

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable federal tax credit program that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. In essence it is a "coupon" on your federal taxes. Once your child qualifies, then the next taxation year you get a rebate on the taxes you are asked to pay. The idea is that you will use the money you save for the expenses of having a child with a disability. The rebate is > \$4,000 per year your child has had their disability and can be retroactive for up to 10 years.

This program does not provide cash. If you are not paying taxes you will not get the rebate.

Talk to one of our physicians to see if your child will qualify. Please note: those who qualify are "markedly impaired more than 90% of the time" in one or more realms of function such as speaking, eating, dressing, walking or mental functions for everyday life. Your child must have a severe disability refractory to treatment. Simple issues, such as ADHD well managed on medication, will be rejected by the program.

Please visit the following website for instructions on how to fill out the Disability Tax Credit Application:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/dtc/menu-eng.html>

In summary:

- 1) Print out the form from the website above**
- 2) Fill in the applicable details of your child and SIGN the form**
- 3) Drop off the form AND a letter that details EXAMPLES of how your child is impaired (concrete examples of the extra care your child needs) to our office.**

Please note, our clinic has a standard fee for this form to be completed as it takes quite a bit of time and is not covered by Alberta Health Care.

* Being eligible for the DTC can open the door to other federal, provincial, or territorial programs such as the [registered disability savings plan](#). (Speak to your banker or one of our physicians for more information on this program)