

# Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) can help reduce the taxes that someone with disabilities, or their supporting family members, may have to pay. It is also an important key to unlocking a number of benefits and supplemental supports.



## What is the DTC?

The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is a non-refundable income tax credit that helps someone with disabilities (or their caregiver) reduce the amount of income tax they pay when they file their taxes.

The DTC also allows people with disabilities to access other federal disability benefits such as the Child Disability Benefit (COB), the Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC), the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) and the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB).



## What's the Financial Benefit?

- The Credit you can claim on your tax return is \$10,138 (disability amount 2025), plus the \$5,914 (supplement for children with disabilities 2025). Because the federal non-refundable tax rate is about 15%, the amount your taxes may be reduced is about \$1,500.
- The DTC is retroactive, which means that if someone has been living with a disability in the years prior to applying, they can claim for up to the previous ten years.
- Unused credit amounts can be transferred to a caregiver to help reduce their taxes. For example, a parent can claim the DTC for a dependent child.





## How to Qualify

- There are no age restrictions.
- Applicants must have a Social Insurance Number.
- Applicants must have prolonged (at least one year) and significant physical or mental restrictions in one or more of the categories below or require life sustaining therapy.



## How to Apply

- To apply for the DTC, you must fill out a [T2201 form](#) with assistance from a relevant healthcare professional (there may be a fee for this service), such as a:
  - doctor
  - nurse practitioner
  - optometrist
  - speech language pathologist
  - audiologist
  - occupational therapist
  - physiotherapist
  - psychologist
- You may use online tools or service navigators to help you and your doctor fill in the form sections.
- You can apply online or on paper. Some doctors may have a preference. If applying online, apply through your Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) account and under "Benefits and credits", click on Apply for DTC.

## Tools & Navigation Services

- Disability Alliance BC's [Disability Tax Credit Tool](https://mydct.dabc.ca/) (guided self-help for DTC form filling): <https://mydct.dabc.ca/>
- DTC/RDSP guides in multiple languages: <https://disabilityalliancebc.org/publications/rdsp-dtc/>
- Disability Alliance BC's Access DTC: 604-923-8136 or [dtc@dabc.ca](mailto:dtc@dabc.ca)
- BCANDS Indigenous RDSP/DTC Navigation Support: <https://www.bcands.bc.ca/idc-bcands-national-disability-tax-credit-dtc-navigation-program/>
- Inclusion Canada - Barrier Free Benefits (Navigation Support for all federal disability benefits): <https://www.inclusioncanada.ca/page/barrier-free-benefits>