

Disability Tax Credit

How Can GAIN Help me with the DTC

How Can Our Disability Benefits Navigator's Help?

- VLRC's Disability Benefit Navigators provide individualized, case-by-case support to applications who would like assistance in understanding the entire benefits application process.

What is the Disability Tax Credit?

- The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps people with disabilities, or their supporting family member, reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay.
- If you have a severe and prolonged impairment, you may apply for the credit. If you are approved, you may claim the credit at tax time.
- By reducing the amount of income tax you may pay, the DTC aims to offset some of the extra costs related to the impairment.
- Being eligible for the DTC may help you access other federal programs.

Eligibility Criteria

- You may be eligible for the DTC if a medical practitioner certifies that you have a severe and prolonged impairment in one of the categories, significant limitations in two or more categories, or receive therapy to support a vital function.
- **Categories:** (1) Walking, (2) Mental functions, (3) Dressing, (4) Feeding, (5) Eliminating (bowel or bladder functions), (6) Hearing, (7) Speaking, (8) Vision, and (9) Life-sustaining therapy.

How to Apply

- You may apply for the DTC at any time during the year. To avoid a possible delay, submit your DTC application before you file your tax return.
- You may apply for the DTC using the digital form or the printed form.
- Our Disability Benefits Navigators support includes:
 - Application assistance,
 - Help in navigating the appeals process for denied applications, and
 - Ongoing check-ins to ensure applications are processing.

CRA's Review and Decision

- After your application for the DTC is received, the CRA assesses it to determine if you are eligible. CRA's decisions is based on the information given by the medical practitioner.
- You can review the status of your application using the *progress tracker* in My Account. CRA will send you a notice of determination by mail to inform you of the decision.
- If **approved**, you may claim the DTC on your income tax return.
- If **denied**, your notice of determination will explain why. You have 90 days to file an objection or request a review of the application with new supporting documents.

[For more information, please visit DTC on the Government of Canada website.](#)

[For more information on VLRC's GAIN Program, please visit Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada's website.](#)