



DISCOUNTS

SPECIAL NEEDS

Our jumpers with Special Needs may jump for a discounted rate any time, any day, at any of our parks! Join us every Tuesday when we turn down the music, creating a more sensory-friendly environment. Jump socks are not included in this price and are available for \$3/pair, but they are yours to keep!

\$8/hour (+tax) plus 1 Aide jumps for free



When an Access 2 cardholder (the individual with the permanent disability) presents their valid Access 2 Card at any participating venue partner, their support person receives free admission; the cardholder pays regular admission.

THE CRIDGE RESPITALITY SERVICE

The Cridge Respitality Service provides parents or guardians of a child with a disability a chance for rest and rejuvenation in a welcoming and comfortable environment while their child receives respite care in the family home.

Participating parents in this program receive a complimentary overnight stay for two in a hotel, bed-and-breakfast or resort.

There are also complimentary enhancements available for those parents who are not able to enjoy an overnight hotel stay. These may include entertainment certificates, flowers, or tickets to Victoria attractions when available. This program is about 'caring for the caregivers' and is a partnership between the hospitality industry, local businesses, and community services agencies.

The Cridge Respitality Service is a proud recipient of the British Columbia Community Living Association's Innovation Award. The coordinator, Mimi Davis, has received numerous accolades in the community for this service as well.

For information about these services as a parent or caregiver, please call Gyneth Turner at [250 995-6412](tel:250-995-6412) or email respitality@cridge.org

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Victoria Society for Children with Autism (VSCA) serves, encourages, educates, supports, and inspires families in Greater Victoria who are living with children on the autism spectrum. VSCA continues to evolve and connect with the larger community.

Whether your child has been newly-diagnosed with Autism, you'd like to know more about the subject or talk with other parents, Victoria Society for Children with Autism (VSCA) is here to help.

VSCA provides

- monthly parent support groups
- connections to resources & community organizations
- monthly social activities for families
- support to families after diagnosis
- equipment and book lending library
- volunteer opportunities
- respite funding program as funding allows
- monthly newsletter (Sign up below)

The Annual BC Bus Pass Program and the new Transportation Supplement for People on Disability Assistance

Beginning January 1, 2018, people receiving disability assistance, with the Person's with Disabilities (PWD) designation, will get an extra \$52 each month for a new transportation supplement.

The supplement creates fairness and will help people connect with their community, giving them freedom to work, shop and participate in social activities.

How to use the Transportation Supplement for an annual bus pass:

- If someone with a disability who is on assistance would like an annual bus pass they can contact the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction at 1 866 866-0800 or visit the [BC Bus Pass Program website](#).
- If someone already has an annual BC Bus Pass and they want to keep it, they can. They don't have to contact the ministry. Beginning with the January 2018 payment they will no longer have \$52 deducted from their support payment.
- The BC Bus Pass can still be used in both TransLink and BC Transit areas.

How to use the Transportation Supplement for other transportation needs:

- If someone does not want or need a bus pass they can use the supplement to pay for other transportation costs (for example, HandyDART or a taxi).
- They don't have to contact the ministry the \$52 Transportation Supplement will be automatically added to the January 2018 payment.

More information about the supplement:

- As people's needs may change over time the new supplement will provide flexibility. People can apply for the BC Bus Pass at any time during the year. They can also cancel their bus pass at any time and use their supplement for other transportation needs.

Why government made this change:

- Transportation is important to everyone on disability assistance.
- Government consulted with stakeholders and asked for their advice on the best approach to improve the system of transportation supports.

For more information:

Go to: www.gov.bc.ca/buspassprogram or call: 1 866 866-0800.

HandyDART

HandyDART is a door-to-door, shared ride service for passengers with physical or cognitive disabilities who are unable to use conventional public transit without assistance. The driver will come to your home, help you board on the vehicle, and get you to the door of your destination safely.

HandyDART's service provider (First Transit) provides a central customer service team that is available 18 hours a day and operates over 300 buses.



In December 2017, First Canada was announced as the successful bidder for the HandyDART contract. First Canada is well established in British Columbia and has a proven track record of providing quality service to customers in Victoria, Kelowna, Kamloops and other B.C. communities. The transition process from MVT Canadian Bus to First Canada began in February 2018, and is expected to complete by July 1, 2018.

More details about the process and transition can be found in the [PDF backgrounder](#).

Am I Eligible?

If you have a physical, sensory, or cognitive disability and are unable to use conventional public transit without assistance, you may be eligible to use HandyDART.

How do I sign up for HandyDART?

You can complete one of our application forms. If you're unable to print the application form, you can contact [Access Transit Customer Care](#) at [604.953.3680](tel:604.953.3680) to have one mailed to you.

- [PDF HandyDART & Handy Card Application Form \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Word HandyDART & Handy Card Application Form \(.doc\)](#)

This form must be printed and signed by the applicant and medical authority.

To apply, please make sure you have all your personal information available including your date of birth, home address, doctor's name, and phone number, as well as any special medical facts that might affect your ability to use public transit. Your information remains confidential and helps us make sure that the HandyDART



Tax credits and deductions for persons with disabilities

Tax credits and deductions are available for persons with disabilities, their supporting family members, and their caregivers.

[What's new](#)

I want information on:

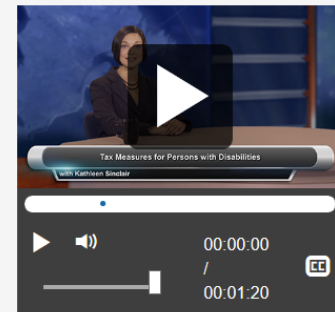
- [Disability tax credit](#)
- [Medical expenses](#)
- [Disability supports deduction](#)
- [Child disability benefit](#)
- [Registered disability savings plan](#)

Find out how you can benefit

Meet the people who may be eligible for the disability tax credit or other government programs for persons with disabilities.

Video series: Tax measures for persons with disabilities

Segment 1: Introduction



Disability tax credit

If you are a **medical practitioner** and you need more information, see [Information for medical practitioners](#).

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What is the disability tax credit?

The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. An individual may claim the disability amount once they are eligible for the DTC. This amount includes a supplement for persons under 18 years of age at the end of the year.

The purpose of the DTC is to provide for greater tax equity by allowing some relief for disability costs, since these are unavoidable additional expenses that other taxpayers don't have to face.

Being eligible for the DTC can open the door to other federal, provincial, or territorial programs such as the [registered disability savings plan](#), the [working income tax benefit](#), and the [child disability benefit](#).

Find out how you can benefit

Meet the people who may be eligible for the DTC or other government programs for persons with disabilities.

[See Scenarios](#)

Who is eligible for the DTC?

You are eligible for the DTC only if we approve Form T2201, Disability Tax Credit Certificate. A medical practitioner has to fill out and certify that you have a severe and prolonged impairment and must describe its effects. [Answer a few questions](#) to find out if the person with the disability **may be** eligible.

If we have already told you that you are eligible, do not send another form unless the previous period of approval has ended or if we tell you that we need one. You should tell us if your medical condition improves and you no longer meet the criteria for the DTC.

See [Eligibility criteria for the disability tax credit](#) to know more about the requirements to be eligible for the DTC.

Note

If you receive Canada Pension Plan or Quebec Pension Plan disability benefits, workers' compensation benefits, or other types of disability or insurance benefits, **it does not necessarily mean you are eligible for the DTC**. These programs have other purposes and different criteria, such as an individual's inability to work.

How to fill out Form T2201?

Follow the [step by step instructions](#) on how to fill out Form T2201 to apply for the DTC.

What happens once Form T2201 is received at the CRA?

Follow the [step by step details](#) of the process once the form is received at the CRA.

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- To claim the disability amount for **yourself**, see [line 316](#).
- To claim the disability amount for **your dependant**, see [line 318](#).
- To claim the disability amount for **your spouse or common-law partner**, see [line 326](#).

If a person was eligible for the DTC for previous years but did not claim the disability amount when they sent their tax return, they can request adjustments for up to 10 years under the CRA's [Taxpayer Relief Provision](#).

To claim the disability amount for those prior years, you can ask for a reassessment. For more information, go to [How to change my return](#).

See the following chart to know the maximum disability federal amounts and maximum supplement for children with disabilities for prior years.

Maximum disability amounts

| Year | Maximum disability amount | Maximum supplement for persons under 18 |
|------|---------------------------|---|
| 2017 | \$8,113 | \$4,733 |
| 2016 | \$8,001 | \$4,667 |
| 2015 | \$7,899 | \$4,607 |
| 2014 | \$7,766 | \$4,530 |
| 2013 | \$7,697 | \$4,490 |
| 2012 | \$7,546 | \$4,402 |
| 2011 | \$7,341 | \$4,282 |
| 2010 | \$7,239 | \$4,223 |
| 2009 | \$7,196 | \$4,198 |
| 2008 | \$7,021 | \$4,095 |

REGISTERED DISABILITY SAVINGS PLAN (RDSP)

Chapter 1 - What is a registered disability savings plan?

A registered disability savings plan (RDSP) is a savings plan intended to help parents and others save for the long-term financial security of a person who is eligible for the disability tax credit (DTC).

Contributions to an RDSP are not tax deductible and can be made until the end of the year in which the beneficiary turns 59. Contributions that are withdrawn are not included as income to the beneficiary when paid out of an RDSP. However, the Canada disability savings grant (grant), the Canada disability savings bond (bond), investment income earned in the plan, and the proceeds from rollovers are included in the beneficiary's income for tax purposes when paid out of the RDSP. For more information on RDSPs, go to [Registered plans administrators](#).

What is a Canada disability savings grant?

The grant is an amount that the Government of Canada pays into an RDSP. The government will pay a matching grant of 300%, 200%, or 100%, depending on the beneficiary's adjusted family net income and the amount contributed. The beneficiary's adjusted family net income is calculated as follows:

- From birth to December 31 of the year the beneficiary turns 18, the beneficiary's adjusted family net income is based on the income information used to determine the Canada child benefit (CCB) for that beneficiary.
- Beginning the year the beneficiary turns 19 until the RDSP is closed, the beneficiary's adjusted family net income is based on their income **plus** their spouse's, or common law partner's income.
- If the beneficiary is under the care of a department, agency, or institution for at least one month in the year, the adjusted family net income is based on the allowance payable to the department, agency, or institution under the [Children's Special Allowances Act](#).

An RDSP can get a maximum of \$3,500 in matching grants in one year, and up to \$70,000 over the beneficiary's lifetime. A beneficiary's RDSP can receive a grant on contributions made until December 31 of the year in which the beneficiary turns 49.

The amount of the [grant](#) is based on the beneficiary's adjusted family net income as follows:

Canada disability savings grant

| Beneficiary's adjusted family net income | Grant | Maximum |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|
| \$93,208 ¹ or less | | |
| on the first \$500 | \$3 for every \$1 contributed | \$1,500 |
| on the next \$1,000 | \$2 for every \$1 contributed | \$2,000 |
| more than \$93,208 ¹ | | |
| on the first \$1,000 | \$1 for every \$1 contributed | \$1,000 |

What is a Canada disability savings bond?

The bond is an amount paid by the Government of Canada directly into an RDSP. The government will pay a bond of up to \$1,000 a year to low-income Canadians with disabilities. No contributions have to be made to get the bond. The lifetime bond limit is \$20,000. A bond can be paid into an RDSP until the year in which the beneficiary turns 49.

The amount of the [bond](#) is based on the beneficiary's adjusted family net income as follows:

Canada disability savings bond

| Beneficiary's adjusted family net income | Bond |
|---|---|
| \$30,450 ¹ or less (or if the holder is a public institution) | \$1,000 |
| Between \$30,450 ¹ and \$46,605 ¹ | Part of the \$1,000 based on the formula in the Canada Disability Savings Act |
| more than \$46,605 ¹ | No bond is paid |

¹ The beneficiary adjusted family net income thresholds are indexed each year to inflation. The income thresholds shown are for 2018.

Endowment 150

Helping people with disabilities save for the future

Endowment 150 offers eligible people with disabilities a one-time grant of \$150 to help their Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) grow. This \$150 grant, plus grants and bonds available from the Federal Government, will grow and help you save for your future or that of a loved one.

Who can apply?

You can apply on behalf of a child (under the age of 18) with a disability if:

- ☐ The child is a BC resident
- ☐ You receive the federal Disability Tax Credit on behalf of the child
- ☐ You hold an RDSP where the child is the beneficiary
- ☐ The child has not previously benefited from a \$150 grant from Endowment 150

Adults with disabilities are also eligible. For details, please see the application form for adults.

How to apply

Complete the application form on the reverse of this page and mail it, along with:

- ☐ A copy of your RDSP statement clearly showing the:
 - ☐ RDSP holder's name
 - ☐ RDSP beneficiary's name (the child's name)
 - ☐ RDSP account number
 - ☐ statement date which is less than 6 months ago

Any missing information will result in a delay in processing your application.

Need more information?

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| Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) Learn more about the RDSP and how to open an account: www.rdsp.com 1.844.311.7526 | Federal Disability Tax Credit (DTC) Find out about eligibility and see if you qualify: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability 1.800.959.8281 |
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Contact Endowment 150

Find us on the web: www.rdsp.com/endowment-150

Send us an email: E150@planinstitute.ca

Ask a question: 604.439.9566 ext. 155

Mailing address:

Plan Institute
#260-3665 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2

Services for Guests with Disabilities

Visit a [Guest Relations location](#) in the park to learn more about the services we offer to Guests with disabilities.



Cognitive Disabilities

Explore simple services and strategies available to give Guests with cognitive disabilities a magical experience.



Disability Access Service

Guests with disabilities who are unable to tolerate long lines may be eligible to return to an attraction at a later time.



Electric Conveyance Vehicle (ECV) Rentals

Find out how to rent a single-rider, 4-wheel electric conveyance vehicle that helps Guests with mobility challenges travel long distances with ease.



Guides for Guests with Disabilities

Disneyland Resort offers a number of guides to help make your visit easier and more enjoyable. You can download them in a printable format [here](#) or find copies at Guest Services locations.

- [The Disneyland Park Guide for Guests with Disabilities](#) and [Disney California Adventure Park Guide for Guests with Disabilities](#) provide useful information for Guests with mobility, visual and hearing disabilities at each theme park.

[The Guide for Guests with Disabilities](#)



BC Ferries provides a variety of services for persons with disabilities to ensure a safe and comfortable journey for our passengers.

BC Residents Fare – Permanent Disability

Discount fares are available for residents of British Columbia who have a permanent disability (this applies to passenger fares only). To receive the discounted fare you must apply for a BC Ferries Disabled Status Identification (DSI) Card, which you will present to the Ticket Agent when you arrive at the terminal.

Download the [Disabled Status Identification Application](#) and submit it to BC Ferries at:

Suite 500, 1321 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 0B7
Attention: Customer Service Support

All DSI card holders must present government issued photo identification to receive the discounted rate. If you would prefer to have your old card updated with a photograph, give us a call for assistance at [1-888-BCFERRY](tel:1-888-BCFERRY) (223-3779). Disabled Status Cards have a five year expiry. Customers wishing to renew their card can do so by reapplying using the [form](#).

Please note: If the above documentation is not provided at the ticket booth you will be charged the regular fare.

Travelling in a Vehicle

Elevator access can be facilitated for customers travelling with a wheelchair on a first come first served basis. If you use a wheelchair, please tell the ticket agent when you arrive at the terminal. Please note that limited elevator parking is available and that these vehicles may be loaded first to assist with placement on the car deck, but in most cases will be unloaded last.

As you drive onboard, (please use your vehicle's hazard lights) you will be directed to a location that is as close to the elevator as possible. Park so that your vehicle door can be opened for easy exiting and access to the elevator. There are limited vehicle spaces next to the elevators, so if parking next to an elevator is imperative, and all spaces are taken, you may need to wait for the next available sailing.

Customers who use a walking aid should also inform the ticket agent if they require access to an elevator. Your vehicle will be loaded as close to an elevator as possible.

Please note that in conditions of extreme weather, passenger elevators on the vessels may be unavailable due to safety regulations.

Travelling without a Vehicle

We have a limited number of wheelchairs at our Metro Vancouver to Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast terminals and onboard our larger vessels, available to customers travelling without a vehicle. Reservations are required. Please call 1 888 BCFERRY (223-3779) at least 24 hours in advance of your travels to reserve a wheelchair or arrange assistance.

If you are travelling through one of our Gulf Island or Northern terminals and require assistance please give us a call at least 48 hours in advance of your travels at 1 888 BCFERRY (223-3779) to see how we can assist you.

Customers travelling without a vehicle, using our wheelchair assistance program, will need to check their baggage in advance of being assisted to the pre-board lounge or to the ship.



westjet.com provides a medical form to be signed by a doctor, however it allows a companion to fly free (minus taxes and airport fees).

All information is under "Manage and Plan" – then "Special Arrangements"



On aircanada.com there is a medical approval form that when signed by a doctor provides special rates.

Air Canada has all its information under "Plan" then "Medical/Mobility".

Call 1-888-247-2262

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU SHARE?