

GAS CARD CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2020, the Ontario Gas Card will be discontinued

What is new as of January 1, 2020?

Instead of the Ontario Gas Card, First Nation people will be able to use their Indian Status card (Status card), which is issued by the Government of Canada, as proof of entitlement to buy gasoline exempt of Ontario gasoline tax.

First Nation individuals will be able to use the version of the card that they currently have in their possession (or may apply to the Government of Canada to obtain a Status card if they currently are not in possession of a Status card).

- As proof of entitlement to buy tax-exempt gasoline at on-reserve retailers, First Nation individuals will use their:
 - Certificate of Indian Status Card, including the laminated Certificate of Indian Status Card with no renewal date;
 - Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card; or
 - Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document.



Band councils, tribal councils, and band-empowered entities will use an Ontario issued unique identifier number issued by the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

Authorized retailers will no longer accept the Ontario Gas Card. The Ontario Ministry of Finance will no longer issue the Ontario Gas Card.

What does this mean for on-reserve gasoline retailers?

The Ontario Ministry of Finance (MOF) will be working with gasoline retailers in the months leading up to the January 1, 2020 effective date to ensure they are prepared.

Retailers who request refunds electronically from MOF will follow the same steps. Federal Status Cards will be validated at point-of-sale in near real time, and for valid cards, the transaction will be completed.

For those retailers who are filing manually, they may continue to file manually. There will be a new process implemented January 1, 2020 that is similar to the process they are currently using to file their claims. Ontario will help retailers transition smoothly to the updated process.

If you have any questions, please call 1-866-668-8297.

Is there a minimum age?

As of January 1, 2020, Children under 16 years of age will be able to use their own or their parent's Status Cards to purchase gasoline for their exclusive use (e.g. snowmobiles, ATVs).

Will individuals need a new federally issued card or can members use existing ones?

No, individuals are not required to obtain a new Status Card. They should be able to use the Status Cards in their possession to purchase gasoline exempt of gasoline tax.