

Advocacy Access

a program of BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

For over 20 years, Advocacy Access has been a place of support, information and advocacy for people with disabilities. Our mission is to help our clients receive the government benefits and services to which they are entitled. The heart of our program is free one-to-one assistance with provincial and federal (CPP) disability benefits.

We also provide a range of self-help publications, access to other advocacy services and a website with information and up-to-date bulletins on disability issues.

Our advocates work with you on:

- applying for the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) benefit and the Persons with Persistent and Multiple Barriers to Employment (PPMB) benefit
- applying for CPP disability benefits
- appealing denial of provincial and federal benefits
- understanding income assistance rights and responsibilities

- accessing health benefits and obtaining information on subsidized housing
- finding other agencies and resources in the community to help you
- using our self-help publications and guides

For information and assistance, please contact our office. To meet with an advocate in person, please call first to make an appointment.

Office hours: 8:30 to 4:30
Monday to Friday

Local Calls: 604.872.1278

Toll-Free 1.800.663.1278

TTY (for people who are deaf or hard of hearing): 604.875.8835



Visit our website for more information and current news on benefits-related issues. Go to www.bccpd.bc.ca.

BC disability benefits

Advocates help people with disabilities with income assistance benefits' applications and appeals, and provide information and referral to other community and government resources.



Canada Pension Plan disability

Advocates help people with disabilities to apply for and appeal the denial of the CPP disability pension. Our appeal assistance extends to the Pension Appeals Board level.



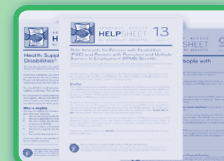
Partnerships

We work with community partners to provide free legal clinics and social workers' assistance with Section 3 of the PWD application form. We also offer workshops to interested groups on disability benefits and advocacy.



Publications

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



Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

Q: Are there other benefits or programs I'm eligible for?

A: We have up-to-date information on provincial programs and auxiliary benefits that may be available, such as medical equipment and devices.

Q: My PPMB application has been denied, but I think I should qualify. What should I do?

A: 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.

Our Team

The Advocacy Access staff have many years of experience working with people with disabilities who need to access disability benefits programs and services.

We have team members who specialize in certain areas, such as CPP Disability. Our advocates are also experienced with many of the unique problems people with specific disabilities face in obtaining supports and benefits.

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