

Please follow the steps in this guide to apply for disability benefits.

Your group plan requires you to notify Great-West Life of your disability within a certain time after you become disabled. This means you should notify Great-West Life of your disability as soon as possible. To notify Great-West Life of your disability, you can fax or mail your employee statement, consent form, and any other information you want to provide about your claim to the Great-West Life Disability Management Services Office. Fax numbers and addresses of all Great-West Life Disability Management Services Offices are on our website or you can contact your plan administrator for this information.

STEP ONE - EMPLOYEE STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

Complete the employee statement and consent form if you are applying for Short or Long Term Disability benefits, Life Waiver of Premium benefits, or Early Referral Services.

The completed employee statement provides us with general information about you and your medical details and provides Great-West Life with notice of your disability claim.

A consent form is included with your employee statement. Your signature on the consent form is necessary as it gives us permission to obtain additional information from your employer, other insurers, your doctor, hospitals, or other care providers to help us review your claim.

We may share personal information, like your functional abilities, restrictions or limitations with your employer when discussing your return to work. We may share medical information, like your diagnosis, test results, or medical reports with your employer's Occupational Health Services if they are involved with your disability claim(s).

STEP TWO - MEDICAL INFORMATION

Your doctor will need to provide us with medical information about how your condition(s) prevents you from working. Print the medical questionnaire form applicable to your condition and have your doctor complete it. Your doctor can fax or mail the completed form to Great-West Life directly.

You can choose the other conditions form if your condition is not a specific diagnosis listed or you can choose the "print all condition forms" if you are unsure which form to bring to your doctor.

EMPLOYER STATEMENT

Your employer will send an employer statement to Great-West Life on your behalf. This statement confirms your coverage, job information, monthly earnings and other information necessary to assess and administer your disability claim.

If your plan administrator has not provided the employer statement when we receive your employee statement, we will contact your employer directly for this information.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

We will begin our review of your disability claim when we receive your employee statement in the Disability Management Services Office. At that time, a Great-West Life representative will contact you to let you know what you can expect throughout the claim process and to obtain any further information that may be required.

To begin the claim submission process, you must complete the Employee Statement and the consent form. Please have your doctor complete a physician's statement. These forms should be submitted within ten days of the onset of your disability or, if applying for Long Term Disability or a Life Waiver of Premium benefit, no later than eight weeks before the end of the waiting period. **Benefits may be denied if these forms are submitted later than the notice period in your group contract.**

NOTE: Great-West Life takes the submission of fraudulent claims seriously and will verify the accuracy of the information given in support of your claim.

I certify that the information given on this claim form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Your Employer's Name: _____

Your Plan Number: _____ Your Great-West Life ID Number: _____

YOUR INFORMATION	
First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Undisclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Date of Birth: _____ Social Insurance Number: _____	Your Social Insurance Number is required as your disability benefit may be subject to income tax deductions.
Home Address: _____	
City / Town: _____ Province / Territory: _____ Postal Code: _____	
Is your mailing address the same as above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, please provide mailing address.	
Mailing Address: _____	
City / Town: _____ Province / Territory: _____ Postal Code: _____	
Location where you work: City / Town: _____ Province / Territory: _____	
Home Phone: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Check the Confidential box if you authorize us to leave a message containing personal information about your claim at that number. Otherwise, we will only leave a personal message with callback information at that number.
Cell Phone: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	
Work Phone: _____ Ext: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Enter your email address if you would like Great-West Life to communicate with you by secure email about your disability claim.
Email Address: _____	

CLAIM INFORMATION
Your last day of work: _____ (mm/dd/yy) Your first day unable to work: _____ (mm/dd/yy)
During your absence, have you performed any other work? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Describe: _____
Have you returned to work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes When did you return to work? _____ (mm/dd/yy)
Have you returned to (select all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular duties and hours <input type="checkbox"/> Modified duties <input type="checkbox"/> Modified hours
<input type="checkbox"/> No When do you expect to return to work: _____ (mm/dd/yy) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown OR <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not planning to return
What is the nature of the medical condition that is/was preventing you from working? _____
Is your condition work related? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

CLAIM INFORMATION (con't)

Is your condition the result of an accident? No Yes If yes, answer the following questions:

When did the accident occur? _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Provide details of the accident _____

Was the accident a motor vehicle accident? No Yes In what province did your accident occur? _____

Were you admitted to a hospital? No Yes Hospital Name: _____

Date admitted: _____ (mm/dd/yy) Date discharged: _____ (mm/dd/yy) **OR** Still hospitalized

Have you had surgery since being off work, or is surgery planned? No Yes

Date of surgery: _____ Type of surgery: _____

Is recovery from your surgery the only medical condition keeping you from working? No Yes Unknown

Please provide the following information of your health care provider related to this claim:

Primary Physician: _____ Specialty: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Do you have other health care providers related to this claim? No Yes If yes, provide details.

Provider Name: _____ Specialty: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

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INCOME DECLARATION AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

I understand that:

- I am required to apply for disability benefits that I or another member of my family might become entitled to receive because of my disability, and that I may be asked by Great-West Life to reapply or appeal decisions refusing my application(s) where considered appropriate.
- during the time it takes for my application for these other disability benefits to be accepted, or my entitlement to any other reportable income to be reviewed, Great-West Life will continue paying me amounts equivalent to the disability benefit payments I am eligible to receive under the Group Plan, provided I continue to be eligible for these disability benefit payments under the Group Plan (the "Advance"). The terms "other disability benefits" and "other reportable income" refer to any of the types of disability benefits and other income mentioned under the Offset, All Source Maximum, Coordination of Benefits and Subrogation and Right of Recovery provisions under the Group Plan, as well as any other amounts, including damages for loss of income, that I may receive or become entitled to receive as a result of my disability.
- if I am entitled to receive disability benefits or any other reportable income, this may result in an overpayment ("Overpayment") that I will be required to pay back to Great-West Life. I specifically give up my rights under any law that qualifies the Advance, the Overpayment, the other disability benefits, or any other reportable income, as property exempt from seizure.
- Great-West Life may reduce my disability benefit payments by the amount of other disability benefits or other reportable income that I receive or become entitled to.

I agree to:

- notify Great-West Life within 15 days of receipt of other disability benefit payments or any other reportable income.
- repay Great-West Life within the time frame Great-West Life advises me of after I am notified of the Overpayment amount or within a longer period if Great-West agrees in writing. I understand that if the Overpayment is not repaid when due, Great-West Life may take all necessary steps to recover the Overpayment, including withholding the payment of, or recovering the Overpayment from, any benefits payable under the Group Plan.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Have you applied for, or are you receiving any income either as a result of your disability or otherwise (please check no or yes)?

- Canada Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan or Worker's Compensation Board Benefits (or similar benefits). No Yes
- Any other income? Examples: automobile accident benefits, employer sponsored STD or sick leave benefits, Employment Insurance benefits, retirement or pension plan income. No Yes.

If you answered yes, attach a copy of the initial benefits statement for each type of other income.

- Self employment or other employment income. No Yes.

If you answered yes, attach a copy of your pay/salary details.

All of the income described above is referred to as "reportable income".

If you have any of the following coverage with Great-West Life, Canada Life or London Life, please select all that apply:

- Individual Disability Insurance Plan# _____
- Individual Life Insurance Plan# _____
- Creditor/Loan Insurance Plan# _____
- Critical Illness Insurance Plan# _____
- Guaranteed Standard Issue

Note: *If you have Guaranteed Standard Issue coverage with Great-West Life this form will be used as notice of claim for that coverage as well.*

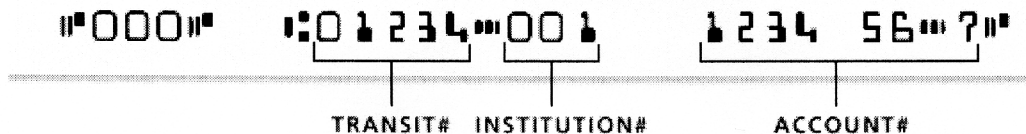
DIRECT DEPOSIT



Provide your banking information or attach a void cheque where you want your disability benefits to be deposited to. If space is left blank, previously provided banking information for other benefits under this group plan (i.e. Healthcare or Dentalcare) will be used for any disability income benefits payable.

Name of bank/credit union: _____

Transit number: Institution number: Account number:



DECLARATION

- I declare the information I've entered is accurate. I understand and agree to the terms in the Income Declaration and Reimbursement Agreement section. I also acknowledge that I need to print, sign, and submit my Consent Form to Great-West Life.

Signature: _____ Today's date: _____

Your consent

Before we can process your claim for benefits, you must read this agreement and sign in the *signature* box below.



Sharing your personal information

We collect, use and disclose your personal information to:

- investigate and assess your claim
- administer your claim and the group benefits plan
- work out a rehabilitation plan to get you back to work
- audit the assessment of the claim.


We may also use your social insurance number for income tax reporting and as an identification number if this is required in the administration of your benefits.

We may collect and exchange your personal information with these persons or groups when relevant and necessary for the purpose above:

- Healthcare and rehabilitation providers
- Insurance and reinsurance companies
- Administrators of the plan, of government benefits and of other benefit programs
- Your employer, plan sponsor and plan administrator, for the purpose of discussing return to work planning
- Your employer's occupational health services
- Your union representative
- Service providers and other organizations working with us, or on behalf of the other parties mentioned above. We may use service providers outside Canada.
- An auditor authorized by us, your employer, plan sponsor or their agent

By signing below, you confirm that:

- You have read, understand and agree with the contents of this form and authorize us to collect and disclose your personal information.
- Except for audit purposes, your authorization is valid for the duration of your claim or until you cancel it in writing.
- All statements you have made about your claim are true and complete
- A photocopy or electronic copy of this authorization is as valid as the original.

Your group plan number	Print your name	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Your Great-West ID number	Your signature 	Telephone number



Protecting your privacy

We take your privacy seriously. We keep all your personal information in a confidential file in our offices, or the offices of an organization we've authorized. The only persons with access to the information are:

- people working at Great-West Life and those we've authorized, who need the information to do their jobs and manage your claim
- those whom you've given access
- those authorized by law both within Canada and in any other jurisdiction where your personal information is held.

For a copy of our Privacy Guidelines see greatwestlife.com or you can write to Great-West Life's Chief Compliance Officer.