

Alberta's government understands how important financial and health benefits are to help Albertans meet their needs and live independently. On June 20, 2025, the federal government launched the new Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), which will provide up to \$200 per month for eligible Canadians with disabilities.

To access this new federal benefit, individuals must have filed their 2024 federal income tax return and be approved for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). The federal government has committed to reimburse medical certification costs for the DTC. Additional information about the DTC and how to apply can be found on the federal government's website at [canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit](https://canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit).

Additional information about the CDB, including eligibility criteria, a benefit estimator and how to apply can be found on the federal government's website at

[Canada.ca/en/services/benefits/disability/canada-disability-benefit](https://Canada.ca/en/services/benefits/disability/canada-disability-benefit).

Income from the new federal CDB will be treated as non-exempt for AISH recipients. This means that, with the addition of the CDB, an AISH client's overall monthly government disability support will remain unchanged. As a legislated program, AISH will remain fully funded and available to all eligible Albertans.

The federal government has stated that the intention of the CDB is to see the combined amount of federal and provincial or territorial income supports for persons with disabilities grow to the level of Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement. This works out to \$1,814 per month. Alberta is one of only two provinces to exceed this federal benchmark. The AISH core benefit rate will remain the same at \$1,901 per month in 2025 — the highest disability support rate of any province in Canada.

AISH clients are required to access all sources of income they may be eligible for, including federal programs. Please update your local AISH office to update them about the status of your DTC and CDB applications prior to September 5, 2025. Given the statutory requirement to access all sources of income you may be eligible for, clients who have not communicated the status of their CDB application to their AISH office prior to September 5, 2025, may see an equivalent amount to the CDB benefit, \$200, deducted from their monthly AISH benefits, beginning with the October 2025 period of assistance.

Sincerely,

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program