Registered Disability Savings Plan

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Transfer or close a plan

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## You can transfer your plan to another institution

You can transfer an existing Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) to a different participating financial organization by completing the necessary documents. Because a beneficiary cannot have more than one RDSP, a transfer request must be completed to move a plan from one financial organization to another. The transfer must be for the full amount existing in the plan. Partial amounts cannot be transferred. The holder of the plan must initiate the transfer and have the required form completed by both financial organizations.

To request the transfer of an RDSP from one financial organization to another or to revoke a request for payments of the Grant and/or the Bond, complete the following forms:

* [Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) Transfer](https://catalogue.servicecanada.gc.ca/content/EForms/en/Detail.html?Form=EMP5611)
* [Revocation of Request for Canada Disability Savings Grants and/or Canada Disability Savings Bonds](https://catalogue.servicecanada.gc.ca/content/EForms/en/Detail.html?Form=EMP5490)

**Note:** Financial organizations may have certain conditions and fees associated with transferring an RDSP. Please contact your financial organization for more information regarding the transfer of an RDSP.

## If your plan closes, you may need to repay some grants and bonds

[Grants and Bonds](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/disability/savings/grants-bonds.html) in the RDSP for less than 10 years, or the fair market value of the RDSP, whichever is less, must be repaid to the Government if:

* the Plan is closed/non-compliant, or
* the beneficiary passes away

All other money in the RDSP, including private contributions, rollovers, investment income earned, and Grants and Bonds in the RDSP for more than 10 years, is paid to the beneficiary or the beneficiary's estate.

## What happens if you lose Disability Tax Credit approval

Starting January 1, 2021, if an RDSP beneficiary loses approval for the [Disability Tax Credit (DTC)](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html), their RDSP can remain open. The beneficiary will not have to repay the Grants and Bonds that are in the RDSP solely because they have lost DTC approval. However, while a beneficiary is not DTC-approved:

* no one can make contributions to the RDSP
* they cannot receive Grants or Bonds
* they cannot catch up on Grants or Bonds from this period
* registered retirement savings can only be rolled over into the RDSP within a period of 4 years after the year in which the beneficiary loses DTC approval

And, until the calendar year the beneficiary turns 60:

* if the RDSP is closed or the beneficiary dies, a part or all of the Grants and Bonds in the RDSP (depending on the beneficiary’s age and when they lost DTC approval) must be repaid to the Government
* withdrawals will trigger the repayment of $3 of Grant and Bond for every $1 withdrawn, up to the total amount of Grant and Bond that was paid into the RDSP during a period of time based on the beneficiary’s age and when they lost DTC approval

For more information about repaying Grants and Bonds in these events, see [Accessing savings from a RDSP while the beneficiary is not DTC-approved](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/disability/savings/withdrawals.html#accessing-savings).

If a beneficiary regains DTC approval, the RDSP will operate normally. Anyone with written permission from the Plan holder may contribute to the RDSP again, until December 31 of the year the beneficiary turns 59. The beneficiary may also be eligible to receive Grants and Bonds again, until December 31 of the year they turn 49.

For more information about losing DTC approval and how this affects the RDSP, see [Cessation of disability or death of a beneficiary](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rdsp/cessation-disability-death-a-beneficiary.html) or call 1-800-959-8281 (TTY users call 1-800-665-0354).

### Accessing savings from a RDSP while the beneficiary is not DTC-approved

Beneficiaries who do not regain DTC approval must start withdrawing from the RDSP starting in the calendar year they turn 60. However, if their Plan is closed, the beneficiary dies, or a withdrawal is made before that time, part or all of the Grants and Bonds in the RDSP must be repaid to the Government. The amount of Grant and Bond that is subject to repayment depends on the beneficiary’s age and when they lost DTC approval. If the beneficiary is:

#### 49 years of age or younger by the end of the calendar year

All Grants and Bonds paid into the RDSP in the 10 years before the beneficiary lost DTC approval are subject to repayment in the event of Plan closure, the beneficiary’s death, or a withdrawal.

#### Between 50 and 59 years of age by the end of the calendar year and lost DTC approval before the year they turned 50

Initially, all Grants and Bonds paid into the RDSP in the 10 years before the beneficiary lost DTC approval are subject to repayment. For each year that the beneficiary is over the age of 50, this 10-year reference period decreases by a year.

For example, in the year the beneficiary turns 51, the Grants and Bonds paid into the RDSP in the 9 years before they lost DTC approval are subject to repayment in the event of Plan closure, the beneficiary’s death, or a withdrawal.

#### Between 50 and 59 years of age by the end of the calendar year and lost DTC approval in or after the year they turned 50

All Grants and Bonds paid into the RDSP in the 10 years before January 1 of the year in which the Plan is closed, the beneficiary dies, or the withdrawal is made, are subject to repayment in the event of Plan closure, the beneficiary’s death, or a withdrawal.

#### 60 years of age or older by the end of the calendar year

None of the Grants and Bonds paid into the RDSP are subject to repayment in the event of Plan closure, the beneficiary’s death, or a withdrawal.

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