

Federal Election 2025 Platform Highlights

This document includes platform commitments made by Canada's political parties during the 2025 federal election. The Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence drew the text below directly from the publicly available platform documents unless otherwise noted. CCCE did not summarize the information to ensure this document reflects the preferred language used by each party.

Topic	Liberal Party of Canada	Conservative Party of Canada	New Democratic Party of Canada	Green Party of Canada
National Caregiving Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to advance the National Caregiving Strategy. We will move forward with a comprehensive plan to better support those caring for loved ones. The Strategy will focus on early recognition of caregivers, simplified and increased access to government benefits and services, and better coordinating on emotional, financial, and practical support with the provinces and territories. We recognize that caregiving responsibilities disproportionately fall on women, with significant impact on careers and economic security. We will ensure caregivers are treated with dignity, supported from diagnosis through to the end of life, and helped through their 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make the caregiver tax credit refundable. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make the Caregiver Tax Credit refundable, providing greater financial relief for families caring for loved ones.

	own healing journey after loss.			
Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect Canadians' retirement savings from volatile market conditions by reducing the minimum amount that must be withdrawn from a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) by 25% for one year. This gives seniors much-needed flexibility to avoid liquidating their retirement savings in a down market to meet current RRIF rules. Unlike Pierre Poilievre's plan, this will benefit every senior who uses an RRIF and make sure they preserve more of their savings during this period of heightened uncertainty. • Give a temporary income boost to low-income seniors by increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by 5%, providing up to an additional \$652 in income per year, tax-free. GIS has been proven to help lift seniors in Canada out of poverty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our seniors worked to build this country. We will honour their contributions by protecting their income, their independence and their security in retirement by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintaining the age of retirement at 65 for GIS, OAS, and CPP. - Allow seniors the option of keeping their RRSPs another 2 years before mandatory conversion to RRIFs (from 71 to 73). - Protecting working seniors' income by letting them earn up to \$34,000 tax-free. - Stopping scams targeting seniors by passing the Stop Scamming Seniors Act to force banks and telecoms to block fraud in real-time, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will take a tangible step towards a guaranteed livable income by raising the Guaranteed Income Supplement to lift all seniors out of poverty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase financial support for home renovations so seniors can make their homes safer and more accessible. • Provide dedicated federal funding to improve long-term care, home care, and community-based support for seniors. • Expand home support programs so more seniors can live independently instead of moving into care homes.

		delay suspicious transactions, and impose minimum jail time for fraudsters.		
Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and reform the process to apply for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) now that the DTC has become the gateway to key federal programs like the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), the Canada Child Benefit (CBB) for children with disabilities, the dental benefit, and various other programs. We will also consider expanding the eligibility criteria to include additional impairments. Get Canadians the benefits they deserve by delivering automatic tax filing starting with low-income households and seniors. This will ensure more Canadians can access the benefits they are entitled to such as the CCB and GST/HST credit, both benefits which help lift Canadians out of poverty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every family deserves support. We will provide real help for caregivers and Canadians with disabilities, so no one is left behind by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming and streamlining the DTC to “Certification of Disability” and make access automatic for related benefits. Funding 1,000 Autism Support Worker training spots annually to better support students, families, and schools. Doubling the reach of the Ready, Willing and Able program, helping 4,000 Canadians with autism or intellectual disabilities find and keep jobs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will double the CBD, providing individuals up to an additional \$2400 a year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully fund the CDB to lift all Canadians with disabilities out of poverty. Fix the CDB to ensure automatic enrollment for those already receiving provincial, territorial or federal programs. Strike down the use of the DTC to block access. Tie CDB to individual income rather than household income. Legislate protections from private insurance and provincial or territorial clawbacks. Implement automatic tax filing to ensure all low-income Canadians receive the benefits they are entitled to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatically enroll recipients

				<p>of the GIS, CCB, CDB and other federal/provincial benefits into tax-based income supports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expand automatic filing to include low-income workers, seniors, and people with disabilities who do not regularly file taxes.- Ensure that newcomers, caregivers, and people with disabilities can access the benefits they qualify for. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement a one-month benefit guarantee, ensuring fast delivery of income supports. Require the CRA to process and deliver federal benefits within one month of major life changes (job loss, disability onset, family changes).• Reform the DTC to ensure it is accessible,
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				<p>automatic, and fair, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clear, simplified eligibility rules and plain-language application materials. Expanding the list of healthcare providers who can certify applications.- Removing financial and administrative barriers (e.g., free medical form processing).- Ensuring automatic eligibility for people already receiving provincial disability benefits. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert the DTC into a refundable credit, ensuring accessibility for low-income individuals.• Redesign CPP-Disability eligibility to ensure it does not exclude
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				working-age people with disabilities who seek employment, aligning with the DTC where appropriate.
Care Provider Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Personal Support Workers (PSWs) with up to \$1,100 a year by immediately legislating a refundable Health Care Workers Hero Tax Credit. • Support training for nurses, PSWs, and teachers by expanding the Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP) to include training spaces. When we take care of caregivers, they are better able to take care of patients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified Canadians and newcomers are too often blocked from working because of red tape. We'll remove those barriers so skilled people can help fix our broken system. We will launch a Blue Seal program to help Canadians and newcomers get to work faster by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with provinces to create nationally-recognized licenses for doctors, nurses, early childhood educators, and other professions (NOTE: may include personal support workers and other members of the care provider workforce). - Providing small loans to help new Canadians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will put in place a \$5,000 tax credit to help boost pay for more than 780,000 nurses and Personal Support Workers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train and certify 50,000 PSWs and establish a minimum wage of \$25/hour for PSWs and long-term care workers. • Fund 10 paid sick days for LTC staff, reducing the risk of illness transmission in care facilities. • Mandate a national standard of four hours of regulated care per day per resident, ensuring evidence-based staffing levels. • Invest in national workforce recruitment and retention strategies, ensuring fair pay, benefits, and professional development for LTC workers. • Prioritize immigration pathways for senior care professionals, addressing long-term

		complete Blue Seal certification.		<p>labour shortages in the sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide annual funding to reduce processing times for permanent residency applications and expand pathways for essential workers. • Eliminate employer-tied work permits, allowing temporary foreign workers to switch employers freely and avoid exploitation.
Employment Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen our social safety net and ensure no one is left behind. As a priority over the next year, we will work to enhance the Employment Insurance (EI) system to better reflect the modern workforce with flexible, reliable support. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the threshold for qualifying to a universal 360-hour standard, extending the duration of benefits to 50 weeks, and increasing the benefit level and insurable earnings cap to provide a minimum weekly benefit of \$450. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernize Employment Insurance (EI) by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lowering the eligibility threshold to 360 hours or 12 weeks. - Extending maximum EI benefit periods to 50 weeks nationwide. - Raising the EI replacement rate from 55% to 66.6% of previous earnings. • Establishing an EI Emergency Response Fund for workers affected by disasters, Canada's veterans must

				<p>never be left behind. We'll provide the support, training, and recognition our heroes deserve. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - economic downturns, or industry shutdowns. - Setting a minimum EI benefit of \$450/week, increasing over time. - Increasing Maximum Insurable Earnings (MIE) to \$94,000, aligning with Quebec's parental insurance plan.
Military and veteran caregiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give better support to our CAF members, through investments in housing, health care, and childcare. This means rapidly increasing the stock of high-quality housing on bases across the country and ensuring access to primary childcare and health care – including mental health supports – for serving members and their families. • Modernize and streamline the benefits system, to deliver faster decisions, shorter wait times, and less paperwork so that Veterans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada's veterans must never be left behind. We'll provide the support, training, and recognition our heroes deserve. We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ease the transition to civilian life with job training, placement support, and mentorship. - Help veterans manage injuries and disabilities, with streamlined support and easier access to benefits. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently fund integrated support services for veterans and their families, ensuring access to healthcare, housing, and financial assistance. • Ensure disabled veterans receive specialized healthcare, rehabilitation services, and long-term financial security. • Permanently fund veteran housing, job training, and support services to ensure

	and their families get the support they need sooner and more easily.			<p>stability and prevent homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a nationwide consultation with veterans and military families to modernize the Veterans Charter and improve federal support programs. • Expand eligibility for disability benefits and eliminate unnecessary barriers to access.
Other			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will ensure that Canada's government is representative of our country as a whole, including by restoring dedicated Ministries for Women and Gender Equality, for people with disabilities, and for diversity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the provinces to implement a Guaranteed Livable Income, ensuring financial security for all, including people with disabilities. • Simplify and consolidate existing welfare, provincial disability assistance, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, and Canada Worker's Benefit into a single, unconditional income support framework.