
FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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Various types of support are available to persons with physical disabilities. Each province offers its own support programs and the federal government also sponsors various initiatives. The following programs primarily target people with a disability. Be sure to closely examine the definition of “disabled person,” which not only varies by province, but also in some cases, from one program to the next.

The different provincial programs contain certain similarities. Most provinces, for example, offer a home modification program, job search assistance and home assistance.

The following chart outlines opportunities for grants and assistance open to certain hemophiliacs.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Employment Program for Persons with Disabilities	To provide persons with access to a full range of services, tools and support that addresses the distinct needs of persons with disabilities.	A physical or mental impairment which significantly restricts the ability to perform daily living activities either "continuously or periodically for extended periods".	Different services are provided such as: pre-employment services, work-site attendant services, job coaching.	Contact the Ministry of Housing and Social Development by calling: 1-866-866-0800	Contact the Ministry of Housing and Social Development: 1-866-866-0800 Visit the ministry Web site: www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/pwd.htm
At Home Program	To assist parents with some of the extraordinary costs of caring for a child with severe disabilities at home.	A child must be: age 18 or younger for respite benefits; age 17 or younger for medical benefits; a resident of BC living at home with a parent or guardian assessed as dependent in at least three of four areas of daily living (eating, dressing, toileting, washing).	There are two kinds of support: Respite benefits which allow parents to choose appropriate care options for their child and family (the financial support is about \$2400-\$2800 per year); and Medical benefits.	Application forms are available at local offices of Community Living British Columbia (CLBC), the Ministry of Children and Family Development web site, or from local Health Units. Completed forms should be returned to the At Home Program Regional Contact.	For further information about respite call your local office of Community Living British Columbia. For more information about AHP Medical Benefits: 1-888-613-3232 Visit the Ministry of Children and Family development Web site: www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home
Disability Assistance	To help financially families or people living with disabilities.	A physical or mental impairment which significantly restricts the ability to perform daily living activities either "continuously or periodically for extended periods".	Between \$531 and \$1043 per month.	To obtain an application form, please visit the Employment and Assistance Centre in your local community.	Visit the Employment and Assistance Center in your local community. Visit the web site of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development www.gov.bc.ca/hsd/ www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/pwd.htm

<p>General information about tax for persons with disabilities</p>	<p>Persons with disabilities can have access to many tax assistance programs.</p>	<p>A physical or mental impairment which significantly restricts the ability to perform daily living activities either "continuously or periodically for extended periods".</p>	<p>It includes: Home owner grant (up to \$845 grant), motor fuel tax refund, exemptions of provincial sales tax, etc.</p>	<p>It depends of each program. Consult the brochure on the Ministry of Finance Web site: www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/documents_library/brochures/DisabilityTaxBenefitPrograms.pdf</p>	<p>Visit the Ministry of Finance Web site: www.fin.gov.bc.ca Email: CTBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Information_Groups/persons_with_disabilities/index.htm</p>
<p>Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers Programs</p>	<p>To provide persons with persistent barriers to employment a financial help.</p>	<p>Persons who have received assistance for 12 of the last 15 months; have severe multiple barriers to employment; have a medical condition that has lasted for at least one year which seriously impedes their ability to search for, accept or continue employment.</p>	<p>The support rate is based on a percentage of what a two-person PPMB family unit receives. All family units are eligible for earnings exemptions of a combined \$500 per month and health supplements.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Housing and Social Development Info Line at: 1-866-866-0800</p>	<p>The Ministry of Housing and Social Development Info Line at: 1-866-866-0800 Visit the Ministry Web site: www.mhr.gov.bc.ca www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2004/ppmb.htm</p>
<p>Special Transportation Subsidy (STS) and Bus Pass Program</p>	<p>To help people with disabilities to participate more fully in their communities.</p>	<p>Persons who are receiving disability assistance under BC Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities. For the STS program, a certification from a physician is needed to attest the incapacity to use the Buss pass or any other form of subsidized public transportation service.</p>	<p>For the Bus Pass Program, the cost of the bus pass is reduced to \$45 per calendar year. For the STS program, the level of support depends of each case.</p>	<p>Call 1-866-866-0800</p>	<p>Call 1-866-866-0800 Visit the Ministry of Housing and Social Development: www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/programs www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/programs/other.htm#bp</p>

Other support available for people with disabilities:

Independent Living BC can provide people with disabilities with support at home. Admissions are the responsibility of your local Health authority. Contact them to see if you are eligible

ALBERTA

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)	To provide financial and health-related assistance.	The disability must be permanent and severely limit a person's ability to earn a living. ¹ Your income and assets and the income and assets of your cohabiting partner must not exceed the limits allowed under the program.	AISH provides a maximum monthly living allowance of \$1,188 and health benefits as dental, optical and prescription drugs.	Contact the AISH office in your community. The office will send you an application package.	Contact the AISH information line: 1-866-477-8589 Visit the Seniors and Community Web site: www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/AISH
Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)	To help people maintain their independence at home.	To require assistance because of a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness. Long-term and chronic are defined as being six months or longer.	AADL pays 75% of the cost of maintenance at home. The rest of the amount is paid by the beneficiaries up to a maximum of \$500 per family per benefit year. Low-income Albertans may be exempt from the \$500 cost-share.	You can apply for a cost-share exemptions by filling the Cost-shared Exemption Form available on this Web site: www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/ To apply to AADL call the program at 780-427-0731 or 780-643-1631	Contact AADL: 780-427-0731 or 780-643-1631. Visit the Seniors and Community Web site: www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/AADL
Disability Related Employment Supports	To provide assistance to Albertans in overcoming the barriers to employment created by their disability.	To have a documented permanent or long term disability that creates a barrier to employment.	Provides support in four areas: Workplace (e.g. job coach, assistive technology), job search, educational, assistive technology (e.g. purchase and set-up of technology).	Call 1-800-661-3753 or visit an Alberta Service Centre.	Contact Employment and Immigration: 1-800-661-3753 Visit the Web site: http://employment.alberta.ca/CES/3159.html
Family Support for Children with Disabilities	To provide a range of supports and	A child under 18 years with a disability as	Provides a wide range of services	Parent or guardians can call the FSCD Program	Contact Alberta Child and Youth Services

⁶ Person's ability to earn a living: Your disability must be the main factor, not your age, lack of education or available jobs. There must not be training rehabilitation or medical treatment that would help you to work.

	services for children with disabilities and their families.	defined in the FSCD Act. ²	including respite, aide services, counseling, extraordinary child care, health related supports, etc).	in their region to discuss their child's and family's needs with an FSCD intake worker.	Visit the Web site: www.child.alberta.ca www.child.alberta.ca/home/591.cfm
Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP)	To provide modifications to the home of people with disabilities to be more wheelchair accessible.	All wheelchair users who have a household income of \$36,900 or less, homeowners and tenants.	A reimbursement of the eligible permanent modifications to a home of up to \$5,000.	To apply, complete one of the application packages and fill out the supplementary forms that apply to your situation available on this webpage www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/AADL You can contact RAMP for the application package and supplementary forms, which can be sent to you through mail, fax, or email.	Call RAMP : 1-877-427-5760 Visit the Seniors and Community Web site: www.seniors.gov.ab.ca www.seniors.alberta.ca/aadl/ramp

Other support for people with disabilities:

The Community-based services program provides services to help people retain their independence as long as possible. It includes home care, personal and technical support, community rehabilitation, respite care, etc. Contact the program at: **310-0000**

⁷ A person with a disability as defined in the FSCD Act means a chronic developmental, physical, sensory, mental or neurological condition or impairment but does not include a condition for which the primary need is for medical care or health services to treat or manage the condition unless it is a chronic condition that significantly limits a child's ability to function in normal daily living

SASKATCHEWAN

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
New Disability Income Support Program-SAID	A new program started in October 2009.	The program will first address 3,000 social assistance clients with long-standing and well-documented disabilities.	Same as those provided through the Saskatchewan Assistance Program.	www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/SAID-QAs.pdf	Contact a CLD worker or any Social Services office. Visit the Ministry Web site: www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/SAID-factsheet.pdf
Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living	To assist people with a disability in leaving more independent and active lifestyles.	People whose long term disabilities or illnesses leave them unable to function fully; Residents who are eligible for orthopedic services, special needs equipment and home respiratory services.	Provides Orthopedic Services, Special Needs Equipment Program, Home Respiratory Services and Therapeutic Nutritional Products. People with hemophilia have access to disease-related supplies.	Only designated special physicians can refer patients (for people living with hemophilia).	Contact Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Plan: (306) 787-7121 Visit the Ministry of Health Web site: www.health.gov.sk.ca www.health.gov.sk.ca/sail
The Disability Rental Housing Supplement	To help low-to-moderate income families and individuals to access quality and affordable housing.	Eligibility is open to families, single individuals and couples. The supplement is conditional upon one family member having a disability that produces a recognized housing impact.	The amount of DRHS benefit is subject to change depending of the income of the family. The money will serve to provide accessibility and physical support to the property.	Complete a pre-assessment by calling at 1-888-488-6385 .	Call 1-888-488-6385 Visit the Ministry of Social Services: www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/forms/SRHS-app-guide.pdf
Workforce Development for Persons with Disabilities	To provide funding to assist adults with disabilities to prepare for, secure and maintain employment.	Adult who because of a disability requires specialized supports in order to prepare for, obtain and/or maintain employment.	The program will provide a level of funding appropriate to the needs of the individual identified in each application.	Contact Larry Carlson, Manager, Programs for Adults with Disabilities 306-787-5602 Find the application forms on the Web site.	Contact the Programs for Adults with Disabilities : 306-787-5602 larry.carlson@gov.sk.ca Visit the Ministry of Education, Employment and Labour: www.aeel.gov.sk.ca/ea pd

<p>Tax Credits</p>	<p>Several tax credits are available for the people with disabilities: The Infirm Dependant Tax Credit, the Disability Supplement Tax Credit and the Disability Tax Credit and the Caregiver Tax Credit.</p>	<p>Subject to change.</p>	<p>The four tax credits amount is \$8,190 for each.</p>	<p>Contact the Ministry of finance to know how to apply.</p>	<p>Visit the Ministry of Finance: www.finance.gov.sk.ca</p>
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MANITOBA

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
The Vocational Rehabilitation Program	The Vocational Rehabilitation Program of Manitoba Family Services and Housing offers a wide range of employment focused services to assist adults with disabilities in preparing for, obtaining and maintaining employment.	To be a resident of Manitoba with a mental, psychiatric, learning or physical disability; 16 years of age or older; legally entitled to work in Manitoba and who show a willingness to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment.	Services may include the provision of employment-related disability supports such as: technical equipment, aids or devices; adaptive devices or equipment; building modifications; supported employment; job coaching; training-on-the-job; follow-up services; transportation.	By contacting the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD) at 975-3010 Toll-free: 1-866-282-8041	Contact the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities: 1-866-282-8041 Visit this Web site: www.gov.mb.ca/fs/pwd/index.html
Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities	To provide homeowners and landlords of a forgivable loan to pay for modifying the houses or rental units to meet the needs of occupants with disabilities.	Changes/modifications must relate to housing and be reasonably connected to the occupant's disability. Most modifications that make it easier for the occupant with disabilities to live independently are eligible for funding.	Assistance is in the form of a forgivable loan — it does not have to be repaid if certain conditions are met. The maximum loan is between \$16,000 and \$19,000, depending on the location of the property.	Request an application at the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative to be mailed to you.	Contact the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative 1-866-689-5566 housing@gov.mb.ca Visit this Web site: www.gov.mb.ca/fs/index.html www.gov.mb.ca/housing/pubs/rrap_pwd.pdf
Manitoba Home Care Program	To provide home support to individuals, regardless of age, who require health services or assistance with activities of daily living.	To require Health services or assistance with activities of daily living; to require service to stay in their home for as long as possible; and to require more assistance than that available from existing supports and community resources.	There are many services available such as: Personal care assistance, home support, health care (e.g. physiotherapists services).	The application form for personal care home admission is provided by your case coordinator and is signed by you.	Contact your regional health authority office. Visit this Web site: www.gov.mb.ca/health/homecare/index.html

<p>Tax Credits</p>	<p>Manitobans with disabilities can be eligible for certain tax credits.</p>	<p>Subject to change for each tax credit.</p>	<p>Manitoba Family Tax Benefit allows taxpayers to reduce their tax payable by the sum of \$300 for each disability claim. There is also a credits tax of \$6180 for the disability amount and of \$3,605 for the disability supplement.</p>	<p>Contact the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office: 1-800-782-0771</p>	<p>Contact the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office: 1-800-782-0771</p> <p>Visit the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office Web site: www.gov.mb.ca/finance/tao/index.html</p>
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Other support available for people with disabilities:

The government of Manitoba provides additional financial assistance for adults with a disability who are enrolled in the Employment and Income Assistance program to cover the additional costs associated with living in the community. For more information, contact the program at: **1 204 948-4000**.

ONTARIO

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
<p>Ontario Disability Support Plan: Income Support</p>	<p>To meet the needs of people with disabilities (with low income) and help them to become more independent.</p>	<p>To have a verified physical disability³ expected to last at least one year and which makes it hard to care for yourself (any person tested HIV positive will be considered disabled), to go into community or work; be between 18-65 years old ; to be financially eligible.</p>	<p>A monthly payment: the amount depends of your living situation. Some benefits can also be provided such as: dental care; prescription drugs; Transition Child Benefit payment; disability-related benefits; housing-related benefits; medical transportation, etc.</p>	<p>Contact your local Ontario Disability Support Program office or the Ministry: 1 888 789-4199</p>	<p>Visit the Ontario Social Services Web site: www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/social/odsp/index.aspx</p> <p>Contact your local office or Regional Call Centre or contact the ministry of Community and Social Services: 1-888-789-4199</p>
<p>Ontario Disability Support Plan: Employment support</p>	<p>To provide goods and services to eligible people with disabilities to help overcome barriers to employment.</p>	<p>A person with a disability⁴ (any person tested HIV positive will be considered disabled) who wants to work. Even if you are not eligible to the support program, you can still be eligible to this program.</p>	<p>Provides a range of support for people who have challenges finding or keeping a job, including placement services and job coaching.</p>	<p>Contact your local Ontario Disability Support Program office or the Ministry: 1 888 789-4199</p>	<p>Contact your local office or Regional Call Centre or contact the Ministry of Community and Social Services: 1-888-789-4199</p> <p>Visit the Ontario Social Services Web site: www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/social/odsp/index.aspx</p>

³ Person with a disability as define in the Ontario Disability Support Program Act :
The person has a substantial physical or mental impairment that is continuous or recurrent and expected to last one year or more (b) the direct and cumulative effect of the impairment on the person's ability to attend to his or her personal care, function in the community and function in a workplace, results in a substantial restriction in one or more of activities of daily living; and c) the impairment and its likely duration and the restriction in the person's activities of daily living have been verified by a person with the prescribed qualifications.

⁴ Ibid.

<p>The Special Services at Home Program</p>	<p>To provide funding directly to families so they can purchase services to provide personal development and relief support to children with a physical disability.</p>	<p>To have a child with a physical disability⁵.</p>	<p>The financial support is granted in regards to the specific needs of the family.</p>	<p>Applicants must complete a full SAH application form that will cover a three-year period. The form is available at: www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/developmental/index.aspx</p>	<p>Contact the Ministry of Community and Social Services: 1 866 340-8881</p> <p>Visit the Ministry Web site: www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/developmental/index.aspx</p>
<p>Assistive Devices Program</p>	<p>To provide consumer centered support and funding to Ontario residents who have long-term physical disabilities and to provide access to personalized assistive devices appropriate for the individual's basic needs.</p>	<p>To have a physical disability⁶ of six months or longer.</p>	<p>ADP covers over 8,000 separate pieces of equipment or supplies like prostheses; wheelchairs/mobility aids and specialized seating systems. ADP pays up to 75 per cent of the cost of equipment.</p>	<p>Initial access is often through a medical specialist or general practitioner who provides a diagnosis. In most device categories, an authorizer assesses the specific needs of the person and prescribes appropriate equipment or supplies.</p>	<p>Call the Assistive Devices Program: 1-800-268-6021</p> <p>Visit Ontario's Ministry of Health: www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/adp/adp_mn.html</p>
<p>Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Persons with Disabilities.</p>	<p>To reduce the cost of living of people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Low-income persons with disabilities (or spouses of persons with disabilities) who own residential property may be eligible. Each municipality can have its own definition of a person with a disability.</p>	<p>The maximum amount of tax that may be deferred is the 1998 assessment-related tax increase (as defined in section 372.1 of the <i>Municipal Act</i>) reduced by the 1998 tax adjustment on that property for phase-in purposes.</p>	<p>Contact your local municipality or alternatively, the Ministry of Finance Information Center at 1 800 263-7965</p>	<p>Contact your local municipality or alternatively, the Ministry of Finance Information Center: 1 800 263-7965.</p> <p>Visit the Ministry Web site: www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/publications/bulletins/forecast_9907.html</p>

⁵ Ibid.

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<p>Northern Health Travel Grant Program</p>	<p>To help defray the transportation costs for eligible residents of Northern Ontario who must travel long distances within Ontario or to Manitoba to receive medically needed insured specialty services that are not available locally.</p>	<p>You are an OHIP insured person living in the districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Timiskaming or Thunder Bay; you are referred for specialty health care that is an insured service under the <i>Health Insurance Act</i>; a northern health worker has referred you before the travel takes place; the nearest specialist/health care facility able to provide the type of care you require in Ontario or Manitoba is at least 100 kilometers from your area of residence.</p>	<p>41 cents per kilometer for transportation, \$100 per eligible trip for accommodation</p>	<p>The <i>Application for Northern Health Travel Grant</i> (form 0327-88) must be completed (your local Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care office can provide you one). After your treatment, mail or take your application form to a ministry office indicated in the General Instructions section of the form. Include your original bus, rail or air travel receipts as well as those for any travelling companion.</p>	<p>Call the Health ministry: 1-866-532-3161.</p> <p>Visit the Ministry Web site: www.health.gov.on.ca www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/ohip/northern.aspx</p>
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Other support available for people with disabilities:

Children Treatment Centres

The 19 Children's Treatment Centres across the province provide a range of services for children and youth up to 19 years of age who have physical disabilities or communication disorders. Services include physiotherapy, occupational therapy and treatment for speech and language disorders. For more information, call your local Children's Treatment Centre or Community Care Access Centre.

Attendant Outreach program

The Attendant Outreach program provides visitation attendant services to people with severe or serious physical disabilities. Call your local Community Care Access Centre for more information.

Self-Managed Attendant Services

The Self-Managed Attendant Services program lets people with disabilities choose and hire their own attendants. For information on this program, contact the Centre for Independent Living in Toronto at **416-599-2458**.

Hunter Bishop Comfort Fund

Not a provincial program, but a support program offered by Hemophilia Ontario- Toronto and Central Ontario Region, Hunter Bishop Comfort Fund addresses the needs of people affected by inherited bleeding disorders. In order to be eligible, you must demonstrate need for assistive devices (i.e. orthotics), hospital comfort (i.e. TVs, phones) and other items associated with living with a bleeding disorder. Many forms of support can be provided such as emergency travel assistance, financial assistance, protective and assistive devices (including medic-alert bracelets, knee pads, helmets etc.). For more information, contact the Regional Service Coordinator, **1-888-838-8846** or Visit the Web site of the CHS under Provincial Chapters-Ontario: www.hemophilia.ca/en/provincial-chapters/ontario/toronto-and-central-ontario-region

QUEBEC

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Supplement for handicapped children	Financial assistance for all families with a child under 18 deemed handicapped by the Régie	Hemophilia with factor VIII or factor IX activity of less than 1%. If your child does not meet this criterion, the seriousness of his or her handicap can be established based on other criteria.	A supplement of \$171 a month is paid for each handicapped child.	Complete part 1 of the Application for a Supplement for Handicapped Children.	Contact the Régie des rentes du Québec at 1-800-667-9625 Website: www.rrq.gouv.qc.ca/en/accueil/Pages/accueil.aspx www.rrq.gouv.qc.ca/en/enfants/enfant_handicape/Pages/enfant_handicape.aspx
Disability pension	Financial assistance for disabled people who have contributed to the Quebec Pension Plan	A severe and permanent disability recognized by the Régie's medical advisors ⁷ ; sufficient contributions to the Quebec Pension Plan; under age 65.	Maximum payment is \$1,105 a month (taxable).	Complete the Application for Disability Benefits and send it to the Régie. Download the Medical Report and send it to your doctor. Forms are available on the Régie's Website.	Contact the Régie des rentes du Québec at 1-800-463-5185 Website: www.rrq.gouv.qc.ca/en/accueil/Pages/accueil.aspx www.rrq.gouv.qc.ca/en/invalidite/vivre_invalidite/Pages/vivre_invalidite.aspx
Pension for a disabled person's child	A pension to age 18 for children of a person receiving a disability pension	You must have one or more children or dependents and be receiving a disability pension.	In 2009, the pension for a disabled person's child was \$67.95 a month per child.	Complete the Application for Disability Benefits and your children will be automatically eligible for the pension for a disabled person's child.	Contact the Régie des rentes du Québec at 1-800-463-5185
Tax credit for medical care outside region of residence	Tax credit for expenses to obtain medical services outside the region of residence	Certain medical care is not available within 250 km of your place of residence.	Tax credit for travel, lodging and moving expenses that a taxpayer incurs to stay within 80 km of a Quebec medical care facility.	Complete the Expenses for Medical Services Not Available in Your Area form; income tax return documents	Contact Revenu Québec: www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citoyen/ www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citoyen/clientele/handicape/soins_region.aspx

⁷. According to the Régie, you are considered to have a severe disability if, because of your state of health, you are unable to do work that, in 2009, paid you more than \$13,271.52 a year. A severe disability is permanent if it is likely to be of indefinite duration without any possibility of improvement.

<p>Residential Adaptation Assistance program</p>	<p>Financial assistance to adapt the homes of disabled people whose limitations affect their everyday activities</p>	<p>Disabled person whose limitations affect everyday activities; ineligible for residential adaptation assistance from the SAAQ or the CSST; submission of a report from an occupational therapist showing the disability is significant and persistent and requires adaptation of the home.</p>	<p>Up to \$8,000 for a dwelling; up to \$4,000 for a room.</p>	<p>Complete a form that can be obtained from the CLSC for the area or municipality where the home to be modified is located.</p>	<p>Contact the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) at 1-800-463-4315</p> <p>Consult the SHQ Website: www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca/en/programmes/adapter_domicile.html</p>
<p>Disability and caregiver tax credits</p>	<p>Tax benefits and GST/PST exemption for the disabled and their caregivers</p>	<p>You may be eligible for deductions and refundable or nonrefundable tax credits (medical expenses, child care expenditures, etc.) as well as GST/PST exemptions on certain items.</p>	<p>Differs from one case to the next.</p>	<p>Income tax return</p>	<p>Consult the brochure entitled <i>Taxation and Persons with Disabilities</i>, available on the Revenu Québec Website: www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citoyen/clientele/handicape/default.aspx</p>
<p>Devices that Compensate for Physical Deficiencies (RAMQ)</p>	<p>Insurance covering costs of devices to compensate for physical deficiencies</p>	<p>Any one insured under the Quebec Health Insurance Plan who has a physical deficiency and meets the program's eligibility requirements.</p>	<p>Purchase, adjustment, replacement, repair and in some cases adaptation of walking aids, standing aids, orthoses, prostheses, aids to locomotion and posture aids as well as their components, supplements and accessories.</p>	<p>Obtain a written medical prescription; go to a facility or laboratory authorized by the Régie to obtain the insured device or service.</p>	<p>Contact the RAMQ at 1-800-561-9749</p> <p>Consult the RAMQ Website: www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/citoyens/assurance_maladie/serv_couv_queb/app_def_phys_pq.shtml</p>

Other assistance available

The Government of Quebec also provides home help and support services for all residents as well as a financial assistance program for domestic help. For more information call the program's offices at **1-888-594-5155**.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Special and emergency benefits	Specific special and emergency benefits for provincial income assistance recipients AND for certain persons with disabilities.	Be a person who is certified as “disabled” by the Medical Advisory Board and who is also receiving disability benefits from the Federal CCP Disability. An “emergency” is an unforeseen and unavoidable situation that requires immediate medical attention.	Different situations may be covered. The program may, for example, reimburse a portion of transportation costs for medical reasons (medical visits over 25 km away).	Contact the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons: 1-800-442-4412	Contact the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons: 1-800-442-4412 Visit the Web site: www.gnb.ca/0048/index-e.asp www.gnb.ca/0048/PCSDP/Directories/Directory%20of%20Financial%20Aid%202010%20En.pdf
Employment Assistant and Training for the Disabled	Provides training and employment services for disabled individuals to help them meet their professional goals or find a job.	Be at least 17 years of age and have completed secondary school or be at least 18 years of age and have a permanent or long-term physical disability; have an employment action plan.	Some of the services offered include assistance in formulating a career plan, financial assistance in buying professional equipment and travel costs to a teaching or training institution.	Visit the Web site of the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons for information or to enrol in the program: http://app.infoaa.7700.gnb.ca/gnb/Pub/EServices/ListServiceDetails.asp?ServiceID=17056&ReportType=1=ALL	Visit the Web site of the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons to obtain contact information for each region's program coordinators. www.gnb.ca/0048/PCSDP/DirectoriesForPersons/DirectoryofServices/CouncilMembers-e.asp
Reimbursement to the Disabled	The Department may authorize a credit for the tax paid on a motor vehicle incorporating special equipment.	The applicant is not eligible for any other GST/QST credit or any other discount on the purchase in question.	Eight percent of Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) credit if the equipment is provided by an enrolled supplier or 13% of the provincial sales tax (PVT) in the case of a private sale.	Applications for reimbursement of the provincial component of the HST (form HST-R-02) or the 13% PVT (PVT-R-01)) may be obtained from the Web site of the Ministry of Finance (www.gnb.ca/0024/index-e.asp) and in New Brunswick Service Centres.	Contact the Revenue & Taxation Division of the Department of Finance (506) 453-2404 . Visit the Web site of the Ministry of Finance: www.gnb.ca/0024/index-e.asp

<p>Health Services Wheelchair/Seating program</p>	<p>To assist with the provision and maintenance of wheelchairs, seating components and accessories which fulfill a basic need for a client.</p>	<p>Social Development clients and their dependents who hold a valid Health Card with the correct coverage who meet the eligibility criteria for the benefit(s) requested. Clients must not have any other medical coverage to be eligible for benefits under the Wheelchair/Seating Program.</p>	<p>Financial help in order to acquire or maintain a wheelchair and its components.</p>	<p>Application form is available at this webpage: www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.7995.html</p>	<p>General Inquiries: 1 506 453-2001 Visit the Web site of the government of New Brunswick : www.gnb.ca</p>
<p>Vehicle Retrofit Program</p>	<p>To increase the mobility of persons with a disability residing in the province of New Brunswick</p>	<p>To be a person with a disability who require the vehicle and its components. A physician has to attest that you have a disability which requires a special vehicle.</p>	<p>Grants are available to eligible applicants up to 80% of the first \$5 625 and 50% of the next \$7 000 towards the cost of eligible accessibility features for a new or existing vehicle, up to a maximum grant amount of \$8 000.</p>	<p>Application form is available at this webpage: www.gnb.ca/0113/access-trans/veh-retrofit-e.asp</p>	<p>Contact Claudette McAllister, Coordinator of the Vehicle Retrofit Program: 506 453-5818 www.gnb.ca/0113/access-trans/veh-retrofit-e.asp</p>

Other Types of Support:

The WRC's Work Recovery Program helps those who left the job market due to a physical condition return to it, by providing training, medical care, rehabilitation equipment, and so forth. For further information, call the program at **1-800-222-9775**.

The provincial social assistance program provides a \$1,000 annual supplement to individuals with a disability and without employment.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Disability Support Program	Assist with personal planning and help meet the needs related to an individual's disability. The program is divided in three aspects: Adult disability, child disability and employment and vocational support.	To have a disability with ongoing functional limitations as a result of the disability which substantially limit the capacity to carry out activities of daily living; the impairment must be continuous or recurrent and likely to continue for at least one year.	Lots of different support: Various technical aids and assistive devices may be cost-shared with individuals and families, modifications to home can be cost-shared, etc.	Contact your regional office.	Contact your regional office: Charlottetown 368-5996 Summerside Office 432-2740 Souris Office 687-7016 Montague Office 838-0703 West Prince Office 859-8824 Visit the webpage at: www.gov.pe.ca/hss/pei dsp/
Home Care Program	To help individuals achieve and maintain health and personal independence in the community and supplement the care and support available from family and friends.	Contact your regional office to know if you are eligible.	The PEI Home Care Program provides <i>health care and support services</i> including assessment, care coordination, nursing, personal care, respite, etc.	Contact your regional office.	Visit the Home Care Web site: www.oneislandhealthsystem.ca/index.php3?number=1020609&lang=E Contact your regional office: Souris: 687-7096 Montague: 838-0786 Summerside: 888-8440 O'Leary: 879-8730 Charlottetown: 368-4790
Long Term Nurse Care Subsidy	To provide financial assistance (subsidy) to persons who do not have sufficient income to pay their accommodation costs in a manor or private nursing home.	Residents who are determined through a financial assessment process as not having sufficient income to pay their accommodation costs will be eligible for subsidization by government.	The amount depends of the needs of each applicant.	Call Long Term Nurse Care : 1 902 687-7090	Call Long Term Nurse Care: 1 902 687-7090 Visit this Web site: www.gov.pe.ca/health www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/HLTH_LTC_FS_5.pdf
Child care subsidy program	Subsidies are used to pay tuition costs for early childhood programs	Reasons for placement include: parents working or in training programs;	The amount of subsidy depends on the net monthly family income and is	Contact the Department of Social Services and Senior: 1-866-594-3777	Contact the Department of Social Services and Senior: 1-866-594-3777 Visit the department

	<p>licensed by the Child Care Facilities Board. This includes day care centres, nursery programs, etc.</p>	<p>special needs of the child; children at risk; emergency medical needs of parents; school readiness, etc. Contact the Department of Social Services and Senior to know if you are eligible.</p>	<p>determined by a Sliding Scale Income Test based on family size.</p>		<p>Web site: www.gov.pe.ca/sss www.gov.pe.ca/sss/index.php3?number=10269 35</p>
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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Special Child Welfare Allowance Program	This allowance enables provision of financial assistance to families with a child who has a disability.	Have a child under 18 years with a disability ⁸ .	The amount of monthly entitlement for each family is determined through assessment via the application of a financial needs test.	Contact the Program Development Division.	Contact the Program Development Division Visit the Health Ministry Web site www.health.gov.nl.ca www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/personsdisabilities/fundingprograms_hcs.html#scwap
Special Needs Board and Lodging Supplement	To help adult living with a disability who requires higher rates than those provide by the basic monthly board and lodging for all adults living with non-relatives.	To be an adult, aged 18 years or older, with developmental or physical disabilities ⁹ and to require higher rates to live in regards to that condition.	Provide a combined payment up to the maximum monthly amount allocated by the basic monthly board and lodging for all adults living with non-relatives.	Contact the Department of Human Resources and Employment.	Contact the Department of Human Resources and Employment Visit the Health Ministry Web site: www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/personsdisabilities/fundingprograms_hcs.html#scwap
Home Support Services Program	To enable the individuals/families with disabilities to obtain homemakers, home support workers, attendants, and other non-professional support required to enable them to remain in their homes.	Be an adult (over 18 years) with disabilities ¹⁰ .	Funding is approved on an individual basis. Beneficiaries are also entitled to receive a Flat Rate Allowance up to a maximum of \$125 per month.	Contact your regional Health and Community Services/Integrated Health Care Board.	Contact your regional Health and Community Services/Integrated Health Care Board. Visit the Health Ministry Web site: www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/personsdisabilities/fundingprograms_hcs.html#phsp
Employability Assistance for Persons with disabilities	This program is designed to assist individuals with a disability acquire the skills, experience and	Be a person with a disability ¹¹ who demonstrated challenges in accessing education or employment.	Offers support to individuals in obtaining their first post-secondary degree, diploma or certificate and/or	Contact the department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment in your area or the department	Contact the department of HRLE . Visit the Web site: www.hrle.gov.nl.ca/hrle/disabilities/services.html

⁸ According to the Human Rights Code of Newfoundland, a physical disability means any degree of infirmity, malformation or disfigurement of the body suffered by a person as a result of injury, illness or birth defect, and includes a handicap resulting from epilepsy, paralysis, lack of co-ordination, amputation, blindness, deafness, muteness or reliance upon a dog guide, a wheelchair, a cane or crutch or other remedial appliance or device.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Ibid.

	support necessary to successfully prepare for, enter or remain in the work force.		employment; staff work with individuals to develop and implement their employment plan.	hotline: 1-800-563-6600 LMCIHotline@gov.nl.ca	
Provincial Home Repair Program (PHRP)	PHRP is designed to provide funding to physically challenge who require accessibility changes to their residences the ability to carry out these renovations, which will allow them to remain in their homes for a longer period.	Low-income homeowners seeking changes to make their homes accessible for physically challenged occupants.	Funding is limited to the costs associated with repairs. Grant funding is available up to a maximum of \$5,000 [\$6,500 in coastal Labrador]. Repairs exceeding these levels may be addressed under a repayable loan of up to \$10,000 [\$13,000 in coastal Labrador].	Referral from Family and Rehabilitative Services Division of the Department of Health and Community Services is required for physically challenged persons. To apply, please contact the staff at your regional office.	Contact your regional office: Corner Brook: 639-5201 Gander: 256-1300 Goose Bay: 896-1920 Marystown: 279-5375 Stephenville: 643-6826 Avalon Regional Office: 724-3164 Grand Falls-Windsor: 292-1000 Visit this Web site: www.nlhc.nf.ca/phrp/phrp_index.html

NOVA SCOTIA

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Direct Family Support	To support and provide funding to eligible families to enable them to support their family member with a disability at home.	For children under 19 years with significant physical disability ¹² . For adults with a medical diagnosis of physical disability who meet the financial eligibility criteria.	Respite funding is determined through the assessment of the Individual's and family's circumstances; as a result, the authorization for funding varies but shall not normally exceed \$2200.00 per month.	Contact the nearest office of the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services. www.gov.ns.ca/coms/departme nt/contact/FindLocalOffices.html	Contact the Local Community Services: 1-877-424-1177 Visit the Government Web site: www.gov.ns.ca/coms/disabilities/DirectFamilySupport.html
Independent Living Support	It provides up to 21 hours a week of supports and service to eligible individuals.	To be a semi-independent person who require minimum support in his/her own apartment or home. Eligibility for the ILS Program is determined by a functional and financial assessment.	Includes 21 hours a week of supports and service in the daily activities such as maintaining household.	Contact the nearest office of the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.	Contact the Local Community Services: 1-877-424-1177 Visit: www.gov.ns.ca/coms/disabilities/IndependentLiving.html
Alternative Family Support Program	To provide a family-like setting for individuals who may require varying levels of support and supervision, who may prefer living with a family, and who will benefit from the additional support a family environment can provide.	To be a person with a disability ¹³ . The program should answer to some of the specific needs of the applicant.	Residents are eligible to receive funding based on their need for items such as room and board, support and supervision, and respite.	Contact the nearest office of the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.	Visit www.gov.ns.ca/coms/disabilities/AlternativeFamilySupport.html or contact Local Community services at: 1-877-424-1177

¹² Disability means "a severe and persistent restriction or impairment that results in an inability to perform an activity within the range considered normal for someone of the same age, gender and culture". Physical disability means "A significant ongoing physical limitation that substantially limits independence and requires ongoing supervision, support, or skills development".

¹³ Ibid.

<p>Access-a-Home Program</p>	<p>Provides assistance to people who must adapt their homes for wheelchair use.</p>	<p>Be limited to or be excepted to be limited to a wheelchair by reason of a long-term disability¹⁴; to have an annual income of less than or equal to \$39,000.</p>	<p>The amount of assistance depends upon income. The maximum grant available is \$5,000. The grant does not have to be repaid.</p>	<p>Contact the nearest Housing Services office of the Department of Community Services.</p>	<p>Contact the nearest Housing Services office of the Department of Community Services.</p> <p>Visit the Community Services Web site: www.gov.ns.ca/coms/housing/people_with_disabilities/Access-A-HomeProgram.html</p>
<p>The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) for Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p>To offer financial assistance to modify dwellings.</p>	<p>Homeowners or landlord who want to undertake accessibility work to modify dwellings occupied or intended for occupancy by persons with disabilities* and; for modifications to units occupied by tenants with incomes below the income thresholds; or for assistance if they own a rooming house with rents below established levels.</p>	<p>For landlord: a maximum loan of \$24,000. 100% forgiveness is available for accessibility modifications up to the maximum loan on units occupied by tenants with incomes at or below the HILS. For homeowners: a maximum loan forgiveness of \$16,000.</p>	<p>Contact the nearest Housing Services office of the Department of Community Services.</p>	<p>Contact the nearest Housing Services office of the Department of Community Services.</p> <p>Visit the Community Services Web site: www.gov.ns.ca/coms/housing/people_with_disabilities/DisabledRRAP.html</p>
<p>Tax Rebate for Persons with Visual and Hearing Impairment or Persons Who are Physically or Mentally Challenged</p>	<p>The Tax rebate is designed to help people who are physically challenged to have access to technology by buying a computer.</p>	<p>To be a person who is physically challenged.</p>	<p>The rebate is limited to tax paid on computer hardware.</p>	<p>Rebate forms are available by contacting 902-424-2850, at Access Nova Scotia Centers.</p>	<p>Contact the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Program Management and Corporate Services: 1-800- 565-2336</p> <p>Visit the Government Web site: www.gov.ns.ca www.gov.ns.ca/finance/site-finance/media/finance/taxation/HST_Rebates_Summary.pdf</p>
<p>Vehicle Tax Rebate for Persons With Physiological Impairment</p>	<p>The vehicle Tax Rebate provides financial supports to acquire a motor vehicle to a person with a</p>	<p>For persons deprived of the use of both lower limbs.</p>	<p>This rebate refunds the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) paid on a motor</p>	<p>Fill the application form by calling 1 800 670-4357 or by visiting www.gov.ns.ca/s</p>	<p>Call the Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations: 1 800 670-4357</p> <p>Visit the Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Web</p>

¹⁴ Ibid.

	disability.		vehicle and the special equipment needed.	nsmr/pdf/ans-taxcomm-nsst-rebate-physiological-impairment-motor-vehicle-application.pdf Provide a medical report.	site: www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rebates
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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Senior Citizens' and Disabled Persons' Property Tax Relief	To help seniors and people with disabilities pay less or no property tax.	Be a person with a disability. ¹⁵	Taxes are lowered depending on the type of property owned or occupied.	Write or call the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. www.maca.gov.nt.ca/lands/assessment_services/property_assessment/tax_relief_program.html	Contact the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs: (867) 873-7672 Visit the Web site: www.maca.gov.nt.ca
Personal allowance – Elderly and Disabled Program	To provide a monthly personal allowance to adults who reside in a long-term care facility.	To live in a long-term care facility.	The program provides a certain amount of money to buy materials that are not supplied at the long-term care facility.	Contact the Seniors information line: 1 800 661-0878 www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca/seniors/pension/other_income_programs/personal_allowance_elderly_and_disabled_program.asp	Contact the senior information line: 1 800 661-0878 Visit the Department of Health and Special Services Web site: www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca

¹⁵ As defined by 'any restriction or inability (resulting from an impairment) to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being. This describes a functional limitation or activity restriction caused by impairment. Disabilities are descriptions of disturbances in function at the level of the person.

NUNAVUT

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
<p>Community Living Support</p>	<p>To help financially people living with difficult conditions.</p>	<p>You must apply for income support; Demonstrate financial need; Be 60 years or older <u>or</u> be unable to work in the opinion of a medical professional.</p>	<p>Income Support Participants who qualify will have additional funds included in their monthly assessment for Income Assistance.</p>	<p>You must apply to the Income Support Program to receive Community Living Support. More information on the application process can be found in the Income Support information sheet, "Helping You Become More Independent." Your Community Income Support Worker can give you a copy of this information sheet.</p>	<p>Contact the program: 1-800-953-8516</p> <p>Visit the Government of Nunavut Education Web site: www.edu.gov.nu.ca/apps/authoring/dspPage.aspx?page=37</p>
<p>The Home and Community Care Program</p>	<p>To provide basic home and community care services that are comprehensive, culturally sensitive, accessible and effective to the people of Nunavut.</p>	<p>To be a person with disability, or to have a chronic or acute illness.</p>	<p>Provides basic home and community cares, depending the needs and area of location.</p>	<p>Contact your local Health and Services office.</p>	<p>Contact your local Health and Services office.</p> <p>Visit the Web site of the Nunavut Health and Social Services: www.hss.gov.nu.ca/en/CFS%20Residential%20Care.aspx</p>

YUKON

Programs	Objective	Eligibility criteria	Level of support	For more information
<p>Home care</p>	<p>Provides long-term, acute, palliative and respite care to Yukoners of all ages.</p>	<p>To need home care and to have a valid Yukon Health Care Insurance number.</p>	<p>Different for each person and for different location. Many resources are available such as home support workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapist, registered nurses.</p>	<p>Call the Yukon Home Care Program.</p> <p>Visit the Web site of Yukon Health and Social Services: www.hss.gov.yk.ca/homecare.php</p>
<p>Chronic Disease Program</p>	<p>Provides benefits for Yukon residents who have a chronic disease or a serious functional disability.</p>	<p>People living with hemophilia and people living with HIV are amongst those who are eligible.</p>	<p>Financial assistance is provided for prescription drugs, medical surgical supplies, medical equipment, food supplements or prostheses that are medically required for the management of a condition.</p>	<p>Contact Chronic Disease Program: 867-667-5092 or 1-800-661-0408</p> <p>Visit the Web site of Yukon Health and Social Services: www.hss.gov.yk.ca/chronic_disease.php</p>

GOVERNEMENT OF CANADA

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
Canada Pension Plan disability benefit (CPP)	To replace a portion of employment earnings for people who recently paid into the CPP. There are also benefits for children if at least one parent qualifies for the CPP disability benefit.	A person with a severe and prolonged disability ¹⁶ ; who contributed to the CPP while working; who stopped working because of his medical condition; who is under 65 years of age.	People receiving a CPP disability benefit in 2008 received, on average, about \$799 each month. The benefit includes a fixed amount that everyone receives, plus an amount based on how much you contributed to the CPP.	The application is available online. You can also contact Service Canada in order to have a kit mailed to you.	Contact Canada Pension Plan : 1 800 277-9914 Visit Service Canada Web site: www.servicecanada.gc.ca www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/cpp/disability/disabilitypension.shtml
Canada Pension Plan Disability Vocational Rehabilitation Program	To help people with disabilities returned to work.	To benefit from the CPP; to be motivated to return to work; and whose physicians agree that they can cope with a work-related rehabilitation program.	This program centers on developing an individualized return-to-work rehabilitation plan for each participant. It could include: financial help to improve job skills, help to find a job, etc.	Call Human Resources Development Canada 1 800 277-9914	Call Human Resources Development Canada 1 800 277-9914 Visit the Web site: www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/cpp/disability/vocational_rehabilitation.shtml
Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB)	To help families with the cost of raising a child.	To live with a child under 18 years old and be the primary responsible. To have an eligible family net income.	It depends of the family net income.	Complete Form "RC66, Canada Child Benefits Application" or apply online on "My Account" by using the <i>Apply for child benefits</i> service on Canada Revenue Agency Web site: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/cctb/menu-eng.html	Contact the program at: 1-800-387-1193 Visit Canada Revenue Agency Web site: www.cra-arc.gc.ca www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/cctb/menu-eng.html
Child Disability Benefit (CDB)	Child Disability Benefit is an additional benefit that eligible persons from the CCTB can get in	To be eligible a child must have a severe and prolonged (up to 12 months) impairment in physical or mental	Tax-free benefit of up to \$2,455 per year.	Applied first for the Canada Child Tax Benefit and the CDB will be calculated automatically.	Visit Canada Revenue Agency Web site: Call CCTB program: 1-800-387-1193 www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/dsblty-eng.html

¹⁶ **Severe** means that a person is incapable of regularly pursuing any substantially gainful occupation; **Prolonged** means that the disability will prevent the individual from going back to work in the next 12 months, or is likely to result in death. HRDC medical adjudicators assess the severity of the disability first. Many people mistakenly believe that CPP eligibility decisions are granted on the basis of a specific disease or condition alone. This is not the case. Rather, the decision is based on the limitations that a disease or condition imposes on a person's ability to work and earn an income on a regular basis.

	regards to the special needs of their children.	functions. A qualified practitioner must certify that the child's impairment meets certain conditions ¹⁷ .			
Opportunities Fund For Persons with Disabilities	To help people with disabilities prepare for and obtain employment or self-employment.	To have a permanent physical or mental disability that limits daily activity ¹⁸ ; to be unemployed or working less than 20 hours per week.	Provide assistance to individuals to cover the following costs of participating in an eligible activity: All or part of living expenses; all or part of the cost of participation in the activity; all or part of the cost of training or taking a course.	Contact the nearest Service Canada Center. In Quebec, contact Sphere-Quebec. www.sphere-qc.ca/en/accueil/	To obtain paper copies of this program contact: 1 800-622-6232 . For services, call: 1-800-926-9105 . Visit the Government Web site Human Resources and Skills development: www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/funding_programs/opportunities_fund/index.shtml
Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities	To offer financial assistance to allow homeowners and landlords to pay for modifications to make their property more accessible to persons with disabilities.	Your property may be eligible for RRAP-D if the property: is occupied, or is intended to be occupied, by a low-income person with a disability ¹⁹ ; is rented and the rents are less than established levels for the area; or is owned and the house is valued below a certain amount; and meets minimum standards of health and safety.	Assistance is in the form of a fully forgivable loan and does not have to be repaid if you adhere to the terms and conditions of the program. The loan amount you could receive varies between \$16,000 and \$36,000.	Call Canada Mortgage and House Corporation: 1-800-668-2642 .	Call Canada Mortgage and House Corporation: 1-800-668-2642 Visit the Web site: www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/prfinas/prfinas_003.cfm
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¹⁷ Additional conditions: You must also meet one of those criteria 1) You are significantly restricted in two or more of the basic activities of daily living even with appropriate therapy, medication and device; these significant restrictions exist together, all or substantially all the time; The cumulative effect of these significant restrictions is equivalent to being markedly restricted in a single basic activity of daily living. 2) The effects of your impairment cause you to be markedly restricted in one of the basic activities of daily living. 3) You are blind.

¹⁸ Permanent means that will lasted or his expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months; Limits daily living means speaking, walking, elimination, feeding, dressing or performing the mental functions necessary for life.

¹⁹ The definition of a person with disability may change depending of the province.

<p>deductions (including the disability amount)²⁰</p>	<p>with disability can have access to tax credits and some deductions each year.</p>	<p>permanent physical or mental disability that limits daily activity, or to have a permanent disability and to receive life-sustaining therapy.</p>	<p>change.</p>	<p>Revenue Agency Web site to have all the information about your possible tax deductions and credits. www.cra-arc.gc.ca or call 1-800-959-8281</p>	<p>Agency Web site to have all the information about your possible tax deductions and credits. www.cra-arc.gc.ca www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/menu-eng.html or call 1-800-959-8281</p>
<p>Assisted Living Program</p>	<p>To help First Nations people with functional limitations (because of age, health problems or disability), to maintain their independence, to maximize their level of functioning, and to live in conditions of health and safety.</p>	<p>First Nations people living on reserve with functional limitations such as a disability.</p>	<p>There are three components to the Assisted Living program: in-home care, which provides homemaker services; foster care, which provides supervision and care in a family setting; and institutional care,</p>	<p>The program is assisted by First Nations officers. Contact the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada regional office nearest you.</p>	<p>Visit the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Web site at: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca or call 1-800-567-9604 www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/hb/sp/alp-eng.asp</p>

²⁰ See Annex A for more information about tax information for people with a disability.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Programs	Objectives	Eligibility Criteria	Level of Support	How to Apply	For More Information
CHS Scholarship and Bursary program	In an effort to bring young volunteers into the CHS, and in recognition that a sound education is of utmost importance, the CHS offers the opportunity for persons with outstanding academic results (Scholarships), financial needs (Bursaries) or 30 years of age and planning to attend a post-secondary institution (Mature Student Bursary) to have financial help.	To have a bleeding disorder (including carriers) or to be the spouse or a child of a person with a bleeding disorder. The applicants must also respond to other criteria in links with the scholarship or bursary program where they applied.	\$4000 to attend a post-secondary institution of the applicant choice.	The applicant must provide three letters of reference with their application; a separate letter from a physician or some medical authority confirming their medical status regarding eligibility to this program. Specific forms are also needed depending of the program applied. All the application forms can be found on the CHS Web site with the list of documents required.	Contact the CHS: 1-800-669-2686 Visit the CHS Web site: www.hemophilia.ca www.hemophilia.ca/en/support-and-education/scholarship-program/
Pfizer (formerly Wyeth) Scholarship Program (Souzie Courter Sharing a Brighter Tomorrow Scholarship Program)	Wyeth scholarship program is helping young student living with hemophilia A or B to achieve successfully their careers dreams.	To be eligible for the scholarships, students must have either hemophilia A or hemophilia B and be a high school senior, have a high school diploma or graduate equivalency diploma (GED), or be currently enrolled in an accredited junior college, college (undergraduate or graduate), or vocational school.	\$2500 for undergraduated and \$4000 for graduated.	Visit the Hemophilia village Web site and download the application form.	Contact Wyeth Hemophilia: 1-888-999-2349 Visit the Hemophilia village Web site: www.hemophiliavillage.com www.hemophiliavillage.com/scholarship.html
Ontario Bursary for Students with disability and Canada Study Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with a Permanent Disability.	To provide non-repayable financial assistance to full- and part-time students for disability-related services and equipment that they need to participate in postsecondary	To be a Ontario resident who; have applied and is eligible for a Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan, a Part-Time Canada Student Loan	Up to \$2,000 from the Ontario's Bursary for Students with Disabilities and up to \$8,000 from the Canada Study Grant.	Print and complete an application form or obtain a copy of the application from the office for students with disabilities at the school you plan to attend or from the Student Support Branch of	Visit Ontario Student Assistance Program: http://osap.gov.on.ca https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal/en/A-ZListofAid/UCONT004257.html

	education.	or an Ontario Special Bursary; have additional education related expenses that result from a disability (must be permanent to apply for Canada Study Grant).		the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.	
Education for Life Bursary by the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities	The Alberta Committee implemented the Education for Life Bursary to support and encourage individuals in upgrading their education, preparing them to meet the challenges of a post-secondary education.	Be a resident of Alberta living with a disability; to use the bursary in Alberta and for course materials and/or tuition fee; to be 17 years old or older. The selection is also based on applicant motivation and economic circumstances.	Disbursements range from \$200 to \$800. The total amount awarded each year is \$3,000.	Submit a completed application form and supporting materials by June 30 of the year you plan on attending a post-secondary institution. The application form is available on the Committee Web site.	Contact the Alberta Committee of Citizens with disabilities: 1-800-387-2514 Visit the Web site: www.accd.net www.accd.net/html/wh_at_we_do_bursaries.html
Sport Bursary Program (Manitoba)	Hemophilia Manitoba offers encouragement for families to explore appropriate sport activities for children with moderate and severe bleeding disorders.	To have moderate or severe bleeding disorders; to be 17 years or age or younger.	You can apply for two bursaries per year at a maximum of \$100 for each bursary.	Families are required to fill out the Sports Bursary application form that must be approved by the Care Team children's Physiotherapist. Forms are available from the Care Team, the Chapter Office and on the Chapter web site.	Contact Hemophilia Manitoba: 866-775-8625 Visit the Web site: www.hemophiliamb.ca www.hemophiliamb.ca/Documents/SportsBursaryProgram.pdf
Canadian Hemophilia Society, Manitoba Chapter Community Service Award Program	CHS-MC offers the opportunity for those who qualify to receive a community service award to attend a post-secondary institution of their choice. Those wishing to	Be living with hemophilia, have another inherited bleeding disorder, be a carrier of such a disorder. Applicants of all ages will be considered but preference to	Community service awards shall be subject to funding availability. At the discretion of the review committee, applicants applying for a community service award	Please complete the Community Service Award application and mail it to the chapter.	Visit the Web site: www.hemophiliamb.ca/scholarships.php

	upgrade and/or retrain are also eligible to apply to this program.	those under 24. Be a registered member of CHS-MC. Possess academic standards sufficient to allow admission or continued study at a recognized post-secondary educational institution, preferably in Manitoba. Demonstrate experience as a volunteer in their community	may be awarded up to a maximum of \$2 000. <i>Additional Academic Achievement Awards may be awarded to qualified applicants to a maximum of \$500.</i>		
Allowance for Special Needs Program (Québec)	Offers financial support (for primary, secondary, college and university level) to children and adults with disabilities	To have a major functional disability or another recognized disability or special needs that hinder learning	According to the student's need- can finance adaptive equipment, specialized services, paratransit services or a housing allowance, etc	Fill out the form <i>Allowance for Special Needs</i> (for either children or adult) and follow the steps on the website	Contact the program at 1 866 946-6006 Vist : www.afe.gouv.qc.ca/en/index.asp www.afe.gouv.qc.ca/en/autresProgrammes/allocationsBesoins.asp
NWT Study Grant for Students with Disabilities	To help students with permanent disabilities cover educational-related costs.	To be a student with a permanent disability.	You may be eligible for a grant of up to \$8,000 per academic year if you are a full-time student and up to \$1,000 for each full credit course if you are a part-time student.	You can apply for this benefit at any time during your academic year. You must provide a medical or other approved assessment that describes the way in which the disability limits your full participation in postsecondary studies.	Contact the Income Security Division: 1-800-661-0793 Visit: www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca www.neads.ca/en/norc/movingon/funding/funding_west_09.php?m=P&id=

<p>AUCC Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities</p>	<p>The Association of Universities and College of Canada offers bursaries for undergraduate students with a permanent disability.</p>	<p>To be a full-time students in a field that leads to undergraduate degree; To be diagnosed with a documented permanent disability²¹ that is the primary disability for which they are applying; to have a minimum average of 75%.</p>	<p>Maximum ten bursaries of \$5,000 for one year (may be renewed).</p>	<p>Contact the program by email: awards@aucc.ca https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=934&oth=0002722009&lg=1 https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=934&oth=0001442010&lg=1</p>	<p>Contact the Association of Universities and College of Canada Web site: https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/ Contact the program by email: awards@aucc.ca</p>
<p>Canada Study Grant for the Accommodation of Students with Permanent Disabilities</p>	<p>Federal Government initiative for student in post secondary studies (excluding student from Quebec, Nunavut and Northwest Territories).</p>	<p>To have a permanent disability such as a physical one²²; to be in need of exceptional education-related services or equipment to perform the daily activities necessary to participate in post secondary studies.</p>	<p>The federal government may grant up to \$8,000 a year to cover exceptional education-related costs associated with certain permanent disabilities such as specialized transportation.</p>	<p>You must first apply to your provincial or territorial authority for a full-time or part-time Canada student loan in order to establish need. You must submit a separate application form for the Canada Study Grant to the same authority which can be found on this Web site: www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml</p>	<p>Contact the National Student Loans Services: 1-888-815-4514 Visit the Web site: www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml www.canlearn.ca/eng/main/spotlighton/bdg2008/faq.shtml</p>
<p>Canada Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities</p>	<p>Federal Government initiative for student in post secondary studies (excluding student from Quebec, Nunavut and Northwest Territories).</p>	<p>To have a permanent disability²³; to be a part-time or full-time student; to be eligible for a Canada Student Loan.</p>	<p>Help cover the costs of accommodation, tuition, books and other education-related expenses up to \$2,000 per loan year.</p>	<p>You just need to apply for a Canada Student Loan and to provide proof of your permanent disability with your loan application.</p>	<p>Contact the National Student Loans Services: 1-888-815-4514 Visit the Web site: www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml www.disabilityawards.ca/</p>

²¹ According to AUCC a permanent disability is : “ a permanent functional limitation resulting from a physical, sensory or mental health impairment or a learning disability which affects the ability of the student to perform the activities necessary to participate fully in post-secondary learning”.

²² Permanent disability: limits physical or mental ability to perform the daily activities necessary to participate fully in post secondary studies or in the labour force.

²³ Ibid.

<p>Permanent Disability Benefit</p>	<p>Federal Government initiative (excluding student from Quebec, Nunavut and Northwest Territories).</p>	<p>To have a severe permanent disability^{24*}. People that received loans between 1995 and 2000 are now also eligible.</p>	<p>Your loans will be immediately forgiven.</p>	<p>Contact the National Student Loans Center (NSLC) to request an application form.</p>	<p>Contact the NSLC: 1-888-815-4514 Visit the Web site: www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml</p>
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²⁴ Severe permanent disability: a functional limitation caused by a physical or mental impairment that prevents a borrower from performing the daily activities necessary to participate in studies at a post-secondary school level and in the work force and is expected to remain with the person for their expected life.

ANNEX A: TAX INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Through the tax system, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) administers a range of benefits and credits for persons with a disability or those who are caring for a dependant with a disability. By filing your income tax and benefit return by April 30, your return will be processed faster and if you are entitled to a refund, you will receive it earlier.

BENEFITS

Child Disability Benefit – The Child Disability Benefit (CDB) is intended for families caring for a child under the age of 18 with a severe or prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions. The CDB is paid monthly with the Canada Child Tax Benefit on the 20th day of each month. The CDB, which is based on family net income, provides up to a maximum of \$199.58 per month for each child eligible for the disability amount. The CDB starts being reduced when family net income is more than \$37,885. For more information, go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/dsblty-eng.html

Goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax credit – In 2007, we issued over \$3 million in goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credits to more than 33,000 individuals. To receive your GST/HST credit, you must apply by completing the application area on page 1 of your income tax and benefit return, even if you received the credit last year. For more information on the GST/HST credit, see Pamphlet RC4210, *GST/HST Credit*, or go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/menu-eng.html

FEDERAL NON-REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS

Disability amount – If a qualified practitioner certifies on Form T2201, *Disability Tax Credit Certificate*, that you have a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental function, you can claim the disability amount of \$7,021 when filing your return. The disability amount can be transferred in whole or in part if the person with the disability does not need it to reduce his or her taxable income. See lines 316 and 318 of the *General Income Tax and Benefit Guide*. www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/Ins300-350/316/menu-eng.html and www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/Ins300-350/318/menu-eng.html

Medical expenses – You may be able to claim the cost of medical expenses for any 12-month period ending this year (provided that they have not been claimed before) for yourself, your spouse or common-law partner, or your dependants. For the year, your total expenses have to be more than 3% of your net income or \$1,962, whichever is less. For more information about medical expenses, including a list of common eligible expenses, go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/Ins300-350/330/menu-eng.html.

REGISTERED DISABILITY SAVINGS PLAN

A registered disability savings plan (RDSP) is a plan that provides long-term financial security for a beneficiary who has a severe impairment in physical or mental function. The beneficiary named under an RDSP must be eligible for the disability tax credit. Contributions are not tax deductible, but the earnings generated on contributions are tax-exempt while they stay in the plan. When earnings are withdrawn from the savings plan, they are taxable in the hands of the beneficiary. For more information, go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/rc4460/README.html

ELECTRONIC SERVICES – QUICK. EASY. SECURE.

Millions of people trust the reliability and flexibility of the online services that the CRA offers—services that allow you to file a return, change your return, change your address, calculate your family benefits, apply for direct deposit, and more. For a list of quick, easy, and secure options, go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/esrvc-srvce/menu-eng.html.

Did you know that your benefit and credit payments, as well as your income tax refund, can be deposited directly into your financial institution account? To have this done, simply apply for direct deposit through the My Account online service at www.cra-arc.gc.ca/esrvc-srvce/tx/ndvdl/myccnt/menu-eng.html. If your direct deposit information changes, please provide us with your new account information as soon as possible. You can also view your disability tax credit status and authorize a representative to act on your behalf.

HELP COMPLETING YOUR RETURN

If you qualify for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and have a simple tax situation, a trained volunteer will help you complete your income tax and benefit return. To find a Community Volunteer Income Tax Program clinic near you, go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/vlntr/menu-eng.html, or call the CRA Individuals Income Tax Enquiries line at **1-800-959-8281**.

MULTIPLE FORMATS

If you have a visual impairment, you can get our publications in braille, large print, etext (CD or diskette), or MP3, by visiting our Web site at www.cra-arc.gc.ca/formspubs/hlp/bt_mltp-eng.html, or by calling **1-800-959-2221**. You can also get your personalized correspondence in one of these formats by calling **1-800-959-8281**.

MORE INFORMATION

For more tax-related information for persons with a disability, see Guide RC4064, *Medical and Disability-Related Information*, or go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sgmnts/dsblts/menu-eng.html

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www.cra-arc.gc.ca/nwsrm/txtps/menu-eng.html