DISABILITY TAX CREDIT

- + The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) assists those with disabilities by providing them a reduced rate of income tax payments.
- + DTC is provided by the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA). It recognizes that people with disabilities or their care providers face hardship and helps by providing relief in income tax payments.
- + The credit is non-refundable. The government will not pay you money for the credit if you or the person who claims it, does not owe income taxes.
- + Eligibility for DTC will allow recipients to apply for more programs such as Registered Disability Savings Plan, working income tax benefits, etc.



ELIGIBILITY

You must meet one of the following to be eligible for DTC:

- + You are blind
- + You are unable or take 3 times the average amount in doing at least one of the activities of daily living
- Doing two or more of the activities of daily living takes an excessive amount of time
- + You are on therapy that is vital to your survival and need therapy 3 times in a week (total of 14 hours)

DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES

- + Speaking
- + Hearing
- + Walking
- + Eliminating (bowel or bladder functions)
- + Feeding
- Dressing
- + Mental functions necessary for everyday life

HOW TO APPLY

- + Request the DTC form from CRA or print it out online
- + Fill out Part A
- + Request your practitioner to fill out and certify Part B
- + Send Form to CRA

YOUR DISABILITY MUST ALSO BE:

- **Prolonged**: the disability is expected to last 12+ months
- + The disability affects you at minimum 90% of the time

Section B is a medical report and must be completed by a medical professional. See the CRA Chart below:

MEDICAL DOCTOR	All sections
NURSE PRACTITIONER	All sections
OPTOMETRIST	Vision
AUDIOLOGIST	Hearing
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	Walking, feeding, dressing, & cumulative effect for these activities
PHYSIOTHERAPIST	Walking
PSYCHOLOGIST	Performing the mental functions necessary for everyday life
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST	Speaking

For more information on DTC visit: **Disability tax credit (DTC)**

