

News Release

March Canada Child Tax Benefit payments

Ottawa, March 20, 2003... The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) is issuing the March Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) payments today, totalling more than \$682 million, to more than 2.8 million recipients across Canada.

Recipients who are expecting a benefit payment and have not received it by March 27 should contact the Agency's CCTB enquiry service at **1-800-387-1193**. This service is available weekdays from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time.

In order to receive, or continue to receive, CCTB payments, recipients and their spouses or common-law partners have to file a tax return.

Recipients who are moving should inform the Agency as soon as possible, to ensure that their CCTB payments are not disrupted, even if they use direct deposit and their bank account does not change. The new Address Changes Online service at www.ccra.gc.ca/newaddress makes it easier for clients to notify the CCRA of a change of address.

As other entitlements are combined each month with the CCTB into a single payment, payments for the following provincial and territorial child benefit programs administered by the Agency will also be issued:

- BC Family Bonus
- New Brunswick Child Tax Benefit
- Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit
- Northwest Territories Child Benefit
- Nunavut Child Benefit
- Nova Scotia Child Benefit
- Saskatchewan Child Benefit
- Yukon Child Benefit

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Recipients can have their CCTB payments deposited directly into their account at their financial institution. To take advantage of this option, they have to complete Form **T1-DD, Direct Deposit Request**, which they can get at their tax services office or tax centre.

Information on the CCTB can also be found on the **Child and family benefits** pages on the CCRA's Web site at **www.ccra.gc.ca**