

In April 2017, Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN) shared information about changes to federal legislation that added nurse practitioners (NPs) to the list of medical practitioners authorized to complete Disability Tax Credit (DTC) certificates. Further changes to federal legislation have expanded this authority to include additional DTC forms as well as forms required for Employment Insurance (EI) and Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefits. This announcement supports NPs in optimizing their scope of practice in providing client care.

Disability Tax Credit Certificates

NPs are now authorized to complete client assessments and required forms to certify eligibility for the DTC ([Form T2201](#)) as well as for the [Registered Disability Savings Plan](#), the [Working Income Tax Benefit](#), and the [Child Disability Benefit](#). Additional information on the NP role in completing DTC certificates can be found on the [Canada Revenue](#) website.

Employment Insurance (EI) certificates

Changes to the *Employment Insurance Act* authorizes NPs to complete medical certificates for sickness benefits as well as for caregiving benefits available under EI including:

- [Compassionate Care Benefits](#),
- [Family Caregiver Benefit for Adults](#), and
- [Family Caregiver Benefit for Children](#)

Additional information about EI forms is available on the Employment and Social Development Canada website. EI benefits forms are available at the Services Canada website.

Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Benefits

NPs are now authorized to complete [Medical Reports](#) needed to determine eligibility or continued eligibility for disability benefits and [Terminal Illness Application for a Disability Benefit](#). Additional information for health care professionals is available on the [Disability Benefits under the Canada Pension Plan](#) webpage or by contacting the [CPP Program](#).

Additional information on these changes to federal legislation, including a video on completing DTC form T2201, can be found on the [Canadian Nurses Association Federal Legislation Updates](#) website.

For further information or anything contained within this document, please contact a NSCN practice consultant at practice@nscn.ca.

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