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THE CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT (CDB) & CANADA DISABILITY TAX CREDIT (DTC) FACT SHEET

CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT (CDB)

Definition: A new, federally administered income-support program designed to provide direct financial assistance to low-income working-age Canadians with disabilities.

Purpose: Reduce poverty and improve financial security for people with disabilities by supplementing existing federal, provincial, and territorial supports.

Status: The legislation (Bill C-22) creating the benefit became law in June 2023, but the specific payment amounts, eligibility rules, and start date are being finalized through regulations and consultations.

Key Point: It's a cash benefit paid regularly to eligible individuals.

DISABILITY TAX CREDIT (DTC)

Definition: A non-refundable tax credit that reduces the amount of income tax a person with a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions (or their supporting family member) has to pay.

Purpose: Help offset some of the extra costs related to living with a disability by lowering income tax payable.

Status: Must be certified by a medical practitioner on Form T2201, confirming the impairment meets the CRA's criteria.

Key Point: It reduces taxes owed, but if you don't owe taxes, you may not benefit unless you can transfer the credit to a supporting relative or qualify for related programs (e.g., RDSP, child disability benefit).

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