

Last Updated: December 30, 2024

For 2025, the Board of Directors encourages all OOHNA members (who are not already members) to join the new Occupational Health Nurses Alliance Interest Group of the RNAO – currently named the Occupational Health Nurses Interest Group. We believe this positive step is the best way to sustain and grow Occupational Health Nursing in Ontario.

Visit <https://join.rnao.ca/> then continue to join the Occupational Health Nurse Alliance Interest Group visit <https://chapters-igs.rnao.ca/interestgroup/23/about>

We've put this list of FAQs together. If you have any questions, please email them to the Occupational Health Nurses Alliance Interest Group at the RNAO – info@ohnaig.ca

The Occupational Health Nurses Alliance Interest Group (OHNAIG) mailing address:

P.O. Box 30039, Milton RPO Hawthorne, Ontario L9T 0L8.

FAQs

Can I still access the Members Hub?

The Members Hub will be accessible to existing 2024 OOHNA members until January 31, 2025. After that, we will be working on the development of a new OHNAIG database. OHNAIG members will be updated as it develops.

What happens to my personal information in the Members Hub?

Your information continues to be protected and secured in the Members Hub. Once we make the transition to the OHNAIG we will evaluate the necessity of keeping historical data or remove it from our database. You will be notified of the decision.

Can I still access the OOHNA website?

The OOHNA website will be functionally shutdown, with limited access to necessary sections for a short period of time. Until the OHNAIG website is launched, we will post applicable updates to the old OOHNA website. It is important members regularly check the website for updates and progress as we move forward as the Ontario Occupational Health Nurses Alliance Interest Group.

What if I have already purchased CNPS insurance for 2025?

You continue to be covered under the CNPS insurance you have purchased. You can also have the PLP insurance that comes automatically with your RNAO membership. You have the option to purchase the LAP (Legal Assistance Plan) for an additional \$60. Please note that the cost of having both CNPS and the RNAO membership (that includes PLP) is comparable to the cost of CNPS + OOHNA membership.

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What if I still want to purchase CNPS insurance for 2025 instead of just the RNAO PLP and/or additional LAP?

You can have as much insurance coverage as you wish to have. We know the CNPS is very comprehensive and to have that in addition to the RNAO membership which includes PLP will cost you the same as if you purchased the OOHNA membership + CNPS insurance. You will need to know what the process will be, if you have a claim so we would suggest you contact the CNPS. The decision to add LAP is your decision as it is a secondary level of insurance. Here is the link to the CNPS website <https://cnps.ca/>

What if I am already a member of the RNAO?

Then all you need to do is join the OHNA Interest Group for an additional fee.

What if I am an RPN?

Unfortunately, under the provincial status of the interest group, the RNAO does not allow RPNs to be members. We understand this is challenging and we will continue to work on this and keep you posted however we suggest you visit WeRPN – the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario <https://www.werpn.com/> or search for an Occupational Health Nurses local group.

What about Job Postings?

The OOHNA Job Board will close December 31, 2024. A new OHNAIG Job Board will be set up in the new year. An announcement will be made when the new job board is available and taking listings.

What happens to our certification through the CNA?

The COHNA (Canadian Occupational Health Nurses Association) is currently the gatekeeper to ensure they meet the minimum requirements of provincial associations; however, with OOHNA and AOHNA (Alberta Occupational Health Nurses Association) both changing their status in 2025, COHNA will need to address this with the CNA. However, we will stay in the loop and open a new conversation with the CNA.

2025 OOHNA Membership Dues

The OOHNA office never sent 2025 membership renewals to existing members. Therefore, no refunds will be issued. Members may have renewed their 2025 CNPS insurance but this purchase was done directly with the CNPS and not OOHNA.

What about access to OOHNA Publications?

The most recent past publications (Fall/Winter 2024 OOHNA Journal and the Sept/Oct and Nov/Dec 2024 Newsletters) will be available for existing members on the Members Hub until January 31, 2025

What about future Publications?

We will endeavour to create publications under the umbrella of the OHNAIG, so stay tuned.