



#CanadaVotes2025 Questions to Ask Your Candidates

- How will your party enhance income security for people with disabilities?
- What will your party do to ensure people with disabilities and the aging population have access to accessible, universally-designed, affordable housing?



#CanadaVotes2025 Talking Points

People with disabilities have a right to live independent lives with dignity. Sadly, this isn't a reality for many people with disabilities due to financial insecurity and a lack of affordable, accessible, and adaptable housing.

To win my vote, you and your party must commit to enhancing income security for people with disabilities and making sure affordable, adaptable housing is a top priority.

Here's what I'm asking you to do:

Income Security

- Increase the monthly amount paid by the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB). The CDB in its current form – just \$200 per month as a maximum – isn't anywhere near enough to end disability poverty in Canada and everyone knows that.
- Make sure the CDB is exempt from income tax. The next government must do this to make sure provinces and territories don't claw back what rightfully belongs to people with disabilities.
- Make it easier for people to access the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). Do this by increasing the number of disabilities eligible for automatic approval, eliminating needless reassessments, covering the cost of any fees charged by healthcare professionals for completing paperwork, and ensuring anyone already receiving provincial disability supports automatically qualifies.
- Expand access to automatic tax filing for people with disabilities. It's not enough to create benefits and services for people with disabilities. Governments must do everything they can to make sure people in all circumstances can access them.

Affordable and adaptable housing

- Uphold the right to affordable and adaptable housing. Access to affordable and adaptable housing for people with disabilities is a basic human right. Canada must do everything it can to ensure people with disabilities can live independently and participate fully in their communities.
- Make sure the National Building Code meets the needs of people with disabilities. Any effort to speed up the number of homes built must mandate accessibility and adaptability in all new builds across the country. This isn't optional and it isn't something governments can skip.
- Invest in homes and buildings people with disabilities can access. The next government must ensure universal design principles are at the heart of all new building projects in Canada and must implement changes to make existing buildings accessible. It's no longer acceptable to deny someone a home or tell them they can't eat at a restaurant because the space wasn't built for them.