

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the provincial AED registry?

Under the [*Defibrillator Registration and Public Access Act*](#), the provincial AED registry is a consistent, Ontario-wide approach to AED registration, oversight, and ongoing validation.

Many municipalities and paramedic services have maintained local AED registries for some time. The provincial registry builds upon this important work by helping ensure AED information is maintained consistently across Ontario and remains current and reliable.

When will the provincial AED registry launch?

The provincial AED registry is anticipated to launch in early 2027. However, the final launch date will be determined by the Ministry of Health and will depend on when the applicable regulations come into force.

How does the provincial registry differ from registration with a local paramedic service?

Registration completed through a local or regional paramedic service represents an important first step in the provincial AED registry process.

Existing local AED information can help establish the foundation of the provincial registry. However, the provincial registry includes additional information and ongoing validation requirements designed to ensure AED records remain accurate and up to date.

Do AEDs that are already registered with a paramedic service need to be registered again?

Existing AED information provided by local or regional paramedic services can be incorporated into the provincial registry.

In some cases, additional information will still be required to complete the provincial registry record, particularly primary and secondary contact information for the individuals or departments responsible for each AED.

What information is required for each AED?

In addition to AED location and device information, the provincial registry requires primary and secondary contact information for the individuals or departments responsible for overseeing the AED.

- AED maintenance
- Health and Safety inspections
- Device readiness and accessibility
- Updating AED location or availability information

Why are primary and secondary contacts required?

Primary and secondary contacts help ensure there is an appropriate person or department available to receive notifications and confirm that AED information remains current.

These contacts will receive regular notifications to inspect and validate the information associated with their AEDs.

What does AED inspection and validation involve?

Ongoing validation is an important component of the provincial registry.

The process is intended to help confirm that registered AEDs:

- Remain in their reported locations
- Are accessible when required
- Are functioning and ready for use
- Have accurate location and availability information in the registry

When I register my AED, is it connected to 9-1-1?

AED information submitted to the registry will not be activated or made available to 9-1-1 through the provincial system until authorization is provided by the Ministry of Health. We will share further information once the Ministry confirms that the connection to 9-1-1 can proceed.

How often will AED information need to be inspected or validated?

The specific inspection and validation frequency will ultimately be determined by the Ministry of Health and the applicable Ontario government regulations.

Regulations are currently being drafted, and further details are expected to be shared as they become available.

Why is ongoing validation so important?

AEDs can be moved, replaced, removed from service, or become temporarily unavailable. Without regular validation, registry information can quickly become outdated.

Keeping this information current helps ensure that 9-1-1 has access to the most accurate and up-to-date AED location and availability information possible when responding to a cardiac emergency.

Is the provincial registry replacing local AED registries?

The Ontario AED Registry provides the province with a standardized, managed, central registry. Its purpose is to provide a consistent provincial approach to AED registration, oversight, and ongoing validation while supporting accurate information for emergency response. Local agencies can continue internal methods of data collection but should utilize the provincial registry for their AEDs to ensure the information is seamlessly available and current across the province.

Who is responsible for the provincial AED registry?

AED Foundation Ontario serves as the official provincial AED Registrar.

Our goal is to make the transition to the provincial registry as straightforward as possible and to help regions, municipalities, paramedic services, and AED owners understand the provincial requirements and ongoing validation process.

Who can we contact if we have questions?

Please reach out to us about the AED registry at info@aedfoundationontario.ca