

# ONTARIO LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD

## NOTICE TO RESPONDING PARTY AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY OF APPLICATION FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

*Labour Relations Act, 1995  
Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997  
Colleges Collective Bargaining Act, 2008*

**Form C-17**

**Between:**

**Applicant(s)**

- and -

**Responding Party Trade Union**

- and -

**Responding Party Employer**

- All forms, Notices, Information Bulletins, the Filing Guide and the Rules of Procedure may be obtained from the Ontario Labour Relations Board's website at (<http://www.olrb.gov.on.ca>) or the Board's offices, 505 University Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario (Tel. 416-326-7500).
- Periods of time referred to in this Notice, other Board forms and Notices and the Board's Rules of Procedure do not include weekends, statutory holidays or any other day that the Board is closed.

1. The Applicant has initiated an application with the Ontario Labour Relations Board ("the Board") asking for an exemption on the grounds of religious conviction or belief from the union security provisions and/or the provisions for payment of union dues or other fees in a collective agreement entered into between the trade union and employer ("the application"). A copy of the application is enclosed.
2. This notice is being sent to you because you are a Responding Party to the application or because you have been identified as a person who may be affected by the application.
3. **An application before the Labour Relations Board is a legal proceeding and may affect your legal rights and obligations. You may wish to seek legal advice immediately.**
4. You should carefully read the Board's Information Bulletin No. 18 - "Religious Exemption Applications" and the Board's Rules of Procedure, which describe how a response/intervention must be delivered and filed with the Board, what information must be provided and the time limits that apply.

5. **IF YOU ARE THE RESPONDING PARTY:**

- (a) Your response (**Form A-36** available at <http://www.olrb.gov.on.ca/> or at the Board's offices) must be filed with the Board no later than **10 days** after the application was delivered to you.
- (b) **Before** filing your response with the Board, you must deliver a copy of it (including all documents you are filing with it) to the Applicant, each Responding Party and Affected Party named in Part A of the application and to each Affected Party named in Part A of a response/intervention filed by another party. If you are naming any additional Affected Party in your response, you must provide them with a copy of the application (including all documents filed with it), your response (including all documents you are filing with it) and this notice.  
Your response may be delivered to the other parties in accordance with Rule 6.4 of the Board's Rules of Procedure.
- (c) You may **then file your response with the Board** by any method, except fax, e-mail or registered mail.

6. **IF YOU HAVE BEEN NAMED AS A PARTY WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION, and if you choose** to participate in this proceeding:

- (a) Your intervention (**Form A-36** available at <http://www.olrb.gov.on.ca/> or at the Board's offices) must be filed with the Board no later than **10 days** after the application was delivered to you.
- (b) **Before** filing your intervention with the Board, you must deliver a copy of it (including all documents you are filing with it) to the Applicant, each Responding Party and Affected Party named in Part A of the application and to each Affected Party named in Part A of a response/intervention filed by another party. If you are naming any additional Affected Party in your intervention, you must provide them with a copy of the application (including all documents filed with it), your intervention (including all documents you are filing with it) and this notice.  
Your intervention may be delivered to the other parties in accordance with Rule 6.4 of the Board's Rules of Procedure.
- (c) You may **then file your intervention with the Board** by any method, except fax, e-mail or registered mail.

7. **If you do not file your response/intervention and other required documentation in the way required by the Board's Rules of Procedure, the Board may not process your response/intervention and documents, and may decide the application without further notice to you. Furthermore, you may be deemed to have accepted all the facts stated in the application.**

- 8. Once the application is filed, the Board sends a Confirmation of Filing to all the parties with a Board file number and information about the appointment of a Mediator.
- 9. If you do not receive a Confirmation of Filing from the Board within seven days after you receive the application, you may wish to contact the Board.

**Dated:**

**Catherine Gilbert**

---

The Registrar  
Ontario Labour Relations Board

**NOTE:** All communications should be addressed to:  
The Registrar  
Ontario Labour Relations Board  
505 University Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P1  
Tel (416) 326-7500

## IMPORTANT NOTES

The Board's forms, Notices, Information Bulletins, Rules of Procedure and Filing Guide may be obtained from its website <http://www.olrb.gov.on.ca> or by calling 416-326-7500 or toll-free at 1-877-339-3335.

### FRENCH OR ENGLISH

Vous avez le droit de communiquer et recevoir des services en français et en anglais. La Commission n'offre pas de services d'interprétation dans les langues autres que le français et l'anglais.

You have the right to communicate and receive services in either English or French. The Board does not provide translation services in languages other than English or French.

### CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Notify the Board immediately of any change in your contact information. If you fail to do so, correspondence sent to your last known address (including email) may be deemed to be reasonable notice to you and the case may proceed in your absence.

### ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATION

The Board is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible environment in which all members of the public have equitable access to our services. We will aim to meet our obligations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* in a timely manner. Please advise the Board if you require any accommodation to meet your individual needs. The Board's Accessibility Policy can be found on its website.

### COLLECTION AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

Any relevant information that you provide to the Board must in the normal course be provided to the other parties to the proceeding. Personal information collected on this form and in written or oral submissions may be used and disclosed for the proper administration of the Board's governing legislation and case processing. In addition, the *Tribunal Adjudicative Records Act, 2019* requires that the Board make adjudicative records (which include applications filed and a listing of such applications) available to the public. The Board has the power to make part or all of an adjudicative record confidential. The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* may also address the treatment of personal information. More information is available on the Board's website [www.olrb.gov.on.ca](http://www.olrb.gov.on.ca). If you have any questions concerning the collection of information or disclosure of adjudicative records, contact the Solicitors' Office at the number listed above or in writing to the OLRB, 505 University Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Toronto, ON M5G 2P1.

### E-FILING AND E-MAIL

The Rules of Procedure and Filing Guide set out the permitted methods of filing. **In the event of emergencies or other circumstances, the Board may post a Notice to Community on its website, which will prevail over the Rules of Procedure and Filing Guide. You should check the Board's website prior to filing.** Note that the e-filing system is not encrypted. Contact the Client Services Coordinator at the numbers listed above if you have questions regarding e-filing or other filing methods. If you provide an e-mail address with your contact information, the Board will in most cases communicate with you by e-mail from an out-going only generic account. Incoming emails are not permitted.

### HEARINGS AND DECISIONS

Hearings are open to the public unless the Board decides that matters involving public security may be disclosed or if it believes that disclosure of financial or personal matters would be damaging to any of the parties. Hearings are not recorded and no transcripts are produced.

The Board issues written decisions, which may include the name and personal information about persons appearing before it. Decisions are available to the public from a variety of sources including the Ontario Workplace Tribunals Library and [www.canlii.org](http://www.canlii.org). Some summaries and decisions may be found on the Board's website.