



Less Paperwork. More Care.

Address the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) form

The federal government must stop expecting family doctors to be gatekeepers for the benefits offered by the DTC. Family doctors must be able to do what they do best—provide care to patients.

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) calls on the federal government to revise legislation, such as the *Income Tax Act*, Section 118.3, to relieve medical practitioners of this obligation.

Six million Canadians don't have access to a regular family doctor. Completing paperwork such as the Disability Tax Credit form means less time for family doctors to provide direct patient care.

Each DTC form takes up to **1 hour** to complete

In 2022, **250,000** DTC forms were processed

That amounts to over **1,000,000** lost patient visits

- Family physicians aren't paid for completing the DTC form and many are forced to pass on the cost to patients.
- Family physicians report federal health forms to be a significant or main source of their administrative burden and over **96 per cent** want the federal government to make changes to the process.

The CFPC remains committed to seeking solutions that reduce administrative burden on family physicians, including the DTC and other federal health forms such as the Canada Pension Plan disability benefit. Less paperwork contributes to a sustainable and appealing career as a family doctor and better access to primary care for Canadians.

Case studies show examples of the family physicians' struggle with the DTC form.

Family physicians – take action!
Write to your MP calling for the removal of the obligation to certify the DTC form.



Correction made in August 2024: Earlier versions of this document misstated the number of DTC forms processed in 2022, as it was based on the number of unique conditions being reviewed. Approximately 250,000 DTC applications were processed in 2022. The impact on clinical time lost remains significant, amounting up to 1,000,000 patient visits.