# It's your money!



## How can you get benefit and credit payments?

You could get benefit and credit payments if you do your taxes every year, even if you had no income. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, they also have to do their taxes every year.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) uses the information from your income tax and benefit return to calculate your benefit and credit payments, and any related provincial or territorial payments you may be eligible for.

If you have children in your care, you should apply for the Canada child benefit by either filling out Form RC66, Canada Child Benefits Application, or by using My Account.

You could apply for benefits and credits for **up to 10 years back,** if you were not getting them but were eligible for them. You will have to do your taxes for those years if you have not already done them.

### **Benefits and credits**

**Canada child benefit** – Up to **\$6,765** per year for each child under the age of 6, and up to **\$5,708** per year for each child aged 6 to 17.

**Child disability benefit** – Up to **\$2,886** per year if your child under age 18 is eligible for the disability tax credit.

GST/HST credit - Up to \$592 per year, plus \$155 per year for each child under the age of 19.

**Disability tax credit** – Up to **\$8,416** as a non-refundable tax credit you can claim on your return, or a family member who supports you can claim on their return, if you have a disability.

**Canada workers benefit** – Up to **\$2,335** as a refundable tax credit on your return, if you have working income. You could also apply to get up to half of the tax credit amount in advance payments.

You could also get related provincial or territorial payments.

### Get your taxes done for free

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, a volunteer could do your taxes for you at one of our free tax clinics. For more information and to find a tax clinic go to **canada.ca/taxes-help** or call the CRA.

### Get your payments faster!

### Sign up for direct deposit

With direct deposit, you get your tax refund and benefit payments deposited directly into your bank account. For more information or to sign up, go to **canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit**.

#### Keep your personal information up to date

Changes to your personal information such as your marital status, the number of children in your care, and your address directly affect your benefit and credit payments. To avoid delays and incorrect payments, update your personal information in My Account or call the CRA.

### **Register for My Account**

My Account lets you quickly and easily manage your tax and benefit affairs online. You can track your refund, check your benefit and credit payments and dates, and so much more! Go to **canada.ca/my-cra-account** for more information or to register.

Once you are registered to My Account, you can use MyCRA and MyBenefits CRA web apps from your mobile device.

### For more information

#### Online

Child and family benefits canada.ca/child-family-benefits

Disability tax credit canada.ca/disability-tax-credit

Get ready to do your taxes canada.ca/taxes-get-ready

Forms and publications canada.ca/cra-forms

By phone

To ask about benefits **1-800-387-1193** 

For any other questions or to get forms 1-800-959-8281

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights states that every Canadian has the right to complete, accurate, clear, and timely information that explains the laws and policies that apply to their unique situation.

**Don't get scammed!** Beware of tax fraud schemes. If you get a call or an email that sounds like a scam, it probably is! When in doubt, verify your information in My Account or call the CRA. For more information, go to **canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention**.

