



What is the BC Children and Youth Disability Supplement?

Purpose

The BC Children and Youth Disability Supplement (Disability Supplement) is an **income-tested** monthly payment designed to help families with the **costs of raising a child with support needs with a focus on middle to low-income families**.

The new Disability Supplement provides a **maximum benefit** up to **\$6,000 per year per eligible child**, paid monthly. The benefit pays the most to families with the lowest household incomes.

Families decide how to use the money, without having to submit paperwork – giving families greater flexibility and autonomy and more time to spend supporting their children.

Core Eligibility

A family is eligible for the new **Disability Supplement** if **both** of the following apply:

1. The child is eligible for the federal Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

- Based on severe and prolonged functional impairment, not diagnosis
- Requires certification by an eligible medical practitioner
- Adjudicated by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

2. The family meets the income thresholds:

- Family households earning roughly \$50,000 per year adjusted family net income can expect to receive the full amount; the Disability Supplement phases out at different rates depending on the number of children eligible for the Disability Supplement (e.g., 1 eligible child = \$200,000 adjusted family net income; 2 eligible children = \$350,000 adjusted family net income)

Key Features

- Maximum benefit: up to \$6,000 per year per child, paid monthly
- Access to the new Disability Supplement relies on the federal DTC eligibility and is therefore not based on diagnosis alone, but on functional impairment and limitations recognized by a medical practitioner
- Income tested
- Administered by CRA, not the Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Automatically paid to families who receive the federal DTC on behalf of their child and meet income thresholds
- Families who do not have the federal DTC in place must apply to the federal government and be approved in order to receive the new Disability Supplement

What can the Disability Supplement be used for?

The Disability Supplement is **flexible household income support**. The money goes into the family's bank account automatically. Families decide how to use it, emphasizing greater flexibility and autonomy.

Families can use it for any costs related to raising a child with support needs, including:

- Tutoring and extra curricular supports
- Extra disability-related costs not covered elsewhere
- Therapies
- Counselling for siblings
- Childcare
- Respite

How do families get the Disability Supplement money?

Families do not apply to the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

If a family:

- > Meets the income thresholds
- > Receives the **federal DTC** on behalf of their child,

Then:

- > They will be automatically enrolled in the Disability Supplement
- > The CRA **automatically pays** the Disability Supplement **monthly**, combined with Canada Child Benefit payments
- > Maximum is **up to \$6,000 per year per child**, depending on income

What Families Need to Know about the new Disability Supplement

- First payments will begin in July 2027 for eligible families.
- Families should:
 - > Apply for the federal DTC for their child or youth if they don't already have it
 - > Make sure they file their tax returns on time to avoid delay in receiving their benefits
- Once an eligible family receives the federal DTC on behalf of their child, no other application is required. Payments will be issued automatically by the CRA
- A family's Disability Supplement amount will be based on the previous year's income tax return. In other words, the Disability Supplement for July 2027 – June 2028 is based on your 2026 adjusted family net income
- To avoid delays, families should ensure the Canada Revenue Agency has up to date tax and account information (e.g., current BC address, direct deposit details)
- Families are eligible for the new Disability Supplement regardless of whether a child qualifies for the BC Children and Youth Disability Benefit
- Access to the Disability Supplement does not preclude access to BC Children and Youth Disability Benefit

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NOTE: The Disability Supplement amount your family receives depends on your adjusted family net income and the number of children or youth in your family who are eligible for the federal DTC.

For example, if your adjusted family net income is between \$50,000 - \$100,000 and you have one child who is eligible for the federal DTC, you can expect to receive a Disability Supplement of approximately \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year (about \$333 to \$500 per month).

Families with lower incomes receive a higher supplement, and families with more than one eligible child, receive a supplement for each eligible child. The table shows examples of how annual and monthly amounts increase or decrease based on these factors.


Households with an adjusted family net income of \$50,000

 **One child:** \$6,000/year (\$500/month)

 **Two children:** \$12,000/year (\$1,000/month)

 **Three children:** \$18,000/year (\$1,500/month)


Households with an adjusted family net income of \$100,000

 **One child:** \$4,000/year (\$333.33/month)

 **Two children:** \$10,000/year (\$833.33/month)

 **Three children:** \$16,000/year (\$1,333.33/month)

Households with an adjusted family net income of \$180,000

 **One child:** \$800/year (\$66.67/month)

 **Two children:** \$6,800/year (\$566.67/month)

 **Three children:** \$12,800/year (\$1,066.67/month)

Please Note: Table 2. Disability Supplement provides examples of the approximate supplement calculations utilizing families with 1, 2 or 3 children eligible for the federal DTC at the different incomes.

The Disability Supplement is part of a broader provincial effort to strengthen and improve supports for children with disabilities across B.C.



We want all children and youth to have access to the supports they need to live full, happy lives. Over the past two years, we've worked closely with families, service providers, and advocates across B.C. to understand what isn't working and how to do better. Families told us clearly that too many children aren't getting the help they need, that support doesn't match the level of need, and that the system is too complex and stressful to navigate.

We listened—and we're taking action.

With a major new investment over the next three years, B.C. is expanding and strengthening supports for children and youth with support needs. These changes are about putting more support into families' hands, expanding free community services, and making the system easier to understand and use.

B.C. will deliver:

- More investment in children with disabilities than ever before
- More support for children and youth with the highest levels of need
- Additional help for middle and low-income families
- Expanded eligibility so more children qualify across more disabilities
- A simpler system that is easier and less stressful to navigate
- Continued family choice in how supports are accessed
- Expanded and better-connected services so the system works together more effectively



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