

Disability Tax Credit Video #3 Script

This is the 3rd video in the Disability Tax Credit series. This video will cover Part B of the T2201 form and offer some need-to-know tips before you meet with your medical professional.

All links and videos mentioned can be found in the downloadable script below.

The T2201 form is a required and standardized document that you must submit to the government, who will then decide if you are eligible for the tax credit.

There are 2 parts to the T2201 form- Part A, which is completed by the person with the disability or on their behalf, and Part B, which must be taken to your medical professional, who will certify that you have a severe or prolonged impairment in your physical or mental functions.

This video will cover Part B, but check out the 2nd video in the disability tax credit series for information and advice for completing part A.

Depending on your disability, the medical professional you visit may vary. For example, a person with a spinal cord injury might visit their occupational therapist or medical doctor. A person who is blind might visit their optometrist or medical doctor. A person with FASD might visit their psychologist or medical doctor.

Before you bring your medical professional the T2201 form, there are some things you need to think about. The first being, does the disability affect the individual at home, in the community and while they are at school or work?

If it affects school/work, home and community life, then be sure to explain how the disability affects these to your medical professional.

The criteria for physical functioning are much more clearly defined when compared to the criteria for a mental functioning. If you or your child may qualify under the mental functioning category, there are a few questions you may be asked.

Can you perform daily living skills independently? Such as personal hygiene or making simple purchases, like groceries.

Can you make informed decisions and judgements in day-to-day situations? Like understanding danger, finding solutions to minor problems, and making age-appropriate judgements.

Are you able to focus on following instructions specific tasks and remember simple instructions? Like time management or organizational skills.

Do you have a severe memory impairment, such that you need constant reminders and detailed instructions to complete basic daily tasks? Are you unable to remember personal information like your street address or phone number?

For example, individuals with FASD may need high levels of or 24-hour supervision, academic or educational supports, or assistance with daily tasks, or other operations related to their executive functioning like those mentioned earlier in this video.

When speaking with your medical professional, make sure you thoroughly explain how your life or your child's life is affected by the disability. You may be asked to provide documentation or receipts to supplement your form and to provide specific details, so make sure you are accurate and thorough in your explanation and bring any receipts or records you may have in case it is needed.

Some medical professionals charge for appointments, so be prepared and make sure to clarify with the office before your appointment.

You can visit www.fasdNL.ca/DTC for more information, or email us at contact@fasdnl.ca.

Check out the 3rd video in this series for information on Part B and tips for meeting with your medical professional.

Thanks for watching!