloom ABA works with families at every stage of this process, including before a diagnosis is finalized. For the full walkthrough, see our Ontario Autism Program Funding Guide at bloomaba.ca/oap-guide.