



Becoming an Independent Provider

Please note that you must be comfortable using technology, have a current email address and regular access to a computer as most all certification and ongoing provider responsibilities require the use of technology.

All communication from DODD is through email. The application process is completely online.

Review the Steps for Becoming an Independent Provider

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/providers/initial-renewal-certification/1become-an-independent-provider>

Learn About Provider Certification and the Services you will Provide

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/forms-and-rules/rules-in-effect/administrative-rules-list>

Rule 5123-2-09: Provider Certification – Independent Providers and rules for all the services available can be found on this page

Create your Provider Account with DODD

<https://dodd.ohio.gov> Click the login icon on the top right and then click Create New Account

After signing up, you will receive a series of emails. Follow those instructions to get your account set up finalized, and once it is final, your account will be active.

Make sure you WRITE DOWN and/or REMEMBER the email address and password you used to create your account AND your DODD Account Username and Password.

Gather the Required Documentation and Complete Required Training

- Current BCII (Background Check)
Must get an FBI check as well if have not been a resident of Ohio for the previous 5 consecutive years
- Verification of Age (must be at least 18), COPY OF VALID BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- Valid government-issued photo identification (ex. Copy of your Driver's License / State ID)
- High School Diploma / High School Equivalence (an Associate's, BA or MA are also accepted)
- Valid Social Security Card
- State of Ohio Supplier ID Number (see below for details)
- Be able to read, write and understand English at a level sufficient to comply with all requirements

IF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION (HPC and/or Non-Medical):

- Proof of valid car insurance

- Driver’s Abstract (can be obtained from local BMV, **must be dated within 14 days of submission of application**)

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:

- First Aid & CPR Certification (must be current)
- Initial Training for Independent Providers provided by the Department or entity using Department-provided curriculum including-
 - *Overview of serving individuals including implementation of individual service plans and service outcomes, role of an independent provider including “National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals” code of ethics, Rights of individuals set forth in sections 5123.62 of the Revised Code, Person-centered planning and provision of services, facilitating community participation and integration for individuals served, universal precautions for infection control, service documentation and billing for services, Rule 5123-2-06 of the Administrative Code, Rule 5123-17-02 of the Administrative Code including a review of health and welfare alerts issued by the department*
 - Department provided training in empathy-based care
- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Training Certificate (**only applicable if providing Homemaker Personal Care, Participant Directed Homemaker Personal Care and/or IO Waiver Nursing**)

EXCEPTIONS to Required Training

There are some exceptions to the required training based on what service(s) you are seeking certification in.

If you are seeking certification in Clinical/Therapeutic Intervention (only when a “Senior Level Specialized Clinical/Therapeutic Interventionist” or “Specialized Clinical/Therapeutic Interventionist”), Functional Behavior Assessment, Home Delivered Meals, Informal Respite, Interpreter Services, Money Management, Nutrition Services, Participant/Family Stability Assistance, Social Work and/or Support Brokerage; you only need the following training items for certification:

- Training Provided by the Department or by an entity using department-provided curriculum in:
 - Rights of Individuals set forth in section 5123.62 of the Revised Code
 - Rule 5123-17-02 of the Administrative Code including a review of health and welfare alerts issued by the department
- Department-provided training in Empathy-Based Care
CPR/First Aid is not required

If you are seeking certification in *Environmental Accessibility Adaptations* and/or *Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies*; you only need the following training items for certification:

- Training Provided by the Department or by an entity using department-provided curriculum in:
 - Rights of Individuals set forth in section 5123.62 of the Revised Code
 - Rule 5123-17-02 of the Administrative Code including a review of health and welfare alerts issued by the department
- CPR/First Aid is not required

*If you are applying for any of the above listed services **AND** other services not listed, then you must complete all required training for certification.*

Background Check FYI

All applicants must complete a BCII Background Check. FBI Checks are required if you have lived outside of Ohio in the last 5 years.

Ensure the proper code is being used: BCII – 5123.169 , FBI – 5126.28

Results must be sent directly to DODD. Do not send the results to the County Board.

DODD

Office of Provider Certification

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State of Ohio Supplier ID Number FYI

New State of Ohio suppliers must first register online with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) using the Supplier Self-Registration module of the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS). Go to www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov and log in using the username / password you created to access DODD. To complete this process, you need access to a printer as well as a scanner. The registration process will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You need your bank account information. You will also be prompted to fill out a W-9 (link provided at the website)

Once you are assigned a Supplier Number, you will need to upload a copy of an email or screenshot of your account showing your name and assigned Supplier Number in the document upload.

The Supplier ID Number is issued via email after the application is completed. It is **not** the tracking number generated once you complete the application.

Complete the Application

Login to your account on <http://dodd.ohio.gov/Pages/default.aspx> by using the login button towards the top right of the screen.

Click Applications on the top of the page then on the right select PSM-portal from the menu to begin the application

The application is not considered complete until all required documentation is submitted and the application fees have been paid

All documents must be separately scanned and uploaded. They CANNOT all be contained in one file.

HELPFUL HINT: When you are gathering your documentation, scan and upload them to your computer as PDF files, and name the file what it is (ex. Driver's License, Social Security Card, etc.).

Application Fees

The application fee is non-refundable. It must be paid with a credit/debit card or electronic check.

The fee for an independent provider is **\$125**.

The application fee is waived for applications for exclusively one or more of the following services; Clinical/Therapeutic Intervention, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Functional Behavior Assessment, Home-Delivered Meals, Informal Respite, Interpreter Services, Nutrition Services, Participant Directed Homemaker/Personal Care, Participant/Family Stability Assistance, Shared Living, Social Work, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies and/or Support Brokerage.

What happens after the Application is submitted?

Once DODD receives your completed application, application fee, and the background check, your application will be reviewed. Within 30 days, one of three things will happen, you application will be approved, denied, or more information may be requested. If more information is requested, DODD will contact you via email to let you know and give you a timeline to submit what is being asked for. If you fail to submit the needed information within the time line, you application will expire, and you will have to start over again.

Once you are a certified provider, you will receive your certification letter via email.

Contact your county board and let them know you are interested in providing services.

Additional Training and Ongoing Requirements/Responsibilities

Independent Providers are required to complete training on an annual basis once certified as well as maintain certain documentation and follow certain reporting criteria. It is your responsibility to know of and understand what is required of you. You can find that information within the Provider Certification – Independent Provider Rule as well as the rule(s) specific to the services you provide.

Required annual training may vary based on what services you are certified to provide. You will need to familiarize yourself with what is required of you once you receive your certification. Annual training is tracked by calendar year, meaning each year between January 1 and December 31 training must be completed.

For More Information

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