



Pathway to Benefits Accès aux prestations

THIS PATHWAY OUTLINES THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS FROM THE DISABILITY TAX CREDIT TO THE CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT, HELPING YOU BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

1. Start your Disability Tax Credit Application & Apply

- Fill out Part A (Demographic Information)
- Ask your doctor to complete Part B, which describes your disability and how it affects your daily life.
- Tip: Prepare notes with examples to share with your doctor, so they have the information they need.
- Apply online through My Service Canada or mail your form.

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2. Wait 6-12 Weeks for a decision

The first 8–12 weeks is the waiting period while the CRA reviews your application. If you mailed your application, allow extra time for delivery and processing.

- This timeline may change if your circumstances change. In this case make sure to notify the government.
- Regularly evaluate your needs and explore new benefits you may qualify for.

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3. Decision received

If Denied: Consider submitting additional documentation. You may file a formal objection or reapply if circumstances change.

If Approved: Claim the DTC on your tax return. Access related benefits like the RDSP, Canada Disability Benefit, and more.

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4. Apply for Canadian Disability Benefit

To apply, ensure you're eligible: aged 18–64, approved for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC), and a low-income earner. Gather your SIN, 2024 income details, and banking info.

Apply online via My Service Canada Account, by mail using the official form, by phone, or in person at a Service Canada office. Payments begin after approval and may include up to 24 months of retroactive support.

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5. Monitor and maintain your benefits continuously

- Keep track of renewal dates.
- Update your information with government entities that are providing benefits if your circumstances change.
- Regularly evaluate your needs and explore new benefits you may qualify for.

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