

## Frequently Asked Questions

### I don't understand the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) application. Can you help?

Yes. Our advocates will help you complete the form and gather the information you need to support your application.

### My PWD/PPMB application has been denied, but I think I should qualify. What should I do?

We can review your case with you, clarify why it was denied and assist you with your appeal, if there are grounds to do so.

### I receive PWD and will be getting an inheritance. Does this mean I'll lose my benefits?

Inheritances must be declared to the MSDPR in the month they are received. They are considered exempt income as long as your overall assets stay under \$100,000. If you think you might go over the asset limit or have received money from another source, we can advise you of your options.

### I'm interested in applying for CPP-D. How many years do I need to have worked and paid into the CPP program?

We can help you determine whether you have enough CPP contributions to apply. Please request your CPP Statement of Contributions from Service Canada through your My Service Canada account online or by calling Service Canada.

## Contact Us

For information and assistance, or to meet with an advocate, please contact us to be added to our waitlist.

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Advocacy Access has been a place of support, information and advocacy for people with disabilities since 1989.

Our mission is to help our clients receive the government benefits and services to which they are entitled.

We help people access provincial (PWD/PPMB) and federal (CPP-D) disability benefits, including medical services and supplies available to PWD/PPMB recipients.

Our advocates help with applications and appeals related to these benefits.



## BC Disability Benefits

- Applying for the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) or Persons with Persistent and Multiple Barriers to Employment (PPMB) benefits
- Appealing the denial of PWD and PPMB (Reconsideration and Tribunal)
- Applying for and appealing denial of health supplements
- Understanding income assistance rights and responsibilities
- Resolving eligibility issues
- Understanding and benefitting from the Annualized Earnings Exemption

## Canada Pension Plan Disability (CPP-D)

- Applying for CPP-D
- Appealing the denial of CPP-D: Reconsiderations and the Social Security Tribunal (SST)

## Information, Referral and Advice

- We provide information about and referral to other community and government resources
- Our advocates can advise you about general disability-related matters

## Publications

We publish a wide range of free self-help publications and advocates' guides on benefits and programs. They are available from our office or our website.

## Partnerships

We work with our community partners to provide free legal clinics and social workers' assistance with Section 3 of the PWD application form. We also provide workshops and webinars on disability-related services and programs to community agencies, health professionals and individuals.

## Our Team

DABC advocates are experienced with many of the unique challenges people with specific disabilities face in obtaining supports and benefits. Most have lived experience of disability.

### DABC Privacy Policy

DABC values and upholds people's rights to privacy and the protection of their personal information. For a copy of our Privacy Policy, please contact us at 604-872-1278.