



# **Hero Pay Phase 2 User Guide**

# Eligible program types: ODJFS Centers, Type A Homes and Type B Homes

To review Hero Pay eligibility and enter payment information, you will need to sign in to your Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) profile. If you need assistance with signing into your OPR profile, please review the resources available on our website: OPR Profile Assistance.

## **Hero Pay Eligibility**

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, professionals will be able to sign in to their Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) profile and view their eligibility. To determine Hero Pay eligibility, please review the <u>Manual Procedure Letter</u> issued by Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).

If there is a Hero Pay tab in your OPR profile, that means you are eligible for at least one of the two (2) payment periods.



If you do not have a Hero Pay tab, the employment in your OPR profile (employment tab), did not qualify you for Hero Pay. There are no exceptions to eligibility and the OPR staff does not have a way to alter or manage your eligibility. To be eligible for Hero Pay, eligible employment needed to be added to your profile prior to the employment period ending (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023). If you are not eligible, there is nothing additional for you to complete.

Please review the following resources for additional Hero Pay information:

Hero Pay Eligibility At-A-Glance

All Hero Pay Resources



## Eligible professionals

Eligible professionals will see a Hero Pay tab displayed in your OPR profile on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. To receive payment, an action MUST be taken. Even if you have entered payment portal information before, it must be entered for this Phase by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.



The Hero Pay tab will display all the information needed to complete the payment portal and monitor your payment status. Please review this information to determine when payment will be made and monitor the progress of your payments. The OPR staff does not have any additional information besides what is shown in your OPR profile. Complete processing of payments may take up to eight (8) weeks.

## Hero Pay

Welcome to the Hero Pay section of the Ohio Professional Registry.

You have been employed in an eligible role in an open program (open for the entire period with no more than a 10-day closure gap) licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and you have no employment gap greater than 10 days in a qualifying period. You are eligible for Hero Pay for Period - 09/01/2022 - 02/28/2023.

To receive Hero Pay, complete the Payment Portal by March 31st, 2023.

You will need to set up your payment method (regardless of any previous Hero Pay payments). You can only enter payment information one time. If it is incorrect, you will receive a paper check. Please note: Hero Pay processing may take up to 8 weeks before you receive your payment.

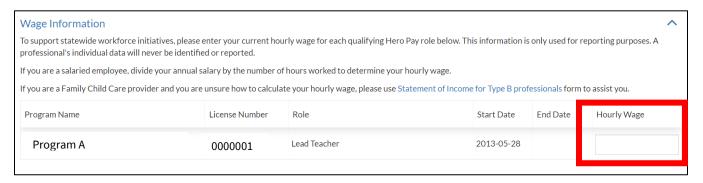


#### **Add Hourly Wage**

To support statewide workforce initiatives, you must enter your accurate hourly wage for each qualifying hero pay roles. This information is only used for reporting purposes. A professional's individual data will never be identified or reported.

To calculate your accurate hourly wage if you are a salaried employee, divide your annual salary by the number of hours worked.

If you are a Family Child Care provider and you are unsure how to calculate your hourly wage, please use <u>Statement of Income for Type B professionals</u> form to assist you.



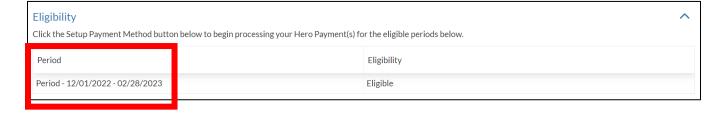
## **Review Eligibility**

This section will display the payment periods you are eligible for. You will either be eligible for one period or other, not both.

Period 09/01/2022-02/28/2023 = \$3,000



## Period 12/01/2022-02/28/2023 = \$1,500

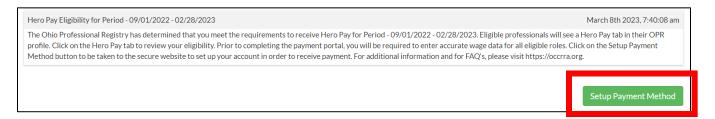




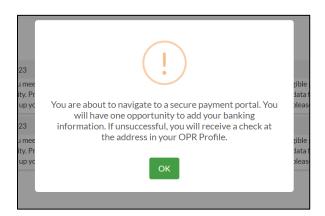
## **Notifications**

You will see all updates to Hero Pay under the notifications flag in your profile AND displayed here in the Hero Pay tab. The OPR staff does not have any additional information besides what is shown in your OPR profile. Your eligibility notification will be displayed here for review, as well as any payment updates and portal submissions that have been completed. Check this section often to keep up to date on your Hero Pay status.

Once you have entered your hourly wage for all qualifying roles, the Setup Payment Method will turn green an allow you to select to proceed to the Payment Portal.



You will receive a warning notice that states the following. You should be certain you have all the proper documents to continue.



You will need the following items to continue:

- 1. Your social security number
- 2. Your bank routing number
- 3. Your bank account number

You only have one opportunity to add your banking information. If unsuccessful, you will receive a paper check at the address in your OPR profile. Click OK when you are ready to proceed. You have now entered the secure payment portal.

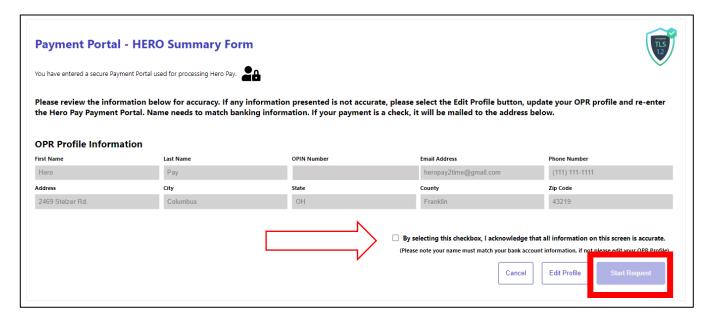


## **Completing the Payment Portal**

The summary form is a chance for you to review your OPR Profile Information that is relevant to your Payment Portal submission. If this information is not correct, please select the Edit Profile button to update it in your OPR profile. If you wish to return to your profile without completing the Payment Portal, you may hit the cancel button to exit.

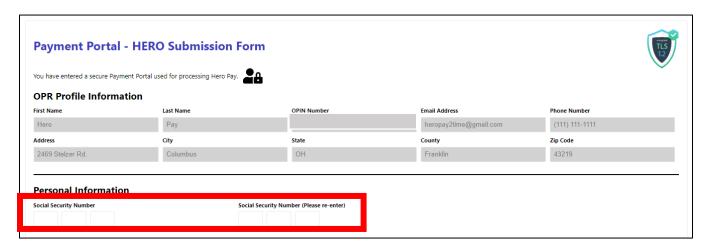
Review the information on this screen. Please note: if for any reason you are to receive a paper check, it will be mailed to the address below. **Please be sure this address is a correct mailing address for you.** 

You must attest that the information on this screen is correct and then hit Start Request.

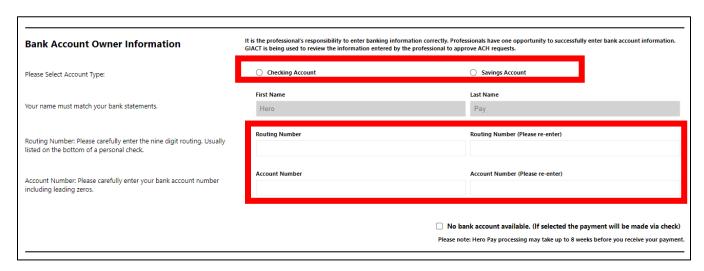




OPR Profile Information is carried over to the submission form and cannot be edited. Enter your social security number into the boxes provided under the Personal Information header.

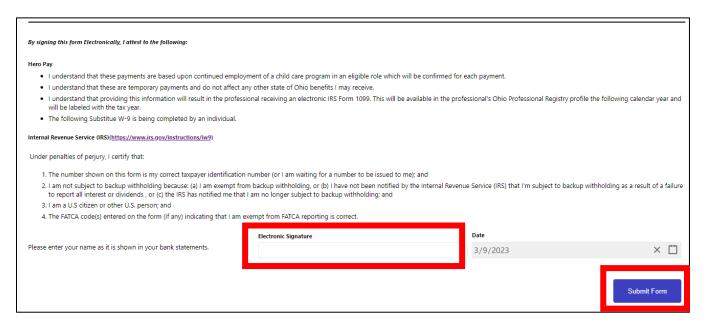


Check either checking or savings account and enter the routing and account number. If you do not have a bank account, select the 'No bank account available' button to receive a paper check.



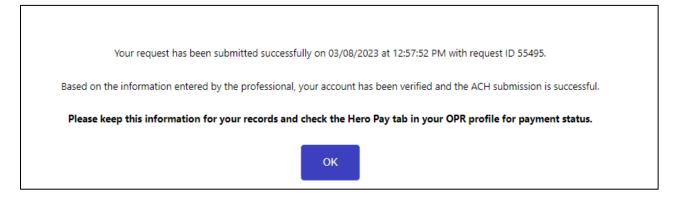


You must attest to your confirmation of the Hero Pay and IRS information by entering an electronic signature with a name that matches your bank statements. Click Submit Form to complete the Payment Portal process.



Once you hit the Submit Form button, the system will send your bank account information through a secure system called GIACT. GIACT checks immediately with your banking institution to be sure you've entered information that matches a bank account. If all information is correct, you will receive this success message and you can click OK to return to your OPR profile.

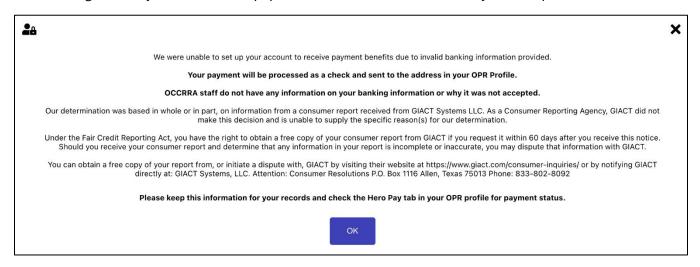
This message means you will receive an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment:





If your name, routing number, or account number did not match, you will receive an error from GIACT stating the reason it was not verified. You will receive a paper check to the address you reviewed on the previous screen. An example of one of those errors is below.

This message means you will receive a paper check mailed to the address in your OPR profile:



The OPR staff do not have any information on why you received this unable to verify message. All questions should be directed to GIACT at the contact information provided. A paper check will be sent may take up to 8 weeks to process.

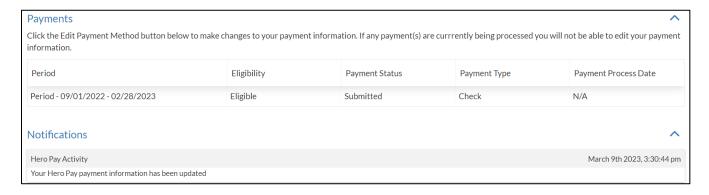
You have successfully completed the payment portal. Click OK to return to your OPR profile.



#### **Review Payment submission and status**

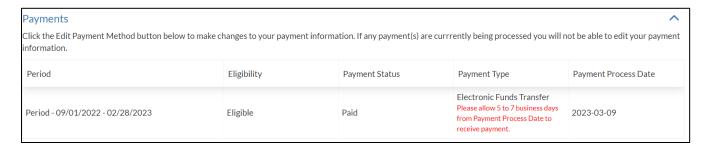
When you click OK, you will be taken back to your OPR profile. Select the Hero Pay tab to view the submission. You will receive a notification letting you know your Hero Pay payment information has been updated.

You can also view your payment status here as well. The OPR staff does not have any additional information besides what is shown in this section of your profile. Complete processing of payments could take up to 8 weeks.



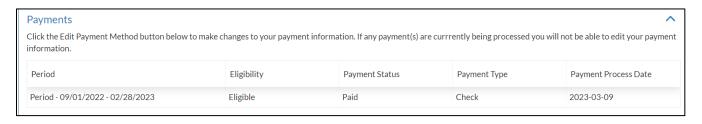
Return to the Hero Pay tab often to view payment status updates. Once the Payment Status has been moved to 'Paid', you will receive another notification indicating the processing time.

If the payment status says Paid and the payment type says EFT: The Hero Pay payment has been submitted to your banking institution. You must allow 5 to 7 business days for the transaction to process and appear in your bank account. If you have not received the EFT payment in your bank account **after waiting the seven** (7) business days, please contact us at support@occrra.org letting us know you did not receive the payment.





If the payment status says Paid and the payment type says Check: A paper check has been sent to the address in your OPR profile. Please allow ample time for the postal service to deliver this paper check to you. If you have not received the check **after waiting the 30 days**, please contact us at support@occrra.org letting us know you did not receive the paper check.



Please note: The OPR staff does not have any additional information besides what is shown in your OPR profile. Payment processing could take up to 8 weeks from the payment portal submission.