

Introduction to Financial Support

RDSP is a long-term savings plan that can help someone with disabilities who is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC).

4. Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)



What is the RDSP ?

A Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a plan that helps save for the long-term financial security of a person who is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). The government can make contributions of up to \$90,000 for those who start their RDSP early enough.

The RDSP was created by the federal government as a long-term savings plan for people with disabilities. Parents, friends and family are able to contribute to an RDSP to help it grow. It can help people even if they can't afford to put any money into the plan. Once you have the DTC, you can open an RDSP at most financial institutions by making an appointment.



What's the Financial Benefit?

The RDSP is an important financial savings vehicle for people with disabilities because it helps individuals accumulate significant savings for their later years. Funds held in an RDSP do not affect other disability benefits such as monthly PWD payments. If the recipient is under age 49, they can access up to \$90,000 in government bonds and matching grants.



The Disability Savings Bond provides \$1000/year to those whose income is less than \$32,000/year even without personal contributions.



The Disability Savings Grant provides the opportunity to contribute up to \$1500/year, which triggers a matching government contribution of up to \$3,500/year.

You can claim up to ten years of retroactive grants and bonds for the years the beneficiary qualified for the DTC.



How to Qualify:

To qualify for an RDSP, the applicant must:

- Pay taxes in Canada
- Have a Social Insurance Number
- Have the Disability Tax Credit



Age Criteria:

- Must open the RDSP by December 31 of the year in which the beneficiary turns **59**.



Must open the RDSP by December 31 of the year in which the beneficiary turns **49** in order to qualify for any of the government grants and bonds.

- The sooner you open an RDSP for your child, the more opportunity there is to accumulate grants and bonds. Younger is better! The earlier you open one, the sooner you can access funds without penalty.

Tools

Access RDSP (help with the DTC/RDSP): 1-844-311-7526 or info@rdsp.com

BCANDS Indigenous RDSP/DTC Navigation Support: <https://www.bcands.bc.ca>

RDSP Calculator: <https://www.rdsp.com/calculator/>

E150 Endowment Grant for BC Residents: <https://www.rdsp.com/endowment-150/>

RDSP Webinars: <https://planinstitute.ca/registered-disability-savings-plan/>