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# Harper Government launches consultations on the Disability Tax Credit and aims to establish maximum promoters' fees

Engagement results will help the CRA to simplify the DTC application process and ensure persons with disabilities are protected from excessive fees

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The Honourable Kerry-Lynne Findlay, P.C., Q.C., M.P., Minister of National Revenue, today announced upcoming consultations to support the *Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restrictions Act*, a private members bill initiated by Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. The [Act](#) limits fees that can be charged for helping to complete a disability tax credit request, and ensures that more money remains with persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

The consultations will provide Canadians with disabilities, their caregivers, promoters, tax professionals, qualified practitioners and members from the general public with an opportunity to provide feedback on how the CRA can both simplify and clarify the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) application process. This feedback will also help our Government develop regulations under the Act that establish the maximum fee that can be charged or accepted from a client for completing a disability tax credit application and claiming the disability amount.

In addition to the in-person consultations, Canadians may also provide feedback through an online consultation tool, available now.

Anyone wishing to register to participate for an in-person consultation or to submit feedback online can do so by going to [www.cra.gc.ca/dtcconsultations](http://www.cra.gc.ca/dtcconsultations).

## Quick facts

- Starting this month the CRA will begin both in-person and online consultations with

Canadians surrounding the disability tax credit.

- Consultations will be held in four cities: Vancouver, Toronto, Montréal and Halifax. Feedback is also being accepted online [here](#).
- According to CRA data, approximately 1.1 million taxpayers are currently eligible for the DTC, and approximately 50% of them are seniors.
- For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, approximately 620,000 individuals claimed the DTC on their Income Tax and Benefit Return, for a total amount of \$986 million.

## Quotes

“Through these important consultations, we want to hear from persons with disabilities, tax preparers, qualified practitioners and Canadians in general. We want input on how the provisions of the *Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restrictions Act* can be effectively implemented, how we can simplify the disability tax credit process to better meet the needs of persons with disabilities and those who care for them. We must ensure that people with disabilities are not paying excessive fees for help in completing a DTC request.”

- The Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, P.C., Q.C., M.P., Minister of National Revenue

“Our government strives to simplify processes to better serve taxpayers and works to ensure that legislation, programs, and services take into account the rights and interests of all Canadians. Starting today, we are seeking public input on simplification of the disability tax credit process to ensure that more money stays in the pockets of persons with disabilities and their caregivers who need it most.”

- The Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, P.C., Q.C., M.P., Minister of National Revenue

“Our Government is committed to working with the community to ensure persons with disabilities and their supporting family members are well-served by the federal services intended to support them. I am proud to see the *Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restrictions Act* being implemented to protect citizens from excessive fees.”

- Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke