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The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) has released an update to the Return to Hockey Framework following the Ontario Government's amendment to Stage 2.

As of last week, the provincial government required that anyone who wanted to return to the ice, had to do so under the direction of an individual who was approved by the Ontario Hockey Federation. That rule has since changed. The Ontario government has expanded that restriction in Ontario's Emergency Order, which now will allow individual and small group skills development training without the need for approval. This means private instructors/businesses may conduct on-ice training. Health and safety protocols will be enforced by each individual facility and will follow advice from regional health authorities.

As indicated in [Memo 200624-033-1](#) the OMHA has not yet determined a date for the resumption of approved programming for Member MHAs. When activities resume, Local MHAs seeking to engage a third party service provider from outside their Association must still ensure that these providers are identified through the OHF as having completed the Hockey Canada Licensed Skill Development Program. These individuals will be issued an OHF Certificate of Validation and Certificate of Insurance.

As with all decisions, return to play will be determined by the priority of participant safety and the direction of Provincial and Regional Health Authorities.

- [OHF Bulletin: Impact of Ontario's Amendment to the Emergency Order on Facilities & Municipalities](#)