

### Making it Easier to Access the Disability Tax Credit: [Spring Economic Update 2026](#)

The **Disability Tax Credit** provides significant tax relief for persons with disabilities and their supporting family members. Eligibility for the credit serves as a key requirement for other supports including the Canada Disability Benefit, the Child Disability Benefit, and the Registered Disability Savings Plan along with the Canada Disability Savings Grant and Bond.

Each year, more Canadians are accessing the Disability Tax Credit, yet barriers in navigating the application process remain for many. The government is committed to supporting persons with disabilities and their families to access all the supports they need. Medical practitioners are required to certify an individual's impairment and its impacts on basic activities of daily living to ensure that the eligibility criteria for the credit are applied consistently and fairly, but this does add to their administrative burden.

- To improve the Disability Tax Credit application for persons with disabilities and their families, and to reduce paperwork for medical practitioners, the Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes to:
  - Streamline the application process for individuals with a formal diagnosis of certain long-lasting medical conditions. These conditions, listed in the *Tax Measures: Supplementary Information* annex, have been identified through the Canada Revenue Agency's experience in processing applications as satisfying the disability impact criteria for the credit. This proposal would not change the disability criteria to qualify for the credit and the Canada Revenue Agency would continue to have authority to ask for additional information to verify that these criteria are met. This measure would apply for the 2026 and subsequent taxation years.
  - Expand the list of medical practitioners who can certify eligibility for the Disability Tax Credit to include podiatrists (for a specific type of impairment) and broaden the types of impairment that can be certified by physiotherapists, speech-language pathologists and occupational therapists, within the scope of their training and practice. This measure would apply to Disability Tax Credit certificates issued after 2026 for the 2027 and subsequent taxation years.
  - Recognise provincial or territorial public guardians and trustees as being qualified to certify for the Disability Tax Credit for adults in their care for property matters who have a valid certificate of incapacity based on a medical practitioner's assessment of their mental impairment. This measure would apply to the 2026 and subsequent taxation years.

These changes are expected to provide \$345 million over six years, and \$86 million per year ongoing, in tax relief under the Disability Tax Credit and via increased payments of federal benefits (such as the Canada Disability Benefit and the Child Disability Benefit), starting in 2025-26.

- Further, to ensure applications are processed in an accurate and timely manner, the Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes to provide \$42.5 million over five years, starting in 2026-27, to the Canada Revenue Agency to administer these changes.