

Important update – Ontario Colleges’ Application Cycle

We’ve listened to applicants and stakeholders and have made a change to the Ontario Colleges’ application cycle.

Beginning with the 2022-23 College Application cycle, the first date that Ontario Colleges can release offers of admission to qualified applicants will be November 1, 2021.

Why make this change?

Here is why sending offers starting November 1 provides a better service to students:

- Applicants want to hear as early as possible if they are admissible.
- Applicants who are qualified at the point of applying will not need to wait.
- By hearing sooner, applicants can compare offers from other colleges and universities.
- By sending offers earlier, applicants have more time for planning, including budgeting, arranging housing, child care, etc.
- Technology can now support an accelerated application evaluation process.

February 1 is still the equal consideration deadline for applications. May 1 is still the deadline date to confirm an offer of admission.

This change will not affect the February 1 equal consideration date for highly competitive programs. This means that **all qualified applications to highly competitive programs will be considered for available spaces equally until February 1.**

Most programs at Ontario Colleges are **not** highly competitive.

(The list of highly competitive programs varies by College. Current lists are maintained on Colleges’ websites and at ontariocolleges.ca.)

The admission process for all programs will continue to follow the Minister’s Binding Policy for Admissions, which means admissions decisions will remain objective, transparent and consistent with the published criteria and selection procedures for each college.