



## Information for Parents on the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) Form

### Is my child eligible?

- Parents or legal guardians of children with severe and prolonged mental or physical limitations that affect their daily activities
- Families who file a tax return with the CRA

Not all children with disability will qualify for the DTC. It is the CRA, not your child's doctor, that determines if your child qualifies.

### What is the DTC worth?

- The non-refundable DTC credit is **\$8,001** for the 2016 taxation year. An additional **\$4,667** was available for eligible children younger than 18 years of age, for a total of **\$12,668**.
- Credits can be retroactive for up to 10 years.

### What are my first steps?

1. Look at the CRA website ( <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/dtc/menu-eng.html> ) to see if your child qualifies for the DTC. You may also want to speak to your service/social worker (if you have one) and/or your child's doctor about whether your child may qualify.
2. If you think that your child may qualify for the DTC, you can download the form at the following link and look at the application for more information: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/t2201/t2201-12e.pdf>
3. You complete Part A of the DTC.
4. Bring the form to your child's doctor to complete Part 2. Please note that some doctors may have a fee for completing the DTC.

## **What information about my child is helpful for the doctor?**

*It is important to think of your child relative to other children his/her age when answering these questions. Depending on your child's age, these questions may be more (or less) relevant.*

- Does your child need 1:1 supervision for safety?
- Does your child need 1:1 attention at school? Does your child have an educational assistant?
- Does your child need more frequent reminders and prompts to get ready for school every day?
- Does your child understand basic road safety rules?
- Can your child express what they need and want?
- Can the child communicate with, and be understood by, you and kids their age?
- Does your child have sleep problems? What are they?
- Can the child play games with others kids or play an organized sport?
- Is your child impulsive (e.g. runs across the road, puts himself at risk)?
- Is your child on medication for the condition, and if so, what medication(s)? Have other medications been tried? Does medication make a difference for your child?
- List specific examples that your child struggles (e.g. getting dressed, toileting, walking, feeding by themselves)
- If your child is older, can they be left on their own?

## **Where can I get more information?**

Tax credits and deductions for persons with disabilities: [www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability/](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability/) (this link provides several scenarios)