



2017 Membership FAQs

1. Why am I renewing separately with OPPI and CIP?

OPPI and CIP are two legally distinct entities. Under the [OPPI Act](#) OPPI cannot compel its members to also be members of CIP.

Your renewal with OPPI will remain the same, with a red “Renew My Membership” button appearing in your [Member Profile](#) in November, at the time of renewal.

Your CIP membership renewal invoices will be issued directly by CIP with an email in late November.

2. Does OPPI support CIP?

Yes, OPPI continues to support a national voice and a national organization that is able to deliver its mandate in a way that is financially responsible and complementary to the work of the other Provincial and Territorial Institutes and Associations. OPPI continues to work with CIP to find the best way forward.

3. If I change my address (employment status, etc.) with OPPI, is CIP automatically updated?

No. Since OPPI and CIP are distinct entities, they have distinct databases, and privacy legislation prevents very much information sharing. Therefore, you should notify OPPI and CIP separately of any changes to your contact information etc.

4. Why does the OPPI Member Register indicate that I am a Registered Professional Planner, but does not indicate that I am MCIP (Member of the Canadian Institute of Professional Planners)?

RPP is the “protected title” granted to Full Members of OPPI under Ontario legislation, the *Ontario Professional Planners Institute Act, 1994*. In order to attain or keep your designation as an RPP in Ontario, you must remain a member with OPPI.

Since the OPPI and CIP databases are separate, OPPI does not know which of its members are MCIP, and cannot reflect that information.

5. Can I just be a member of CIP?

No, the by-laws of CIP do not allow an individual to be a member of CIP without being a member of one of the Provincial and Territorial Institutes and Associations. In Ontario, therefore, you must be a member of OPPI in order to be a member of CIP.

6. Can I just be a member of OPPI and not belong to CIP?

Yes, you can renew your OPPI membership but decide not to renew your CIP membership. If you opt out of CIP membership, your ability to rejoin CIP at a later date would be subject to the CIP by-law in force at that time.

7. What is the situation with professional liability insurance?

Professional liability insurance is mandatory for practicing OPPI members. They participate in the OPPI insurance program only, not the CIP insurance program.

8. As a non-practicing or Retired OPPI member, am I required to pay OPPI insurance fees?

Since the professional liability insurance that OPPI members carry is a “claims made” policy, you are only covered if you are enrolled at the moment the claim is made – even if the claim is with respect to alleged professional negligence that took place months or years earlier. **But our insurer will not require OPPI members to pay premiums for their coverage if they have been Retired for more than two membership/calendar years, or non-practicing for more than five membership/calendar years.**