

Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) and Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

Fact Sheet for AISH Recipients

The Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) launched in June 2025. As noted in the rules for AISH eligibility, Albertans receiving AISH are expected to apply for all income they may be eligible for, including federal programs such as the CDB.

What actions do AISH recipients need to take?

AISH recipients have until Feb. 28, 2026, to update their AISH office on the status of their CDB/DTC application(s).

An update can look like many things, such as:

- Calling your AISH office to let them know you've filed your taxes as a first step in applying for the DTC;
- Faxing your AISH office to say you have an appointment for the medical assessment for the DTC application;
- Emailing your AISH office to say you have submitted your application and are awaiting a decision;
- Visiting your AISH office to provide an update to the program regarding your status of the DTC or CDB application.

AISH recipients who don't apply for the CDB

The deadline for updating the AISH program of CDB eligibility is Feb. 28, 2026. Following that, \$200 will be reduced from the monthly benefit regardless of status.

What is the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB)?

The CDB is a federal disability benefit program that provides up to \$200 per month to eligible Canadians with disabilities aged 18 to 64.

Learn more [here](#).

Applying for the CDB

To apply for the CDB, AISH recipients need to ensure they file a tax return and apply for the DTC.

What is the Disability Tax Credit (DTC)?

They can then fill out the CDB application [here](#).

AISH income and the CDB

The CDB will be treated as non-exempt income for AISH recipients, but Albertans on AISH will continue to receive the same overall monthly support that they do today.

The DTC is a non-refundable tax credit that helps Canadians with severe and prolonged impairments, or their supporting family members, reduce their income tax.

Learn more [here](#).

Applying for the DTC

There are two parts to a DTC application.

1. An applicant needs to fill out part 1 of the application found on the [DTC webpage](#).
2. An applicant needs to ask a medical professional to complete part 2 of the form.

A medical practitioner may charge DTC applicants a fee for completing the medical portion of the application form.

Financial aid for medical assessments

The federal government has committed to reimbursing the cost of medical assessments for the DTC application. Details of the federal reimbursement model have not yet been announced. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

If the upfront cost of the medical assessment is a barrier to applying, contact your AISH office. Alberta's government will cover the medical assessment costs for eligible AISH recipients, which will be repayable to the AISH program upon reimbursement from the federal government.

Supports for accessing federal benefits Albertans on AISH are encouraged to reach out to their AISH office for help accessing federal disability supports.

There are also other organizations that can help, such as:

- [Voice of Albertans with Disabilities](#)
- [Organizations providing disability benefits navigation services](#)

Questions?

Call

211
1-877-664-9992 toll-free

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alberta.ca/contact-aish

To find an Alberta Supports Centre, visit:
alberta.ca/alberta-supports

