

CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

? WHAT IS THE CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT?

The Canada Disability Benefit is a new federal income support program created to help improve the financial security for people with disabilities.

? WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT?

To qualify you must:

- be between 18 and 64 years old
- have been approved for the disability tax credit
- have filed your 2024 federal income taxes
- be a Canadian resident
- be one of the following: Canadian citizen, permanent resident, registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act, a protected person, or a temporary resident who has lived in Canada throughout the previous 18 months

? HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE?

The maximum benefit you could receive under the Canada Disability Tax Credit is \$200 per month.

The Canada Disability Benefit is an income-tested benefit – this means that the benefit amount will start to decrease after your adjusted family net income reaches a certain threshold. If your adjusted family net income is considerable above the threshold, your benefit amount will be \$0.

? WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

First – check if you are already approved for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). If you haven't yet applied for the DTC, speak with your health practitioner and submit an application to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

If you received a letter from Service Canada, the letter has a unique 6 digit application code which you will need for your application. You will also need to provide your Social Insurance Number (SIN) and your legal status in Canada.

If you wish to receive your payments through direct deposit you will also need to provide direct deposit information from your bank.

If you did not receive a letter from Service Canada you will also need to provide mailing status and, if possible, your net income (line 23600 from your 2024 Notice of Assessment)

? CAN SOMEONE APPLY FOR THE CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT ON MY BEHALF?

You can ask someone you trust to help you complete your application. In order for someone to apply on your behalf they must be your **legal representative**.

A legal representative could be appointed:

- as the guardian, trustee, or committee by a court
- through a Continuing or Springing Power of Attorney
- through a protection mandate

When applying as a legal representative you must provide with your application:

- a copy of your proof of legal authority to act on behalf of the applicant
- a copy of your government issued ID (e.g. drivers license, passport, birth certificate, certificate of Indian Status, permanent resident card)
- your mailing address

? WHEN AND HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT?

Applications are now open. Apply online through [Service Canada](#).

? WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY PAYMENTS?

First payments will begin in July 2025 for applications *received and approved* by June 30, 2025.

For applications made and approved after this date, you will begin receiving payments the month after your application is received and approved. *Note: If you were entitled for payments in earlier months you will receive back payments.*

Payments will be sent on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If your total yearly payment is less than \$240 (\$20 per month), you'll receive one lump sum payment for the full year.

? HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY PAYMENTS?

You can receive payments by direct deposit or through a mailed cheque.

Note: direct deposit is the fastest and most reliable way to receive your benefits.

For more information related to the Canada Disability Benefit:

🌐 visit online at canada.ca/disability-benefit

☎ call Service Canada at 1-833-486-3007

📍 visit your local Service Canada Office