



Are You Supporting Catholic Education?



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Can property taxes be directed to the English Separate (Catholic) School Board if one homeowner is Catholic and the other is not?

Yes. If at least one owner is Roman Catholic, the property support can be directed to the English-Separate (Catholic) board. You can easily update this through an attestation using the MPAC Online Portal under "Direction of School Support."



If both parents are non-Catholic but their children attend a Catholic school, can taxes be directed to the English Separate (Catholic) School Board?

No. Under Ontario law, at least one parent or guardian must be Roman Catholic to direct taxes to the Catholic board, even if the children have been baptized in the Catholic faith.



If a family moves, do they need to file a new Direction of School Support?

Yes. Property taxes **automatically default to English-Public** whenever a property is sold or a new tenant moves in. A new direction must be filed for your primary residence, as well as for any additional properties you own.



If a family rents their home, can they direct their taxes to the English Separate (Catholic) School Board?

Yes. Tenants have the legal right to direct the school support for the property where they reside, provided at least one tenant is Roman Catholic.



Can a business or corporation direct property taxes to the English Separate (Catholic) School Board, or is it only for individuals?

Yes, corporations can direct their taxes; however, it is not automatic. The corporation must designate its support based on the proportion of shares held by Roman Catholics. If the shares are not held by individuals (or if the proportion is unknown), the taxes default to the public board.



I completed a Direction of School Support form, but my taxes still show as "Public." Why?

Updates to school support are not instantaneous. Once a form is processed by MPAC, the change **typically takes effect** in the following taxation year.

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