

# Users Guide



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# 1 SOD@CCÈS OVERVIEW

Welcome to SOD@ccès, SODEC's new digital filing portal. All tax credit applications for film and television production services must now be filed on this portal. Built using the SM Apply platform, SOD@ccès allows users to file applications by completing forms online and attaching required documents set out in a list of tasks.

Since March 19, 2019, the refundable tax credit program for film and television production services has been available on SOD@ccès.

#### 2 REGISTERING AND CONFIGURING AN ORGANIZATION

#### 2.1 REGISTRATION

Before filing an application, you must first register on the portal. Go to the <u>Refundable Tax</u> <u>Credit for Film Production Services</u> page, follow the <u>SOD@ccès</u> link and click <u>Register</u> on the home page.

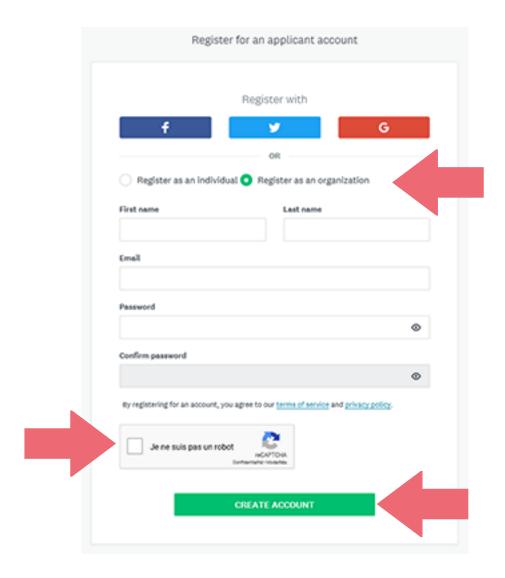




While the platform allows users to register through Facebook, Twitter or a Google account, we ask that you to register as an **organization**. This option allows you to add an organization to your account as soon as you are registered. Once you have entered the information required to create a profile, you need to enter information about the organization.

Note: Whatever type of registration you select, you can add organizations to your account at any time. You must enter at least one organization to your account before filing an application for a tax credit.

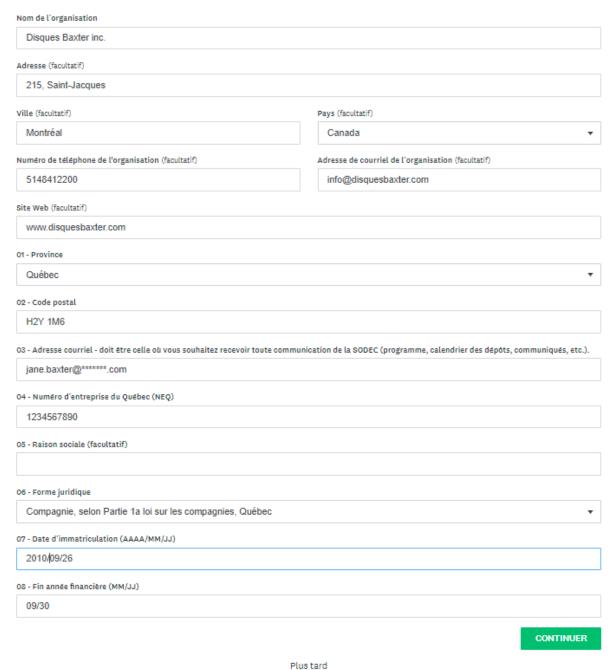
Select Register as an organization and enter your profile information.



After confirming that you are not a robot, click **CREATE ACCOUNT**.

Enter the information required to register your organization. Organization name, Adresse courriel (email address), Date d'immatriculation (date of registration) and Fin année financière (end of financial year) are all required fields. You must also enter the full address.

Ensure that the information provided here is identical to the information for your organization in the Enterprise Registry (REQ), if applicable.

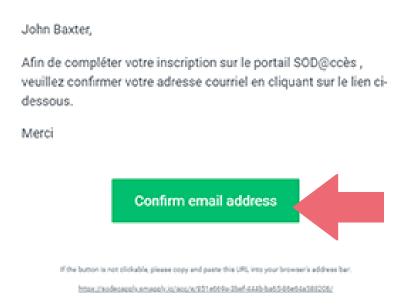


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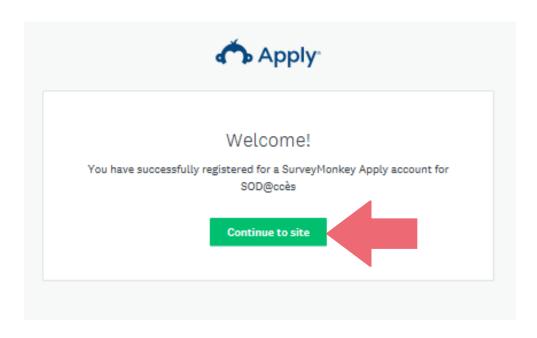
You can update this information at any time by editing the organization's profile.

After the registration information has been submitted, you will receive an email asking you to confirm your email address in order to complete the SOD@ccès registration. Go to your inbox and click **Confirm email address**.

If you do not receive an email, go to your junk mail box and search for a message sent by SODEC <noreply@mail.smapply.io>. If you find the message, add this address to your approved sender list.



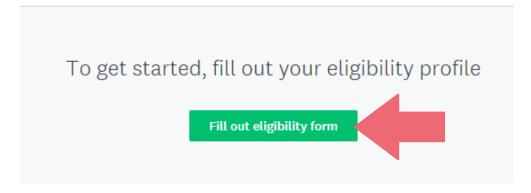
When your email address has been confirmed, a new page will be displayed in your browser. Click **Continue to site** to access the portal.



#### 2.2 AREAS OF INTEREST AND PREFERENCES

As a new user, you need to indicate your areas of interest and preferences in order to access specific programs that are relevant to you. Click Afficher les programmes (view programs), then, on the next page, Fill out eligibility form.

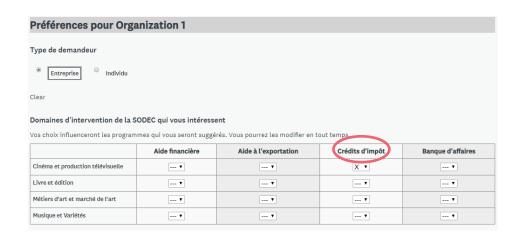




Specify the SODEC activity sector and program area of interest to you. These choices will determine the programs available to you.

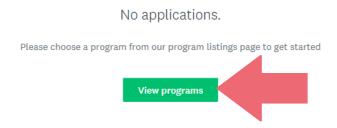
Select the Film and Television Production sector and choose the Tax Credits program option.

To create your profile, select « X » in the dropdown list for the program options associated with your activity sector, as shown in the example below, then click **Save my profile**.



Note: This information can be updated at any time by editing the eligibility section of your account.

You can now access the various SODEC programs that correspond with your areas of interest. To view the list of available programs, click **View programs**.

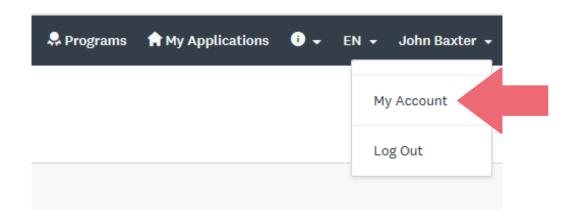


To access programs, you must select the French version of SOD@ccès by clicking the indicated link. Please note, however, that the tax incentive programs for film and television production services are available in English.

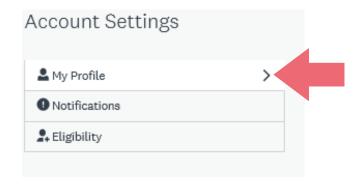


#### 2.3 CONFIGURING AN ORGANIZATION

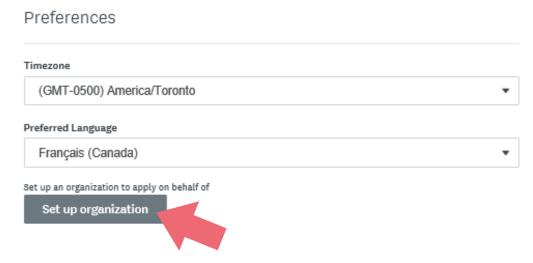
At any time, you can add one or more organizations to your account in order to file a tax credit application for film and television production services. To do so, select My Account in the dropdown menu at the top right of the screen.



Then select My Profile.



In the **Preferences** section of your profile, click **Set up organization**.



Enter the information requested about your organization and click **CONTINUE**.

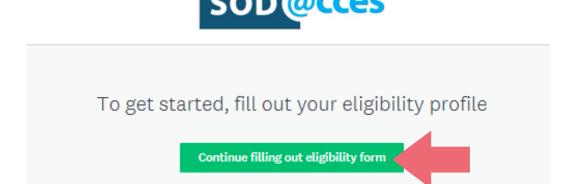


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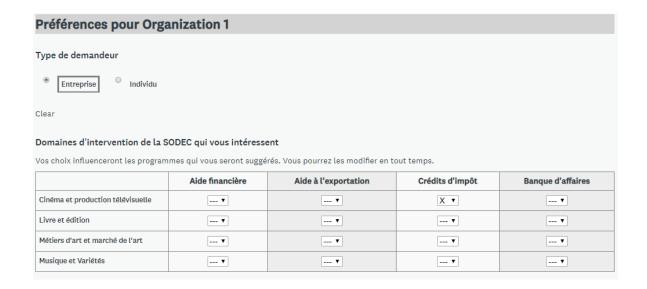
To configure more than one organization, simply repeat this process. Each organization can have a personalized profile with respect to SODEC's various programs and activity sectors. You must complete an eligibility form for each organization you configure.

Note: The SOD@ccès online portal does not take into account subsidiaries or other legal relationships between enterprises. You must create an organization for each subsidiary for which you wish to file an application.

Click Afficher les programmes (view programs) to access a new eligibility form, then click Continue filling out eligibility form for the organization you just configured.



Validate that you have selected the right organization and complete the eligibility form by selecting the Film and Television Production activity sector and Tax Credit program option.



# 2.4 MANAGING YOUR SOD@CCÈS ACCOUNT

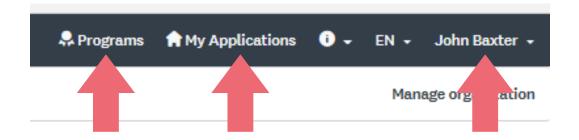
When you create a SOD@ccès account, you can add one or more organizations and manage the various applications filed for each of them. When you configure organizations, you are automatically designated the primary administrator of those organizations.

Click the dropdown list beside your name at the upper left of the screen to view the list of organizations configured in your account. Select the organization whose account you wish to manage.

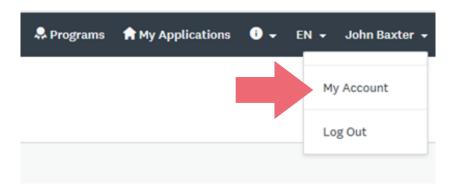


The navigation banner located at the top of the screen provides access to your:

- Programs
- Current applications
- Account settings



To access your account settings, click on your name and select My Account from the dropdown menu.

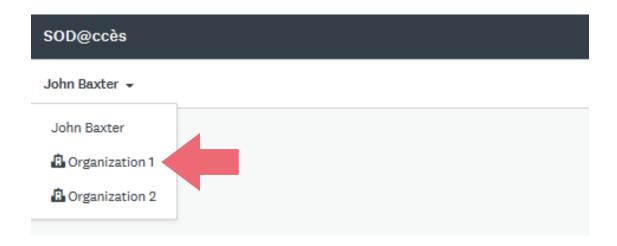


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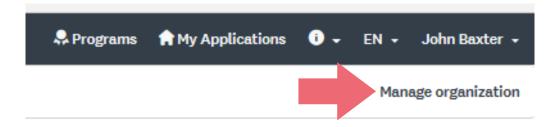
- Basic information in your profile
- Notifications you wish to receive
- Your eligibility profile

# 3 MANAGING THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION'S PROFILE

You can manage the profile of the applicant organization at any time. To do so, select the organization concerned from the dropdown list at the upper left of the screen.



Click Manage organization at the top right of the page.

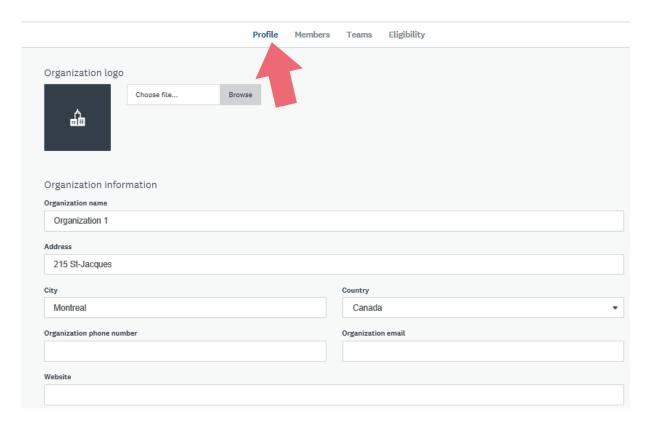


You can now modify or configure the organization's:

- Profile
- Members
- Teams
- Eligibility profile

#### 3.1 Organization's profile

The organization's profile contains information about the applicant.



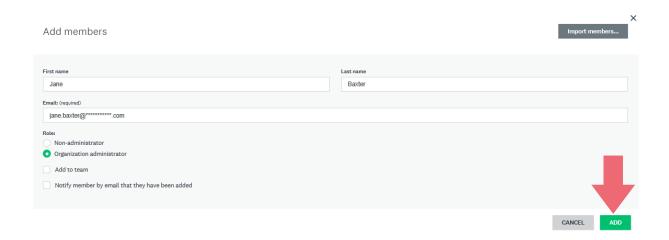
This profile must be kept up to date as SODEC requires the most recent information about your organization.

#### 3.2 members of the organization

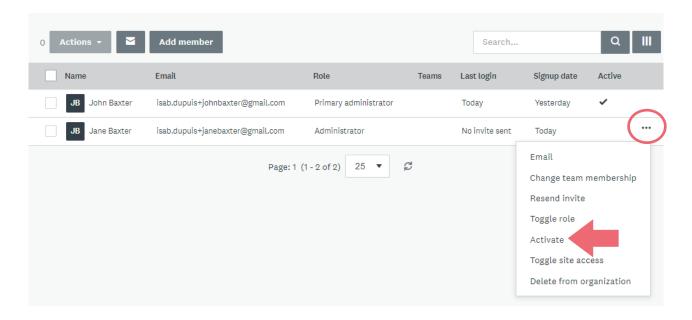
You can add members to an organization so that they can access and manage that organization's applications. A member who is not registered on the SOD@ccès online portal will receive an email inviting them to create an account. To launch this process, select the Members tab and click Add member.



Enter the required information (member's first name, last name and email address) and assign a role to the new member. A member who is designated a "non-administrator" has no rights with respect to the organization, whereas an administrator can monitor all of the organization's current applications. If the organization has teams, you can directly assign the new member to a team by selecting the **Add to team** option. If you wish to notify the member that they have been added to the organization, select the **Notify member by email that they have been added** option. To finish adding the member, click **ADD**.



You must activate the new member before they can access the organization's content. To do so, click the three ellipsis points (...) displayed across from the member's name and select **Activate**.



To transfer your primary administrator role to another member of the organization, select the **Profile** tab for your organization (section 3.1) and click **Transfer primary administrator** at the bottom of the form.

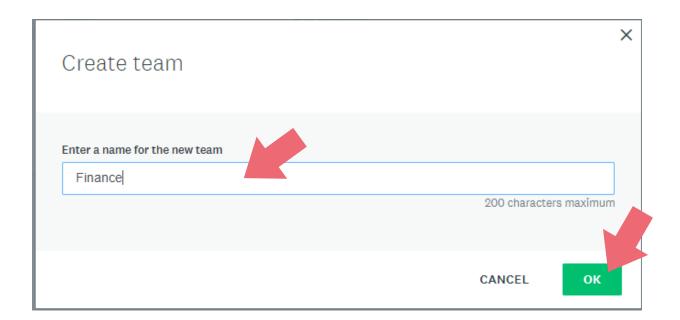
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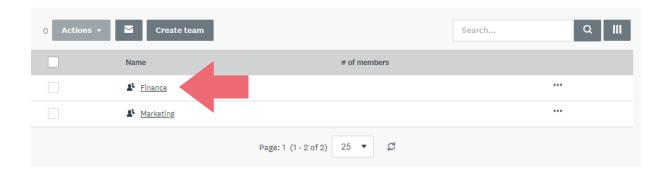
The SOD@ccès online portal can be used to create teams within an organization in order to manage the membership. To do this, select the **Teams** tab and click **Create team**.



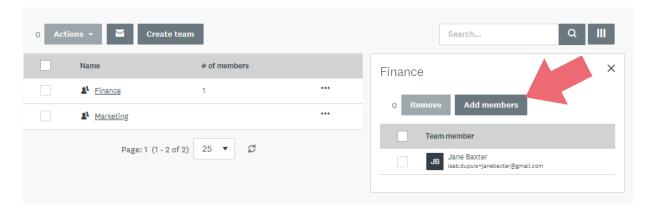
Give the team a name and click OK.



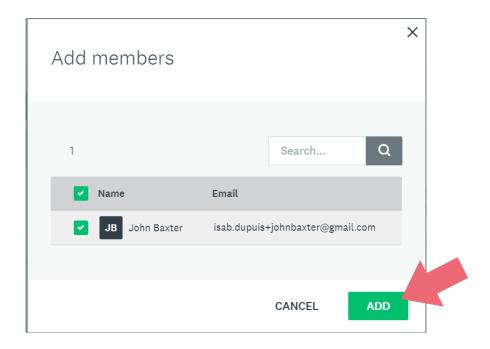
To add members to a team, click the team name.



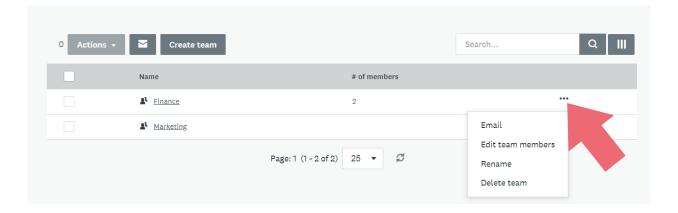
Now click Add members.



Select a member and click ADD.



To manage teams, just click the three ellipsis points (...) to the right of the team name.

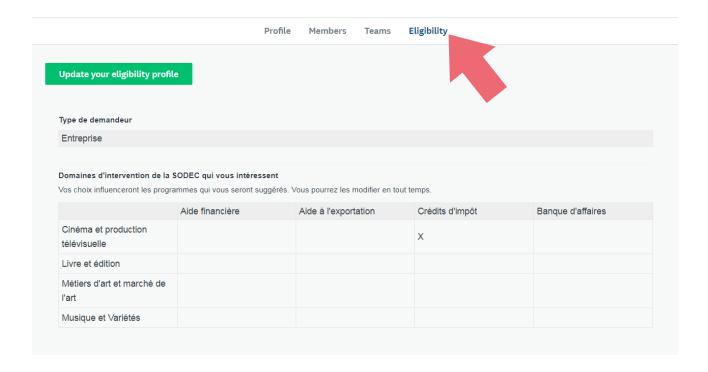


A dropdown list provides the following options:

- Send an email to the team
- Edit the team members
- Rename the team
- Delete the team

#### 3.4 ELIGIBILITY

The **Eligibility** tab contains the form explained in section 2.2 of this guide. Use this tab to update the organization's eligibility profile in order to access programs of interest.



# 4 FILING A PROGRAM APPLICATION

Filing an application on SOD@ccès involves several steps, specifically:

- Completing one or more main forms
- Uploading complementary documents
- Uploading documents for the organization's master file

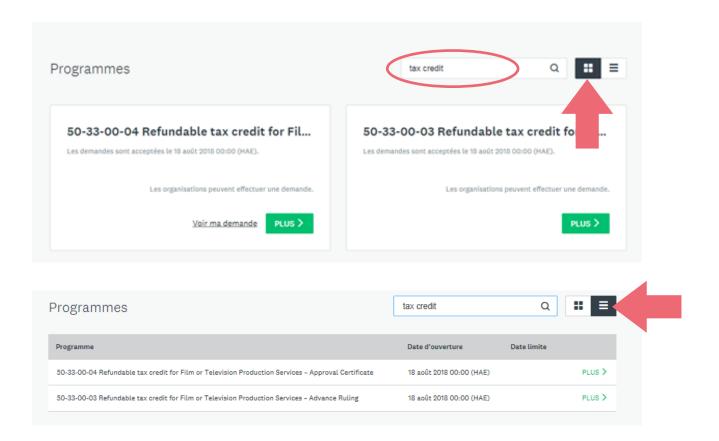
You can create an application at any time and then save it so you can return later to continue working on it.

Up until the moment the application is submitted to SODEC, you can continue to edit information in the form and make changes to the various attached documents that have been uploaded in completing the tasks. Once the application has been submitted, however, while you can still view it on the portal, no further changes can be made.

To learn about the specific requirements for filing a tax credit application for film or television production services, or to obtain more information about the program, please consult the <u>SODEC</u> website.

**Important:** Be sure that you have selected the organization for which you wish to file an application from the dropdown list located in the upper left corner of the screen. Once created, an application cannot be transferred to another organization. It remains associated with the organization that was selected before completing the application.

To select a program, you can search by program name or scroll through the list of programs. Note that you can change how programs are displayed by switching the view mode.



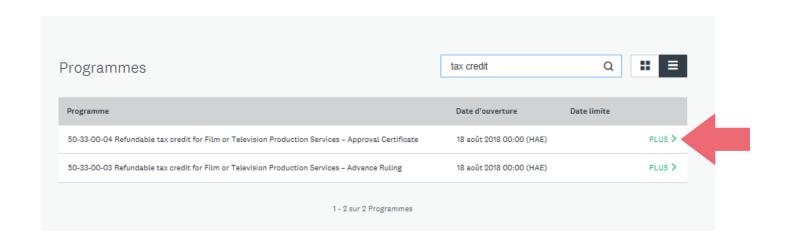
To apply for an approval certificate, select:

50-33-00-04 Refundable tax credit for Film or Television Production Services – Approval Certificate

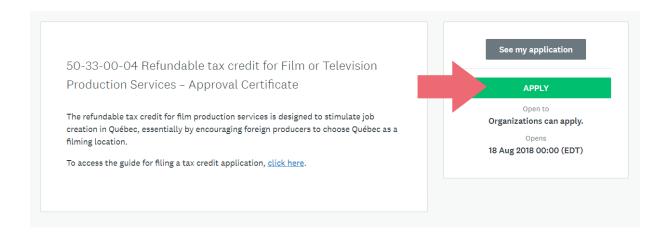
To apply for an advance ruling, select:

50-33-00-03 Refundable tax credit for Film or Television Production Services – Advance Ruling

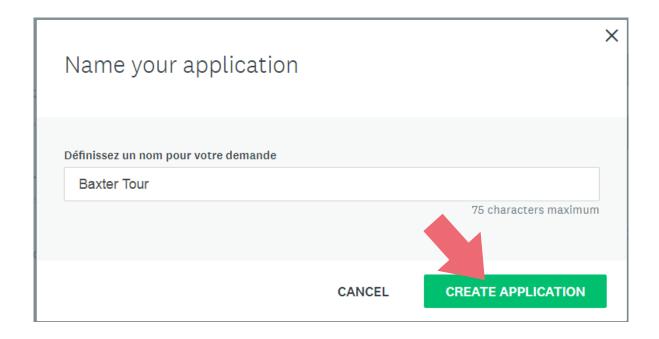
After selecting a program, click PLUS.



Then click APPLY.



At this point, you need to give the application a name. We recommend using the name of your project. Once you have entered the name, click **CREATE APPLICATION**.

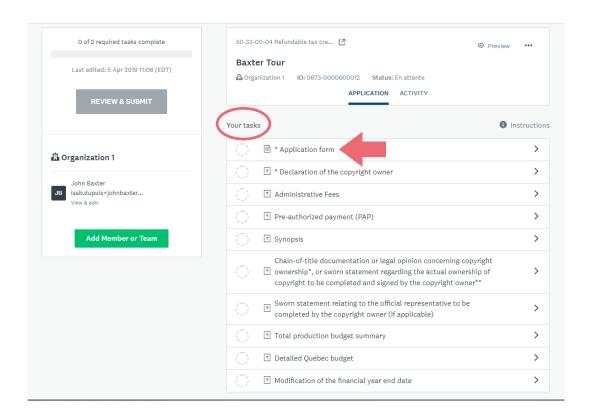


You can now begin completing the required tasks for the selected program.

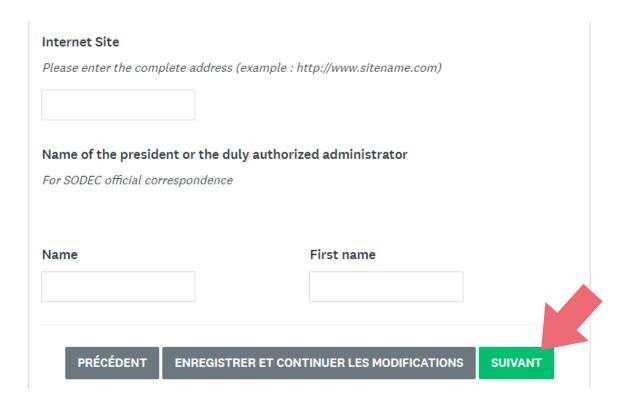
You need to complete the form and upload documents required for the program. **Tasks preceded by an asterisk are required**. You cannot submit the application if the required tasks have not been completed. For more information, refer to the SODEC website for specific program requirements.

Other tasks to be completed vary according to the type of project and its specific requirements. If a task is listed, it must be completed unless the task does not apply to your particular project. For more information, refer to the SODEC website for specific program requirements.

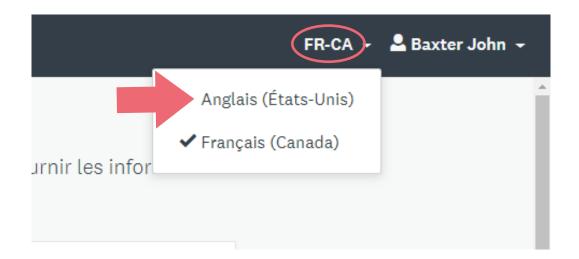
To complete the program application form, select it from the list of tasks.



Complete the form in accordance with SODEC's standards and requirements. When you have finished, click **SUIVANT** (next) at the bottom of the page.



At this point, you can switch to English to continue navigating.



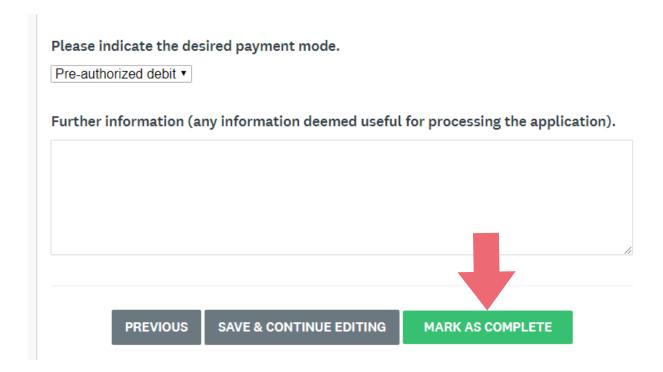
You always have the option of saving the form and completing it later. To do so, click **SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING.** 

# Name of the president or the duly authorized administrator

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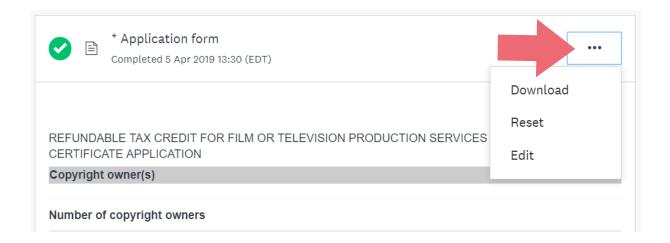


Once you have read the complementary program information on the last page, click MARK AS COMPLETE to confirm that you have finished completing the application form.

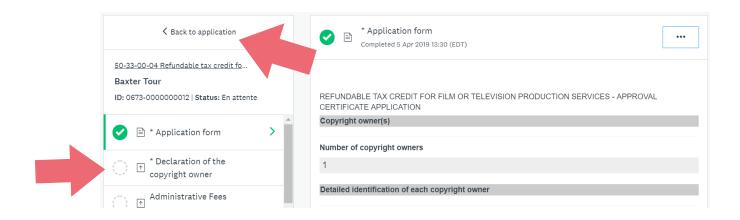


When you click MARK AS COMPLETE, you are directed to a preview of the completed form.

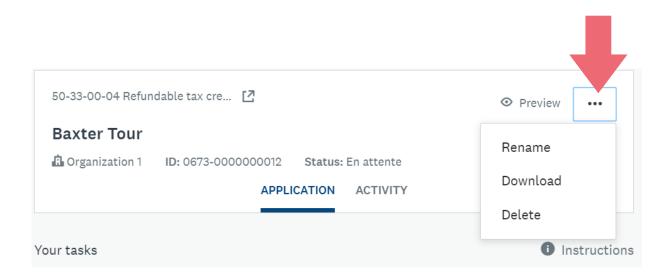
As you review the completed form, you have the option of clicking the three ellipsis points (...) at the top right of the page. This allows you to download the form as a PDF, reset the form (which deletes all existing answers) or edit the contents. So long as the completed application has not been submitted, you can continue editing it.



To upload complementary application documents, select the corresponding task in the dropdown list to the left of the screen or click the **Back to application** link for a comprehensive overview.

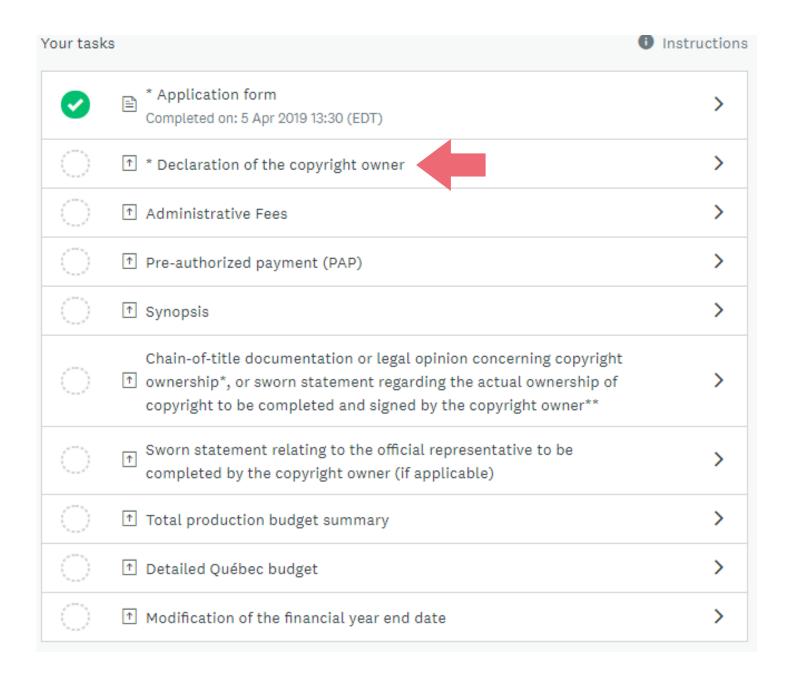


By clicking on the three ellipsis points (...) in the upper right corner of the screen, you can rename, download (as a PDF) or delete the application.

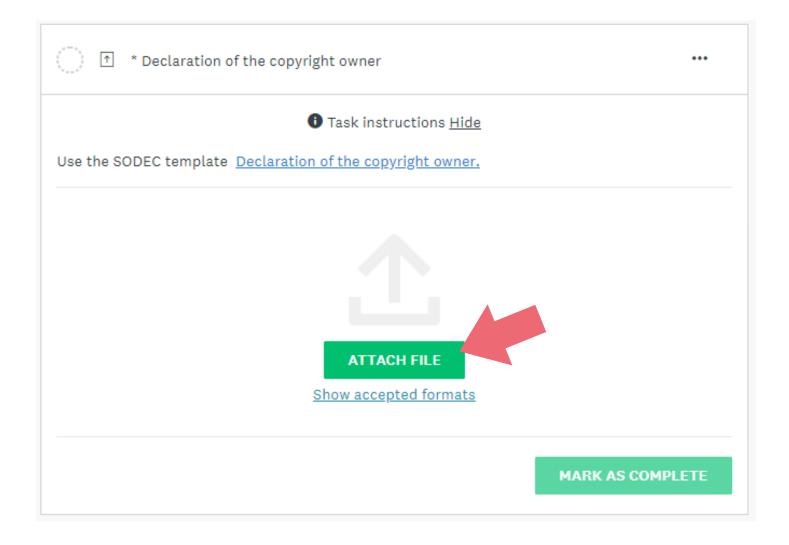


Now select a task pertaining to the complementary documents to be attached to the application. The complementary documents are found below the main application form and are clearly identified.

A task may contain specific instructions. For example, when a SODEC template is required, you will have to click on a hyperlink, complete the document, save it and then upload the final document to the task. Once the document has been uploaded, the task is deemed complete and a checkmark appears in a green circle beside the task.



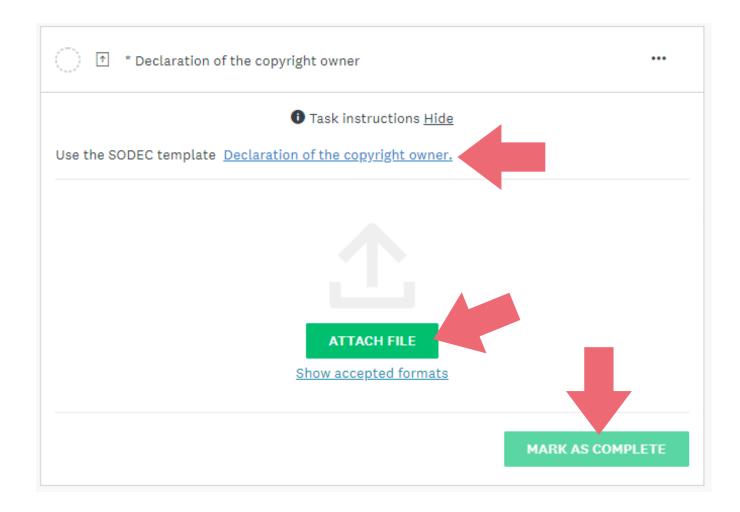
To upload a document, click ATTACH FILE and select the appropriate file on your computer.



Please note that certain tasks require that you attach more than one document.

Certain tasks require that you complete a template provided by SODEC. In such cases, you need to download and print the template. After completing the form and signing it (if necessary), scan and upload it following the instructions above.

When you have finished, click MARK AS COMPLETE.



### Required documents for the master file

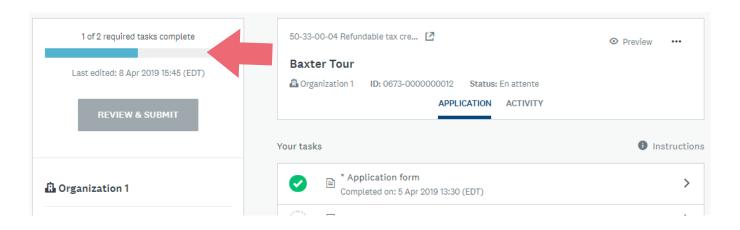
SODEC creates a reference file (master file) for all organizations with which it has business relations. An organization filing an application for the first time must submit documents required to create a master file. For subsequent applications, a simple update is required.

IMPORTANT: When you file your first application through SOD@ccès, you must attach an electronic version of all of the organization's reference documents, even if you have already provided SODEC with those documents.

To upload the documents required for the organization's master file, proceed as explained above. Tasks pertaining to submitting reference documents begin with "MASTER FILE" as shown below.

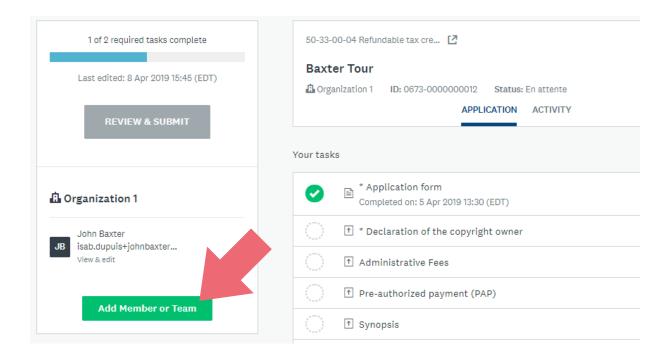
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	↑ MASTER FILE - Description of activities and main achievements	>
	↑ MASTER FILE - Constitution documents - Certificate of constitution	>
	↑ MASTER FILE - Constitution documents - Statutes	>
	↑ MASTER FILE - Constitution documents - Registration declaration	>
	↑ MASTER FILE - Constitution documents - Modification certificate	>
(_)	MASTER FILE - Constitution documents - Corporation or shareholders convention	>
	↑ Modification of the financial year end date	>

To see whether you have completed all tasks required by the program, check the progress bar to the left of the list of tasks.

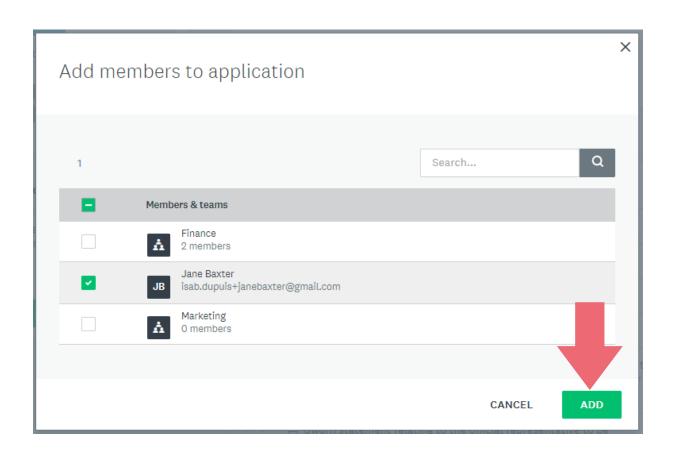


# Adding a member or a team to a current application

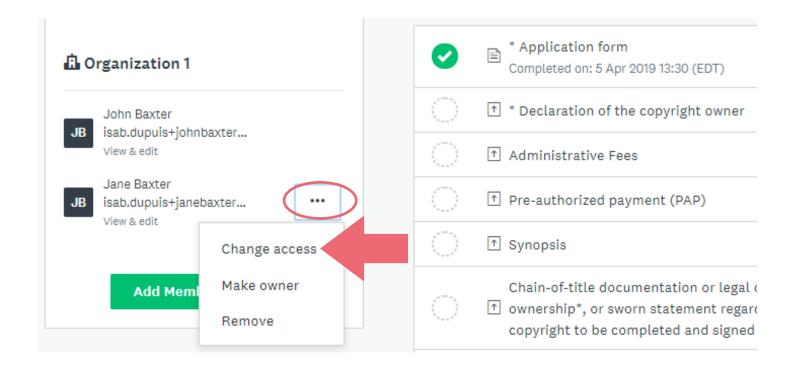
To add a member or a team to a current application, click Add Member or Team.



Select the members or teams from the list and click ADD.



Adding a member or team makes it possible to share the application with other administrators, each of whom can make changes. To change a user's access, click on the three ellipsis points (...) to the right of the member or team and select **Change access**.



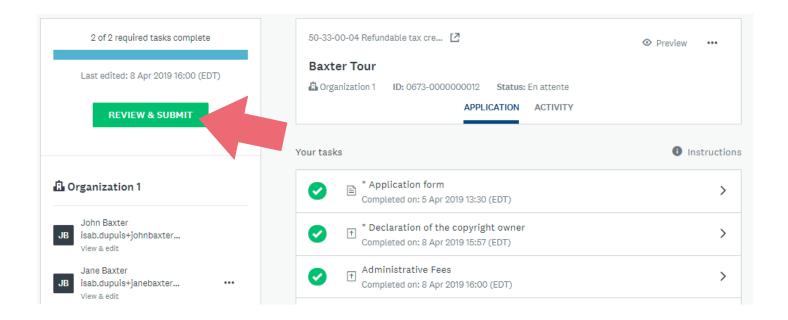
This can be used, for example, to limit a user's access so that they can view but not edit documents.

You can also designate a certain member as the principal owner of the application, as well as delete members.

## Submitting the application

Once you have finalized the application and uploaded all documents required by the program, click **REVIEW & SUBMIT** to submit the application.

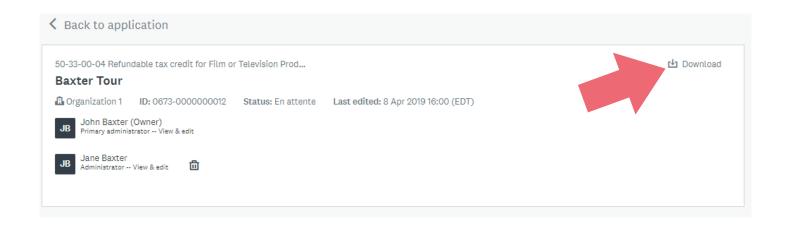
Reminder: **Tasks preceded by an asterisk are required**. You cannot submit the application until all required tasks have been completed. For more information, refer to the SODEC website for specific program requirements.



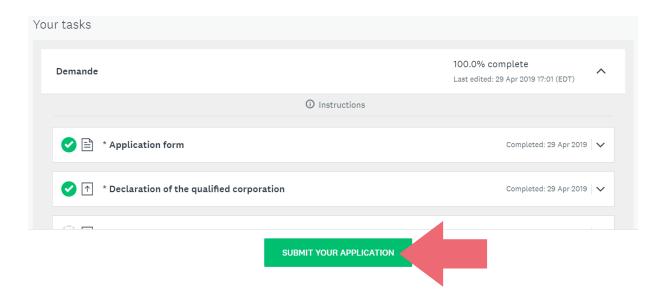
The SOD@ccès online portal will now display a complete summary of the application, including:

- The duly completed main form
- A list of documents attached to the application

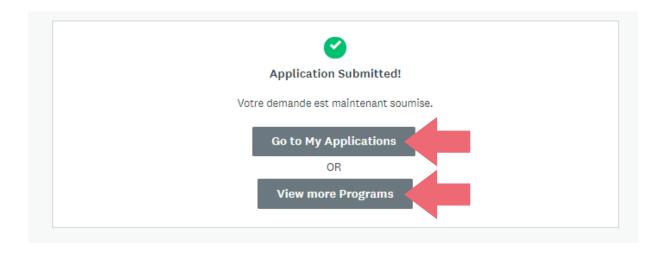
If you wish to download your application as a PDF, click **Download**.



After reviewing the content of your application, click Submit your application.



You can now consult previous applications and access the list of programs to file another application.



Note: You may file more than one application for the same program.

Once you have completed your first application, again select the **Programs** page in the upper right corner of the screen. At this point, you have to switch to French to continue navigating. Select the program again by clicking **PLUS** then **APPLY** (refer to section 4 if necessary). Note that this creates a new application — it does not submit the current application.

# 5 TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND QUESTIONS

To reach technical support, call 514-841-2200 or the toll-free number 1-800-363-0401 and dial 1.