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# How Smart Serve Ontario Delivers Certification at Scale with Vocalmeet's Platform



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# THE CHALLENGE

To deliver its widespread, high-demand training programs, Smart Serve Ontario needed a robust, unified online platform for learning, exams, and administration that could ensure 24/7 access and support thousands of users simultaneously. During peak recertification periods, usage could climb to nearly thousands of users per day, with many individuals logging in at the same time. Scalability, speed, and reliability would be vital to maintaining service quality and learner satisfaction.

Equally critical was the platform's ability to support linguistic and learning accessibility. In alignment with Canada's bilingual status, the system needed to function in both English and French, while offering course content in six languages: English, French, Chinese, Korean, Punjabi, and Spanish. To accommodate different learning preferences, Smart Serve Ontario needed the flexibility to offer both a fully online course and a facilitator-led, in-person option for its Full Online Training Program.

From a technology standpoint, the platform had to be:

- SCORM-compliant, to support interactive modules from separate course authoring tools
- Mobile-responsive, to allow individuals to access training from any device



Since launching the new platform, Smart Serve Ontario has achieved remarkable outcomes. It has:

- Enrolled over 800,000 new users, bringing total enrollments to more than 2.7 million
- Certified over 525,000 individuals, bringing the total certificates on the platform to more than 2.2 million
- Expanded its user base to over 2.8 million, including users, AGCO inspectors, and staff
- Significantly reduced the volume of technical complaints

By delivering a reliable, flexible, and secure training solution, Vocalmeet has helped Smart Serve Ontario expand its impact, make certification easier for millions, and advance public safety province-wide.



• eCommerce-enabled, to allow users to register, pay, and begin courses all on the same platform

Given the size of their user base, data integrity and system efficiency were also top priorities. The organization needed a way to identify and merge duplicate user profiles, which (if left unchecked) could lead to administrative overload and reporting inaccuracies.

Lastly, to meet regulatory requirements, the platform needed to include dedicated access for AGCO inspectors. This would allow inspectors to independently search records, verify certifications, and submit inquiries—all without interfering with ongoing platform activity.

### THE SOLUTION

To address its complex, large-scale needs, Smart Serve Ontario partnered with Vocalmeet to implement a fully integrated platform that combined its Learning Management System (LMS), integrated exam platform, and Business Automation Platform/CRM into one seamless solution.

At the core of the learning experience is Vocalmeet's LMS, which delivers mobile-responsive, on-demand access from any device. Learners can start, pause, and resume training at their convenience, with automatic progress tracking to ensure a smooth experience. The LMS also supports hybrid delivery, enabling Smart Serve Ontario to provide its Full Online Training Program both online and through facilitator-led, in-person classrooms. To maximize engagement, the LMS incorporates diverse multimedia (including video, audio, PDFs, and animations), which aid in enhancing comprehension and retention. Further, its SCORM compliance allows Smart Serve Ontario to deliver gamified content developed in external authoring tools.

To ensure secure, standardized certification, Vocalmeet deployed an integrated, configurable exam platform. This solution features a dynamic question bank that generates randomized exams for each learner, reducing predictability and improving assessment quality. Integrated remote proctoring and ID verification ensure that Smart Serve Ontario's exams remain secure and compliant, regardless of when or where they are taken.

The platform's CRM adds powerful administrative functionality, working in tandem with the LMS. Built-in eCommerce allows users to register, pay, and access training in one streamlined process, while the intuitive interface simplifies navigation and workflows for both individuals and organizations.



#### **ABOUT VOCALMEET**

Vocalmeet has earned its reputation by providing state-ofthe-art technology, unparalleled project management and customer service, coupled with an unwavering commitment to the success of our clients. Our goal is to delight our customers every step of the way.

We understand the unique needs of today's member-based organizations and what it takes to be best in class.



#### **ABOUT SMART** SERVE ONTARTO

Smart Serve Ontario is the province's leading certification body for responsible alcohol sales, service, and delivery training. Since 1995, Smart Serve Ontario has played a central role in advancing public safety by offering standardized, accessible training to individuals across Ontario's hospitality and retail sectors.

As part of its commitment to building a safer, healthier Ontario, Smart Serve Ontario provides responsible and affordable alcohol training and certification through two core offerings: the Smart Serve Full Online Training Program and the Smart Serve Retail Online Training Program. Both programs are formally approved by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and serve as official



Administrators benefit from tools that allow them to handle profiles, track engagement, and generate detailed analytics, helping them to automate all of their business processes and manage millions of data records. To safeguard data integrity, Vocalmeet also developed a feature to identify and merge duplicate user records—helping Smart Serve Ontario maintain a clean, accurate database as its user base continues to grow.

Finally, to meet regulatory requirements, Vocalmeet created secure access for AGCO inspectors, enabling inspectors to independently search certification records, verify credentials, and submit inquiries anywhere, any time to support both compliance and convenience.

With this unified, high-performance platform in place, Smart Serve Ontario is now fully equipped to scale its programs, uphold regulatory standards, and deliver a seamless, accessible experience to millions of individuals across the province.

## THE RESULTS

With Vocalmeet's unified platform, Smart Serve Ontario has been able to deliver a certification program that is accessible, flexible, and highly intuitive. Learners benefit from 24/7 mobile access, multiple delivery options, and a seamless registration-to-certification experience. The platform's bilingual interface, combined with course availability in six languages, ensures that training is inclusive and widely accessible across Ontario's diverse population.

Equally important, the system has proven its ability to handle high volumes effortlessly. Even during peak recertification period, Smart Serve Ontario was able to deliver training to its almost 5,500 daily users without interruption.

By combining scale, accessibility, and security, Vocalmeet has helped Smart Serve Ontario strengthen its role as the province's trusted leader in responsible alcohol training and certification—empowering millions of individuals to meet regulatory requirements and promote safer communities.

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With a user base in the millions, Smart Serve Ontario's reach is as extensive as it is essential.

Ready to transform your training with a dynamic, user-focused platform?

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