



New to Canada? The CRA can help.

Many of the benefits people enjoy in Canada are made possible through taxes.

How much could you get per year?

If you are a resident of Canada for income tax purposes (you have significant ties in Canada such as a home, a spouse, a common-law partner, or dependants), there are many benefits, credits, and programs available to help you financially.

Goods and services tax / harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit – up to **\$496** for an eligible individual and up to **\$992** for an eligible couple with two children.

How do you get benefits and credits?

Apply for the **CCB** and the **GST/HST credit** as soon as you get your social insurance number (SIN) from Service Canada. To find out how to get a SIN, go to canada.ca/social-insurance-number. If you have children, fill out the **Canada Child Benefits Application form (RC66)** and the form **Status in Canada and Income Information (RC66SCH)** and send them to the CRA.

If you do not have children, apply for the **GST/HST credit** for you or your spouse or common-law partner by filling out the **GST/HST Credit Application for Individuals Who Become Residents of Canada form (RC151)** and send it to the CRA.

With the help of the Canada child benefit, I was able to put my son in daycare, to actively look for my first job in Canada.

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Canada child benefit (CCB) – up to **\$7,437** for each child under 6 years of age and up to **\$6,275** for each child aged 6 to 17.

Disability tax credit – eligible individuals with a disability or their supporting family member may claim **\$9,428** as a non-refundable tax credit. Persons under 18 years of age at the end of the year may also be eligible for an additional amount of up to **\$5,500**. Go to canada.ca/disability-tax-credit.

Forms can be downloaded at canada.ca/cra-forms.

You and your spouse or common-law partner have until April 30 each year to do your taxes, even if you had no income, to continue getting your benefit payments. If you live in Quebec, you also have to complete a provincial tax return. Keep your receipts and other supporting documents in case the CRA asks for them.



Do you need help?



Get your taxes done for free

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, you may be able to get your taxes done by a volunteer for free. To learn more, go to canada.ca/taxes-help or call the CRA. If you live in Quebec, go to revenuquebec.ca/volunteers or call Revenu Québec or the CRA.



Do your taxes online

You can do your taxes online with NETFILE-certified tax software. A variety of tax software packages and web apps are available, some of which are free. For more information, go to canada.ca/netfile.



Let someone else represent you

You can authorize someone to help manage your tax information with the CRA. For more information, go to canada.ca/taxes-representative-authorization.

Don't miss a payment!



Sign up for direct deposit

Direct deposit is a fast, convenient, and secure way to get your tax refund and benefit payments deposited into your account at a financial institution. Learn more about how to sign up at canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit.



Register for My Account

My Account lets you view and manage your income tax and benefit information online. You can also view any uncashed cheques you may have from the CRA, and if necessary, ask that a payment be re-issued. Go to canada.ca/my-cra-account.



Keep your information up to date

To avoid delays, make sure your personal information (such as your marital status, your address, or your bank account) is up to date in My Account or call the CRA.

For more information:

Online

See the benefits you may be eligible for, learn how to apply, and estimate how much you could get. Get benefits and credits for up to 10 years back. Go to: canada.ca/benefits-credits-nc

By phone

To ask about benefits

1-800-387-1193

For other questions
or to get forms

1-800-959-8281

Service Canada

1-866-274-6627

If you are calling from
the 867 area code

1-866-426-1527

Revenu Québec

1-800-267-6299

Beware of scammers pretending to be the CRA. When in doubt, check your information in My Account or call the CRA. To learn what to expect if the CRA contacts you, go to canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention.

