

Disability Without Poverty (DWP) Better the Benefit Campaign Background

- 27% of Canadians are disabled.
- 41% of people who live in poverty are disabled.
- 1.5 million disabled people in Canada live in poverty.
- No provincial or territorial disability assistance payment raises people above the poverty line.
- The 2024 federal budget allocated \$6.1 billion to be rolled out over 6 years commencing July 2025.
- The benefit's maximum is \$2,400 annually.
- The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is the eligibility tool. The expectation from the government is that with funding of medical forms, eligibility will double from the current 300,000 on the DTC, to 600,000.

Call to Action for People with Disabilities

Reach out and talk to elected officials at all levels of government. Schedule a meeting or talk to them at community events building to the federal election. Tell them your concerns about the amount, eligibility, and application process. Ensure there are no clawbacks of any kind.

Ask your Elected Official or Candidate

- To increase the amount – the benefit should lift disabled people out of poverty.
- To cut red tape – automatically enrol those already eligible for other disability benefits.
- To ensure there are no clawbacks – the CDB must be a top-up to other income and disability support programs for all levels of government.

\$200 a month to so few people with disabilities is far below what is needed. We expect better.