

Scheer to expand eligibility criteria to access disability support

In 2017, when Justin Trudeau changed the rules to qualify for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) and the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP), thousands of Canadians who previously received support no longer qualified.

This meant hundreds, even thousands, of dollars less in the pockets of Canadians with disabilities. Conservatives joined diabetes advocates at the time to fight back against this tax grab.

Instead of taking money out of their pockets, Andrew Scheer will help more Canadians with disabilities get ahead by expanding the eligibility requirements for the DTC.

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THE ISSUE

- Justin Trudeau changed how Canadians qualify for the DTC and the RDSP, stripping important financial support from thousands of Canadians with disabilities.
- [Diabetes Canada](#) said that the 150,000 Canadians who typically apply for this credit under the category of life-sustaining therapy stood to lose their DTC with Justin Trudeau's policy change.
- 80 per cent of Canadians with type 1 diabetes were eligible for the DTC under the previous system.
- The bottom line is: Justin Trudeau thinks he can spend your money better than you.
- His massive debt and never-ending deficits will threaten the quality of our social programs like education and health care.
- If Justin Trudeau is re-elected, his carbon tax will go up and make everyday essentials even more expensive. It will add at least 31 cents a litre to the price of gasoline, and hundreds – even thousands – for every day, household essentials.
- Canadians are struggling to live within their means and pay taxes to a government that has no interest in living within theirs.

THE PLAN

- To allow more Canadians with disabilities to access financial support, we will reduce the number of hours spent on life-sustaining therapy required to qualify for the DTC from 14 to 10 hours per week.
- The *Fairness for Persons with Disabilities Act* will also clarify the activities that count towards these hours to include time spent determining dosages of medical food and formula and activities related to determining dosages of medication, including dietary or exercise regimes.
- An estimated additional 35,000 Canadians who need life-sustaining therapy would qualify for the credit under our plan.
- This *Fairness for Persons with Disabilities Act* would save Canadians with disabilities, or parents of children with disabilities, an average of \$2,100 a year.
- Furthermore, it would make it easier to qualify for the RDSP, which provides up to \$3,500 per year in matching grants for Canadians with disabilities.

Backgrounder – Disability Act

- Canada's Conservatives will maintain and increase the Canada Health Transfer and the Canada Social Transfer to protect and ensure the quality of our social programs that Canadians rely on the most.
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THE CHOICE

- Justin Trudeau said he would be different. He said he would help the middle class.
- Instead, he raised taxes on 80 per cent of middle-class Canadians, and eliminated important tax credits like the Public Transit Tax Credit and Children's Fitness and Arts Tax Credits. His signature policy is a carbon tax that raises the price of home heating, gas, and groceries.
- If re-elected, his carbon tax will increase the price of gas by 31 cents/litre. For Ontario families, it will increase household expenses by \$1,151, including \$469 for natural gas.
- Canadians can't trust Justin Trudeau to help them get ahead. He is not as advertised.
- This election, there will be a choice between a re-elected Liberal government under Justin Trudeau, who simply doesn't understand how his reckless spending harms vulnerable Canadians, and a new Conservative government that will live within its means and help you get ahead.