

Accessing LiveWorkPlay Employment Supports

LiveWorkPlay is funded by the Ontario Disability Support Program – Employment Supports (ODSP-ES) to provide time limited employment supports to employees and employers. LiveWorkPlay can help candidates complete their application for ODSP Employment Supports. Once you have been accepted by ODSP-ES and have met with LiveWorkPlay, the candidate will be matched with a LiveWorkPlay Discovery Specialist. The Discovery Specialist will get to know their interests and skills through the Discovery and Exploration process. For more information about ODSP-Employment Supports please visit https://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/odsp/employment_support/ES_Eligibility.aspx

ODSP Employment Supports Requirements: Summary

It is important to talk to your ODSP caseworker (employed by the Government of Ontario, not LiveWorkPlay) about ODSP-ES policies. Here are a few we feel are important to highlight:

1. **You can only choose one ODSP employment support provider** so do your research in advance to make sure you are making an informed decision. Switching providers once you have started with another one is difficult and may not happen quickly or at all. Your ODSP caseworker can provide you with a full list of employment providers in Ottawa.
2. **ODSP employment supports are time limited.** For people receiving ODSP income support, you will have employment retention support for up to 33 consecutive months once you have accumulated 13 weeks of employment. If you are not an ODSP income support recipient, you will have retention support for up to 15 consecutive months once you have accumulated 13 weeks of employment. If you are a student, are someone who already has a job, or are looking for help keeping your job, the rules are different, so talk to your ODSP caseworker to make sure you understand them.
3. **Reporting:** If you are on ODSP income support you will be required to submit your pay stubs to ODSP every month. You will also be required to report your hours worked to LiveWorkPlay every week by email. If you are NOT an income support recipient, you are required to submit a copy of your paystubs to LiveWorkPlay.

**The above policies and requirements are set by ODSP (LiveWorkPlay cannot change them).
Questions or concerns: talk to your ODSP caseworker.**

Getting Started

For more information on getting started and accessing ODSP-Employment Supports through LiveWorkPlay, contact Anna Nelson at 613-702-0324 or anna@liveworkplay.ca.