



Citation: *JG v Minister of Employment and Social Development*, 2025 SST 997

Social Security Tribunal of Canada General Division – Income Security Section

Decision

Appellant: J. G.
Representative: C. G.
Respondent: Minister of Employment and Social Development

Decision under appeal: Minister of Employment and Social Development reconsideration decision dated December 10, 2024 (issued by Service Canada)

Tribunal member: Wayne van der Meide
Type of hearing: Teleconference
Hearing date: September 24, 2025
Hearing participants: Appellant
Appellant's representative
Decision date: September 26, 2025
File number: GP-25-637

Decision

[1] The appeal is dismissed.

[2] The Appellant, J. G., isn't eligible for a Canada Pension Plan (CPP) post-retirement disability pension (PRDB). This decision explains why I am dismissing the appeal.

Overview

[3] The Appellant applied for a CPP disability pension on August 25, 2022.¹ He started to receive a CPP retirement pension on April 1, 2023.² He says that the Minister told him to apply for the PRDB. He applied for the PRDB on October 31, 2023.³

[4] The Minister denied the Appellant's application for a disability pension in a reconsideration decision letter dated November 28, 2023.⁴

[5] The Minister denied the Appellant's application for the PRDB in a reconsideration decision letter dated December 10, 2024.⁵

[6] The Appellant says that the medical evidence proves that he is entitled to a disability pension. He says that what he wanted/wants to appeal is the Minister's decision about his eligibility for a disability pension.

[7] The Minister says that the Appellant isn't eligible for a PRDB because he doesn't have sufficient recent contributions to the CPP.

¹ See GD2-83 to GD2-101.

² See GD2-103.

³ See GD2-35 and GD2-36.

⁴ See GD2-31 to GD2-34.

⁵ See GD2-9 to GD2-14.

Matters I have to consider first

[8] On April 16, 2025, the Appellant filed an appeal with the Social Security Tribunal, General Division (Tribunal). He didn't attach a copy of the decision he was appealing. He said he didn't remember when he received the decision he was appealing.

[9] Both appeals (of the Minister's reconsideration decision about the disability pension **and** PRDB) were late.

[10] In a decision dated May 30, 2025, another Tribunal Member extended the Appellant's time to file his appeal about the PRDB. That decision **didn't** extend the Appellant's time to appeal the Minister's disability pension decision.

[11] I decided that I couldn't extend the time for the Appellant to appeal the Minister's reconsideration decision about the disability pension because it was filed (sent to the Tribunal) more than one year late.⁶

What is this appeal about?

[12] This appeal is about the Appellant's eligibility for the PRDB.

Reasons for my decision

[13] The Appellant isn't entitled to the PRDB. These are my reasons.

– The Appellant didn't meet the contribution requirements for a PRDB

[14] A person is eligible for a PRDB if they prove they have a severe and prolonged disability by the end of their minimum qualifying period. There are other rules which I will talk about next. The minimum qualifying period is based on their contributions to the CPP.⁷

⁶ See GD12.

⁷ See sections 44(2), (4), and (5) of the *Canada Pension Plan*.

[15] The rules about the minimum qualifying period for a PRDB changed on May 5, 2023. I find that the new rules apply because the Appellant applied for a PRDB after May 5, 2023.⁸

[16] Under the new rules, the Appellant's minimum qualifying period is calculated the same way as it is for the regular CPP disability pension. It is the end of the latest six-year period in which he has three years of CPP contributions.⁹ But, the minimum qualifying period must be **on or after the date an appellant started to receive their CPP retirement pension**. This is because a person cannot receive a PRDB unless they are receiving a retirement pension. The Appellant's minimum qualifying period ended in 2021. This is before he started to receive a retirement pension in 2023.¹⁰

[17] The Appellant doesn't have enough recent contributions to qualify for a PRDB, even if he is disabled.

Conclusion

[18] I find that the Appellant isn't eligible for the PRDB.

[19] This means the appeal is dismissed.

Wayne van der Meide
Member, General Division – Income Security Section

⁸ See *Minister (Employment and Social Development) v LG*, 2024 SST 1315; and *MW v Minister (Employment and Social Development)*, 2024 SST 1480. These cases aren't binding on me, but I find them persuasive.

⁹ See sections 44(4) and (5) of the *Canada Pension Plan*.

¹⁰ See GD2-103.