

# A Guide to the

# Canada Dental Benefit



Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease both in Canada and around the world. Oral diseases frequently begin in the preschool years which is why it is so important to establish good oral hygiene behaviours in those early years.

The Government of Canada has implemented the interim **Canada Dental Benefit**, which is designed to provide some financial support to help Canadian families access dental care. With this benefit, families can start addressing some of the basic dental care that their young children need while the Government continues its plans to develop a long-term Canadian dental care program.

## ? **WHAT is the benefit?**

The interim Canada Dental Benefit provides payments **up to \$650** per eligible child under 12 years of age, per year for two years.

**\$650**

if the family's  
adjusted  
net income is  
under \$70,000

**\$390**

if the family's  
adjusted net  
income is **between**  
\$70,000 and  
\$79,999

**\$260**

if the family's  
adjusted net  
income is  
**between \$80,000**  
and \$89,999

The benefit can be used for any dental care provided by any regulated dental professional.



## **WHO can apply?**

Parents/Guardians who:

- ✓ Have a child under 12 years of age, who does not have access to private dental care insurance.
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income under \$90,000 per year.
- ✓ Have filed last year's income tax return—for more information on how to file a return, visit [Canada.ca/doing-your-taxes](https://Canada.ca/doing-your-taxes).
- ✓ Receive the Canada Child Benefit for each eligible child.
- ✓ Have or will have dental care expenses for each eligible child that have not been fully reimbursed under another federal, provincial or territorial government program.



## **HOW can you apply?**

Canada Revenue Agency (**CRA**) **My Account** will be the quickest, easiest and most secure way to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit. If you don't yet have a CRA My Account, you can register at [Canada.ca/my-cra-account](https://Canada.ca/my-cra-account).

You will need to **provide information** on the dental care visit, including the name of your child's dental care provider(s) and your employer information.

If you apply online and are signed up for **CRA direct deposit**, you can receive your payment within five business days!

If you're unable to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit online, **call 1-800-715-8836** to get your application started.

Make sure you have your Social Insurance Number, address, date of birth and a copy of your income tax return from last year.



## **WHEN can you apply?**

Parents can apply **starting December 1, 2022**, for dental care received by their eligible child back to October 1, 2022, so long as their child will still be under 12 on December 1. For the second payment, parents can apply starting July 1, 2023.

**Visit [Canada.ca/dental](https://Canada.ca/dental) for more information, or call 1-800-715-8836**



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