



# **Benefits and credits available for persons with disabilities and their caregivers 2021**

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"When I found out about all the benefits that I qualified for I was very happy because it let me know that I was going to have extra money."

— Collette

## **Disability tax credit (DTC)**

Eligible individuals with a disability or their supporting family member may claim **\$8,567 per year** as a non-refundable tax credit. Persons under 18 years of age at the end of the year may also be eligible for an additional amount of up to **\$5,003 per year**. For more information about the DTC, go to **[canada.ca/disability-tax-credit](https://canada.ca/disability-tax-credit)**.

## **Being eligible for the DTC can open doors to other programs**

**Canada workers benefit disability supplement** – up to **\$713 per year** if you are eligible for both the DTC and the Canada Workers Benefit.

**Child disability benefit** – up to **\$2,915 per year** for families with a child under the age of 18 who has a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions.

**Home accessibility tax credit** – non-refundable tax credit for eligible renovations to improve the accessibility of your home. A maximum of **\$10,000 per year** in eligible expenses can be claimed.

**Home Buyers' Plan** – withdraw up to **\$35,000** from your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) to buy or build a home that fits your needs, or those of a related person.

**Home buyers' amount** – claim **\$5,000** for the purchase of a qualifying home in the year. You do not have to be a first-time home buyer to claim the amount if you, or the relative you acquired the home for, are eligible for the DTC.

**Registered disability savings plan** – helps parents and others save for the long-term financial security of a person who is eligible for the DTC.

**Canada caregiver credit** – non-refundable tax credit that may be available to you if you provide support to a spouse, a common-law partner, or certain other individuals with a mental or physical impairment.

You may also be eligible to claim **medical expenses**, the **disability supports deduction**, and the **refundable medical expense supplement**.

There are benefits, credits, and programs available to help you and those who support you. You and your spouse or common-law partner need to do your taxes by April 30 each year to get what you are eligible for, even if you had no income. If you live in Quebec, you also have to do a provincial tax return. Keep your receipts and other supporting documents in case the CRA asks for them.

## **Do you need help?**

### **Get your taxes done for free**

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, you may be able to get your taxes done by a volunteer for free. To learn more, go to **[canada.ca/taxes-help](https://canada.ca/taxes-help)** or call the CRA. If you live in Quebec, go to **[revenuquebec.ca/volunteers](https://revenuquebec.ca/volunteers)** or call Revenu Québec or the CRA.

### **Do your taxes online**

You can do your taxes online with NETFILE-certified tax software. A variety of tax software packages and web apps are available, some of which are free. For more information, go to **[canada.ca/netfile](https://canada.ca/netfile)**.

### **Let someone else represent you**

You can authorize someone to help manage your tax information with the CRA. For more information, go to **[canada.ca/taxes-representative-authorization](https://canada.ca/taxes-representative-authorization)**.

## **Don't miss a payment!**

### **Sign up for direct deposit**

Direct deposit is a fast, convenient, and secure way to get your tax refund and benefit payments deposited into your account at a financial institution. Learn more about how to sign up at **[canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit](https://canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit)**.

### **Register for My Account**

My Account lets you view and manage your income tax and benefit information online. You can also view any uncashed cheques you may have from the CRA, and if necessary, ask that a payment be re-issued. Go to **[canada.ca/my-cra-account](https://canada.ca/my-cra-account)**.

## **For more information:**

### **Online**

See the benefits you may be eligible for, learn how to apply, and estimate how much you could get. Get benefits and credits for up to 10 years back. Go to: **[canada.ca/benefits-credits-pd](https://canada.ca/benefits-credits-pd)**.

To order CRA publications in alternate formats, go to [canada.ca/cra-multiple-formats](http://canada.ca/cra-multiple-formats).

**By phone**

- To ask about benefits ..... **1-800-387-1193**
- For other questions or to get forms ..... **1-800-959-8281**
- TTY (teletypewriter) users ..... **1-800-665-0354**
- If you are calling from the 867 area code..... **1-866-426-1527**
- Revenu Québec ..... **1-800-267-6299**

**Beware of scammers** pretending to be the CRA. When in doubt, check your information in My Account or call the CRA. To learn what to expect if the CRA contacts you, go to [canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention](http://canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention).