

ORION Eligibility and Annual User Access Fees

Eligible user organizations register with ORION and pay an annual user access fee to be connected to ORION. The annual user access fee covers connectivity to ORION for a calendar year. (In the first year, the fee is prorated if your organization is connected later than Jan 1st.) Access to ORION is either directly through an ORION Point of Presence or through a Regional Advanced Network (RAN), approved by ORION.

Your organization may be eligible to connect to ORION if it falls into one of the following segments:

1. Ontario's universities that are not-for profit, accredited, and publicly funded;
2. Ontario's colleges of applied arts and technology as designated in the legislation and are publicly funded;
3. Research and teaching hospitals which include those designated in Ontario's *Public Hospitals Act* as Groups A, D, H and L, as well as other hospitals and other care facilities that may be affiliated or participating with a medical school, college or university, in teaching programs and/or research activities;
4. Ontario's research institutes that are not-for-profit, publicly-funded and engaged in research activities;
5. Ontario's educational and cultural organizations/agencies that are not-for-profit, publicly-funded and engaged in the delivery of education programs and/or research activities;
6. Ontario's school boards and schools that are not-for-profit and publicly-funded;
7. Other entities/organizations in Ontario, both public and private sector, that provide support and facilitate the education programs and/or research activities of the ORION-eligible user organizations outlined in the preceding segments.

The following 6-tier flat-fee structure is effective for 2011 for all segments above with the exception of school boards (see Ontario School Board user access fees):

ORION Annual User Connection Fees 2011

Base User Fees (for organizations connecting through an ORION-approved RAN)

Tier 0	\$ 8,270
Tier 1	\$15,470
Tier 2	\$34,660
Tier 3	\$44,150
Tier 4	\$56,960
Tier 5	\$66,470

Direct User Connection Fees (for organizations connecting directly to ORION)

Tier 0	\$ 8,270
Tier 1	\$18,570
Tier 2	\$41,590
Tier 3	\$52,980
Tier 4	\$68,350
Tier 5	\$79,770

All fees are subject to applicable taxes.



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