

## The Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC) Financial Pathway

The Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC) is a non-refundable tax credit for individuals who are caring for a dependant with a physical or cognitive impairment. A non-refundable tax credit is an amount subtracted from your income tax liability, up to the total amount you owe. However, unlike a refundable tax credit, a non-refundable credit **cannot** reduce your tax balance beyond zero giving you extra funding. The CCC is a combination of three previous credits: (1) the caregiver credit, (2) the family caregiver credit and (3) credit for infirm dependants age 18 or older. If eligible, the parent and/or guardian may be able to claim \$2,182 (adjusted for inflation annually) and an additional amount up to a maximum of \$6,986 for low-income families.

### The Canada Caregiver Credit Application Process

#### Confirm Eligibility

The Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC) is available to individuals who are supporting family members living with a physical and/or cognitive impairment. In order to be eligible the family member must be a permanent resident of Canada who relies on you regularly and consistently to provide them with the necessities of life such as food, shelter and clothing, due to their impairment. Accessing the Disability Tax Credit is the simplest way to confirm eligibility for the Canada Caregiver Credit.

Eligible dependants could be:

1. Your spouse or common law partner;
2. You or your partner's children and grandchildren;
3. You or your partner's parents, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece or nephew.

Under the CCC, dependants over the age of 65 who do not live with an impairment are no longer eligible for tax returns.

## File Income Tax Returns

Under the CCC you may be able to claim an amount up to \$2,182 (adjusted for inflation annually) for the dependant. In addition to this if you are eligible for the CCC for your spouse or common-law partner, or an eligible dependant 18 years or older, and they are low-income (\$7,005 and \$23,391), you may be able to claim an amount up to a maximum of \$6,986.

More information on the tax credit claim options can be accessed [here](#).

### Child Eligible Dependants (under 18 years)

You may be able to claim an amount of \$2,182 (adjusted for inflation annually) on line 305 or on line 367 of Schedule 1 for your child living with a disability.

### Your Partner

You may be able to claim an amount of \$2,182 (adjusted for inflation annually) in line 303 of Schedule 1 (using Schedule 5). Depending on their net income you could also claim an amount up to \$6,986 on line 304.

### Adult Eligible Dependants (18 years or older)

You may be able to claim an amount of \$2,182 (adjusted for inflation annually) in line 305 of Schedule 1 (using Schedule 5). Depending on their income you could also claim an amount up to \$6,986 on line 304 of Schedule 1.

## Register Your Child as an Eligible Dependant on Your Federal Income Taxes (Schedule 5)

As you are completing line 305, 307 and 367 of the Schedule 1 of your federal income tax form, **you would provide information for your child on Schedule 5 of the federal income tax form.**

Example Schedule 5 of the federal income tax form:

Line 305 – Amount for an eligible dependant			
Did your marital status change to married or common-law in 2018?			
If <b>yes</b> , tick this box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>5529</b> and enter the date of the change.		Month	Day
		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Provide the requested information and complete the following calculation for this dependant.</b>			
First and last name:	Year of birth	Relationship to you	Is this dependant physically or mentally infirm?
Address:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Base amount			11,809 00 1
If you are entitled to the <b>Canada caregiver amount</b> for your dependant ( <b>other than</b> your infirm child under 18 years of age), enter \$2,182 (see "Canada caregiver amount" under Step 5 in the guide, read the note below, and see line 304 above).			<b>5110</b> + 2
Add lines 1 and 2.			= 3
Dependant's net income (line 236 of their return)			<b>5106</b> - 4
Line 3 minus line 4 (if negative, enter "0"). Enter this amount on line 305 of your Schedule 1.			= 5
<b>Note:</b> If the dependant is your or your spouse's or common-law partner's infirm child under 18 years of age, you <b>must</b> claim the Canada caregiver amount on line 367, <b>not</b> on line 5110.			

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### Claim the Canada Caregiver Credit on line 367 (Schedule 1)

Under the CCC you can claim \$2182 (adjusted for inflation annually) for each child you have living with a disability.

*Example (if you were only claiming tax credits for one child living with a disability and had no other dependents):*

Montant pour une personne à charge admissible (Remplissez l'annexe 5.)	305+			5
Montant canadien pour aidants naturels pour autres personnes à charge âgées de 18 ans ou plus ayant une déficience (Remplissez l'annexe 5.)	307+			6
Montant canadien pour aidants naturels pour enfants âgés de moins de 18 ans ayant une déficience				
Inscrivez le nombre d'enfants pour lesquels vous demandez ce montant.	352	× 2 182 \$ =	367+	7

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### Additional Children (or Eligible Dependents)

If you are caring more for than one dependant you are eligible to make additional tax credit claims:

1. For each additional child dependant (under 18 years old), you may be entitled to claim an amount of \$2,182 on line 367 of Schedule 1.
2. For each additional adult dependant (at or over 18 years old), you may be eligible to claim an amount up to a maximum of \$6,986 on line 307 of Schedule 1.

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### Adult Eligible Dependents and the Canada Caregiver Credit

If you are caring for an eligible dependent (child, partner or family member) who is older than 18 years, you are able to claim the Canada Caregiver Credit on line 303 or 305.

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## Calculate Federal Non-Refundable Tax Credits

Next, you would add up all of the amounts on line 1-25 and line 30 to create a subtotal at line 31.

For example, assuming you the only other tax claim you make is the Disability Amount Transferred from a Dependent, you would add your basic personal amount (line 300: \$11,809), the Canada Caregiver Amount for infirm children (line 367: \$2,182) and the disability amount transferred from a dependent (line 318: \$24,481).

This would total: \$38,472 in line 335.

To calculate the total non-refundable tax credit you are owed you would multiply the total on line 335 (\$38,472) by 0.15 on line 32. Thus your total non-refundable tax credit, with the sole credit claimed being the federal Disability Tax Credit, is \$ 5770.80.

### Example of a the Total Non-Refundable Tax Credit for a child living with a disability:

(Complete the Worksheet for Schedule 1.)	331 +	28		
Add lines 27 and 28.	=	▶ 332 +		29
Add lines 1 to 24, and line 29.		335 =	38472.00	30
Federal non-refundable tax credit rate		×	15%	31
Multiply line 30 by line 31.		338 =	5770.80	32
Donations and gifts (Complete Schedule 9.)		349 +		33
Add lines 32 and 33.			5770.80	
Enter this amount on line 46 on the next page.		<b>Total federal non-refundable tax credits 350 =</b>		<b>34</b>



## Documents and Verification Required

Accessing the Disability Tax Credit is the simplest way to be eligible for the Canada Caregiver Credit. You do not need a signed statement from a medical practitioner if the CRA already has approved your child's application under the Disability Tax Credit.

If your child is not approved to receive the Disability Tax Credit, you should not send any additional documents, such as doctors notes or receipts, with your tax return. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) may follow up at a later date requesting a signed statement from a medical practitioner (as of 2017 nurse practitioners may sign a statement) outlining when the impairment began and the likely duration of the impairment. For children under the age of 18 years, this signed statement should also state that the impairment requires the child to have more support from the family than typically developing children of the same age would require.



## Submit Income Taxes Annually

To continue accessing the CCC it is important that income taxes are submitted annually.