

Benefits and credits for people with disabilities

If you or a family member lives with a physical or mental impairment, it is likely that there are extra needs and expenses in your day-to-day life. There are a number of benefits and credits that provide financial assistance to people living with a disability. Income and social assistance programs may also have additional supplements for those who meet disability or health eligibility requirements. Below is some information on benefits and credits available to people living with a disability. Visit the Government of Canada's web-page on [disability benefits](#) to find out more.

Disability tax credit (DTC)

The [disability tax credit \(DTC\)](#) is a non-refundable tax credit. If you are a person with a disability or support a person with a disability, it may reduce the amount of tax that you have to pay. Being eligible for the DTC can open access to other programs and benefits.

To qualify

- Have a severe and prolonged mental or physical medical condition

To apply

- Fill out Form [T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate](#) and have a medical practitioner certify that you have a severe and prolonged impairment.
- Submit the form online to Service Canada or mail to your tax center – if you do this before filing your tax return you will avoid delays, but you can also send the form in at any time of the year.

What you can receive

- You can claim the disability amount on your tax return once the person with the disability is eligible for the DTC. View the [maximum disability amounts](#) that you can claim.
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Child disability benefit (CDB)

The [child disability benefit \(CDB\)](#) is a tax-free monthly payment made to families who care for a child under age 18 with a disability.

To qualify

- You must be eligible for the Canada child benefit (CCB)
- Your child must be eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC)

To apply

- You do not need to apply for the CDB if you are already getting the CCB and if your child is eligible for the DTC. You will get the CDB automatically.
 - Some tips to keep in mind:
 - Include all diagnoses and approvals for other disability serving programs (such as approval for income support benefits for people with disabilities) with the application.
 - Keep a full copy of what you submit for reference.
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What you can receive

- The amount of payment depends on your number of eligible children, family income and marital status.
- For the period of July 2019 to June 2020, you could get up to \$2,832 (\$236.00 per month) for each child who is eligible for the disability tax credit.

Excise gasoline tax refund

If you have a permanent mobility impairment and cannot safely use public transportation, you can request the **excise gasoline tax refund**, which is a refund of part of the tax that you pay on gasoline.

Canada pension plan (CPP) disability benefits

The **Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefits** include the CPP disability pension and the post-retirement disability benefit. If you have made valid contributions to the CPP and are not able to work because of a disability, you may be eligible to receive taxable monthly payments.

To qualify

- Under age 65
- Have a severe and prolonged mental or physical medical condition
- Meet the minimum contributory requirements

To apply

- Apply as soon as you develop the severe and prolonged medical condition that regularly prevents you from working.
- Apply in writing and send all necessary application forms to Service Canada.

What you can receive

- The amount you can receive each month depends on the benefits you are approved for
 - Disability pension: flat rate (\$496.36 in 2019) plus an amount based on your CPP contributions (maximum amount is \$1,362.30 in 2019)
 - Post-retirement disability benefit: flat rate (\$496.36 in 2019)