

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 pay. The idea is that you will use the money for the expenses of having a child with a disability. The rebate can be as high as > \$4,000/year per child 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.

Who Qualifies:

- 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
- *Issues such as ADHD that is well managed on medication, will be rejected by the program*
- Talk to one of our physicians to see if your child will qualify

Application can be found at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t2201.html>

How to get the DTC:

In order to qualify we need to "build a case" of how your child meets criteria. Here's the steps:

1. Find the Disability Tax Credit application on the above website
2. Take a close look at the categories of impairment on the application and determine which one(s) you can accurately say that your child is "markedly impaired 90% of the time" in
3. For those categories you think fit for your child write a letter that gives SPECIFIC examples of HOW your child is impaired in each category and WHY they are "markedly Impaired"

Here are some examples:

- Eliminating: My child is not potty trained. They require assistance reaching the toilet, lifting the lid, sitting on the toilet and cleaning themselves.
- Mental Functions for Everyday Life: (Adaptive functioning, self care): My child is not able to shower independently. They require reminders to enter the shower, assistance with standing safely, assistance with cleaning their body and assistance with drying themselves.
- Mental Functions for Everyday Life (Judgment): My child has severely impaired judgment. They are not able to identify strangers and will hold hands and walk away with people they do not know on a daily basis. They must be supervised at all times.

4. Once completed, please provide the letter to your pediatrician and they will complete the remainder of the application. Our office will let you know when the application is finished.

Compensating the Pediatrician:

The Alberta government does not compensate physicians for the time it takes to complete forms (which can be lengthy). Our office policy is to charge a **\$50 fee for this service**. If this is financially difficult for your family please let our office staff know and we can discuss.

Other Resources:

Being eligible for the DTC can open the door to other federal, provincial, or territorial programs such as the [Registered Disability Savings Plan](#).