



Application and Declaration for Debt Retirement Charge Exemption

The Ontario government has announced the removal of the Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) for residential rate customers, effective after December 31, 2015. In addition, non-residential rate classed customers who have at least one eligible residential unit are exempt from paying the DRC up to 1,500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of monthly consumption multiplied by the number of residential units stated in its declaration form.

Certain rules have been established to clarify the application of the DRC exemption towards customers with eligible residential units from the time the Local Distribution Company (LDC) receives the customer's self-declaring form, based on the status of the customers' billing cycle. Information that a customer with at least one eligible residential unit is required to be provided to the LDC if it is seeking to obtain the DRC exemption.

If your Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro account qualifies for exemption, as per Ontario Regulation 493/01 (see reverse), please complete the declaration form below and return to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro. As per Ontario Regulation 493/01 Sec 5.2 (3), the user is not eligible for an exemption unless the user has given the notice described below to the distributor in accordance with that section. Please note that if the notice does not specify the number of eligible residential units that are included in the account, the notice is deemed to have specified that only one such unit is included in the account.

Hydro Account Number	Account Name	Service Address	# of Eligible Residential Units

By signing below you are certifying that:

- The account provides for electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit;
- The information contained in this notice is complete and accurate, and that the user will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO if any of the information changes;
- It is acknowledged that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement in a document submitted under Part V.1 (Debt Retirement Charge) of the Electricity Act, 1998.

Please complete the applicable section below. The following individual has the authority to provide and certify the accuracy of the information provided on this form and any additional attachments.

Corporation	Signature of Authorized Officer X _____ I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete and acknowledge that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement. I will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes.	Date
Sole Proprietor	Signature of Applicant X _____ I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete and acknowledge that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement. I will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes.	Date
Partnership	Signature of Authorized Individual X _____ I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete and acknowledge that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement. I will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes.	Date

All information submitted in this process will be used by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro in support of its obligations under the Electricity Act, 1998 and the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, applicable Ontario Energy Board Codes and Rules, associated policies, standards and procedures and its license.

This information is being collected and used for billing and auditing purposes. All submitted information will be assigned to the appropriate confidentiality level on receipt.

This information will be retained by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro and may be subject to review by the Minister of Finance pursuant to the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

ONTARIO REGULATION 493/01
DEBT RETIREMENT CHARGE — RATES AND EXEMPTIONS

Definitions

1. (1) In this Regulation, “Eligible residential unit” means a unit that,
- (a) is a self-contained set of rooms located in a building or structure,
 - (b) contains kitchen and bathroom facilities that are intended for the use of the unit only, and
 - (c) is used or intended for use as a residential premises;

Debt retirement charge

2. (1) The debt retirement charge payable by a user for a period commencing on or after May 1, 2002 is the amount calculated by multiplying the prescribed rate, as determined under subsection (2) for the location at which the electricity is consumed, by the number of kilowatt hours of electricity consumed at that location during the period, as determined,

Exemption, accounts with eligible residential units

- 5.2 (1) This section applies with respect to a user who has an account with a distributor for the provision of electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit. However, this section does not apply with respect to an account described in subsection 5.1 (1). O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
- (2) For an account described in subsection (1), the user is exempt from the requirement to pay the debt retirement charge for a month with respect to the lesser of,
- (a) the amount of the user's consumption of electricity in the month as set out in the invoice for the account; and
 - (b) 1,500 kilowatt hours of electricity multiplied by the number of eligible residential units specified in the notice given to the distributor in accordance with section 5.4. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
- (3) Despite subsection (2), the user is not eligible for an exemption under this section unless the user has given the notice described in section 5.4 to the distributor in accordance with that section. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
- (4) The following rules govern when the exemption applies:

1. The exemption does not apply with respect to electricity consumed before January 1, 2016.
2. If the user's notice is received by the distributor before January 1, 2016, the exemption applies with respect to electricity consumed on or after January 1, 2016.
3. If the user's notice is received by the distributor after December 31, 2015 and at least 11 days before the expiry of the distributor's billing period for the user, the exemption applies with respect to electricity consumed on or after the beginning of the billing period in which the distributor received the notice. However, if the billing period begins in 2015, the exemption applies only with respect to electricity consumed on or after January 1, 2016.
4. If the user's notice is received by the distributor after December 31, 2015 and within 10 days before the expiry of the distributor's billing period for the user, the exemption applies with respect to electricity consumed on or after the beginning of the following billing period. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
 - (5) Subsection (4) applies with necessary modifications if the user gives the distributor a revised notice indicating a change in the number of eligible residential units for the account. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
 - (6) For the purposes of this section, a reference to a month means, in relation to a distributor, the period for which the distributor assesses the monthly rates and charges set out in a rate order made by the Board under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

Notice re: eligible residential units

- 5.4 (1) A user who wishes to obtain an exemption under section 5.2 or 5.3 for an account shall give the notice described in this section to the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, either in person or by mail or by such other means as the distributor or the IESO may permit. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
- (2) The notice must include the following:
1. The user's name, address and account number.
 2. A statement that the account provides for electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit.
 3. The number of eligible residential units included in the account.
 4. A statement certifying that the information contained in the notice is complete and accurate, and that the user will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes.
 5. A statement acknowledging that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement in a document submitted under Part V.1 (Debt Retirement Charge) of the Electricity Act, 1998.
 6. The name and signature of the user or of an individual authorized by the user to give the notice on the user's behalf, and the date of the signature. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
- (3) If the notice does not specify the number of eligible residential units that are included in the account, the notice is deemed to have specified that one such unit is included in the account. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.
- (4) The user shall promptly give a revised notice to the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if there is a change in the number of eligible residential units included in the account. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

Please return this form as soon as possible to:

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