



Plan Institute: Launch of Canada Disability Benefit website and Disability Tax Credit application support

Plan Institute is excited to announce the launch of two new supports to help people with disabilities and their families understand and prepare for the upcoming Canada Disability Benefit (CDB).

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CanadaDisabilityBenefit.ca

CanadaDisabilityBenefit.ca offers comprehensive and trusted information, resources and support on the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB). The website provides a thorough overview of the CDB and addresses key questions and areas of concern, including:

- Information about the eligibility requirements for the CDB
- Details about how benefit payments will be calculated
- Updates on clawback decisions in different provinces and territories
- Resources and supports to help individuals in applying for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC), which is the main qualification criteria for the CDB.

As the regulations for the CDB are finalized, and more details are released about the application process and other elements of the benefit, we will be updating the website with the latest information. We are also working on additional resources to assist individuals in qualifying and applying.



DTC application support

Plan Institute is also expanding our Disability Planning Helpline to provide free one-to-one support with the DTC application process for people across the country.

Helpline advisors are able to support individuals with both Part A and Part B of the DTC form T2201 form, including providing sample language, reviewing individuals' paperwork and preparing a letter to take to their medical practitioner. Advisors can also offer information and guidance on each step of the DTC process.

Supports are completely free of charge and available to anyone across the country, including individuals with disabilities, their families, and professionals. Individuals can request support by calling 1-844-311-7526 or emailing helpline@planinstitute.ca.

We are pleased to work with Disability Alliance BC (DABC) on this initiative. DABC offers detailed DTC support within BC, and has extensive DTC knowledge and experience.

About the Canada Disability Benefit

The Canada Disability Benefit is an upcoming federal benefit for working-age people with disabilities. Applications for the benefit are expected to open in late spring/early summer 2025, with the first payments due to start in July 2025. To qualify for the CDB, individuals must be between the ages of 18 and 64, have filed an income tax return for the previous tax year, and be currently approved for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC).

About Plan Institute

Plan Institute is a national non-profit based in Burnaby, BC, whose mission is to empower people with disabilities to lead a good life. We provide educational material and resources, collaborate on community-based projects, and engage with a wide array of partners to host innovative initiatives for change and policy reform.

Plan Institute has been deeply engaged in advocacy around the CDB for a number of years, working with various partners to build a movement around the new benefit and engage members of the disability community in its design.

Plan Institute also operates RDSP.com, a website dedicated to helping individuals understand and open a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP).

