

CONTRIBUTORY PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN (CPRSP) RULES

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each fall Doctors of BC calculates a CPRSP benefit for physicians to claim via the Doctors of BC website. Please make your contributions to your RRSP/TFSA or Corporation's IPP/RPP first, then logon to www.doctorsofbc.ca to claim a cash reimbursement up to the benefit amount.

To update bank account, if applicable, go to ***My Account - My Details - Bank Accounts***.

To submit your claim, go to ***My Account - My Benefits - Claim CPRSP***.

For more information about the program, go under ***Your Benefits*** heading - ***Negotiated Benefits – CPRSP***.

ELIGIBILITY

Your Basic benefit is based on the prior calendar year Fee for Service (including Rural Locum) and/or Sessional payments recorded under your practitioner number and/or payments made to you under a non-salaried Service contract. It is then adjusted by the appropriate overhead factor provided by MSP.

Your LOS benefit is based on the same eligible income listed above and your length of service in BC.

For more information about your eligible income, go to ***My Account - My Records - My Income Letters***.

If you are over age 71 (Canada Revenue Agency's RRSP age limit), you may still claim the CPRSP benefit, up to your RRSP deduction limit, if you have a spousal RRSP (where you are the registered contributor) and your spouse is 71 years old or younger. You may also claim if you have a personal TFSA. Your spouse's TFSA cannot be used.

All contributions to your RRSP/TFSA or Corporation's IPP/RPP relating to the CPRSP program, needs to remain in your registered plans until your retirement from active medical practice in British Columbia. Exceptions are the Home Buyers' Plan and/or Lifelong Learning Plan only.

TAXABLE BENEFIT AND RECEIPTS

CPRSP benefits are considered taxable and as such a T4A will be issued to you for amounts claimed in the calendar year. **A T4A is not issued when the CPRSP benefit is paid to your corporation for Corporation's IPP/RPP only.**

Your financial institution will forward the appropriate income tax contribution receipts directly to you for your RRSP contributions. If you require further information concerning receipts, please contact your financial institution directly.

ADMINISTRATION FEE

If you are not a member of Doctors of BC in the year the benefit is allotted, an administration fee of the lesser of 50% of your Basic benefit or the balance remaining of your equivalent Doctors of BC membership dues, plus GST, will be deducted prior to payment, for each benefit year being claimed.

An administration fee receipt will be issued to you in February of the following year.

PROOF OF CONTRIBUTION

If selected to provide proof of contribution, your RRSP/TFSA contribution needs to be a minimum of the total CPRSP Basic and LOS claim amount, not the amount net of administration fees.

Your RRSP/TFSA contributions can be reimbursed current and prior years' benefits but not future year's benefits.

Make sure to contribute to your RRSP/TFSA either in the benefit year that you are claiming, or prior to or immediately (within two weeks) after submitting your online claim and receiving the benefit.

RRSP/TFSA deposits made after receiving a notice to provide proof of contribution to Doctors of BC will not be accepted and the benefit will be clawed back.