

2020

Your Personal tax organizer includes a personal income tax checklist and tracking schedules. It is designed to make it easier to compile information for your tax preparer. And you'll be sure to have everything you need to take advantage of available tax deductions and credits.

Personal income tax checklist

Simply check off which income items, tax deductions and credits apply to you, and then take note of the relevant tax slips or forms. For each slip or form, you'll find out whether you need to attach it to your return, complete it or simply keep it for your records. If you are filing electronically, you are required to keep all slips and forms on file. This checklist covers federal income tax only. Keep in mind that deductions and credits will be greater after you factor in the corresponding provincial tax deductions and credits.

Items to include in your income

Does it apply to you?	Slip or form	What you should know	What you need to do
Yes No	T4 – Statement of remuneration paid.	Issued for employment income and related information. You should receive it by the end of February.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T4A — Statement of pension, retirement, annuity and other income.	You should receive it by the end of February.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T4A(P) — Statement of Canada Pension Plan benefits.	You should receive it by the end of February	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T4A(OAS) — Statement of Old Age Security benefits.	You may be required to repay a portion of the benefits if your net income is more than \$79,054. You should receive it by the end of February	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T4RIF — Statement of income from a Registered Retirement Income Fund.	Issued for withdrawals from a RRIF. The minimum amount you have to withdraw each year is based on the value of your RRIF on January 1 and a percentage determined by your or your spouse's age on January 1.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T4RSP — Statement of RRSP income.	Issued for RRSP withdrawals. Includes withholding tax deducted, which you claim on your tax return.	Attach to your federal return.

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Yes No	T4PS – Statement of employee profit-sharing plan allocations and payments.	Issued for your company's contributions to your profit-sharing plan. These contributions must be included in your income even though they're paid directly into your plan.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T600 – Ownership certificate.	Issued for Canada Savings Bonds cashed. Interest income earned will be reported on a T5, including accrued interest on compound CSBs.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T4E – Statement of employment insurance and other benefits.	You may be required to repay a portion of these benefits if your net income is more than \$67,750.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T5007 – Statement of benefits.	Issued for workers' compensation benefits and social assistance payments. You will not pay tax on this income because you can claim a deduction for any workers' compensation benefits or social assistance payments.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T5 – Statement of investment income.	Issued for income from non- registered investments, insurance policy interest, bank account interest, etc.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T3 – Statement of trust income allocations and designations.	Issued for investment income from mutual funds, segregated funds and income trusts, and income taxable in the hands of the beneficiary of all other testamentary or inter vivos trusts, such as family trusts. You should receive it by early April.	Attach to your federal return.

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Yes No	T5008 – Statement of securities transactions. Investment account statements.	T5008 is issued for non-registered securities you have sold. This form and your statements are records of your transactions that you will need to calculate any capital gains or losses on your investments. Taxable capital gains must be included in the year you realized them. Please see the tracking schedule.	Keep for your records.
Yes No	T1163 – AgriStability and AgriInvest programs information and statement of farming activities for individuals.	Issued through the Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada farm income programs. For information about these programs, call 1-866-367-8506.	Complete and attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T5013 – Statement of partnership income.	Issued for income and tax information for each partner who receives income or capital allocation from the partnership.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T776 – Statement of real estate rentals.	Complete this summary of rental income and expenses if you received income from the rental of real estate.	Complete and attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T5018 – Statement of contract payments	This slip is issued to subcontractors in the construction industry. Income should be reported as business income.	Keep for your records.

Deductions you can claim

Does it apply to you?	Slip or form	What you should know	What you need to do
Yes No	Official RRSP contribution receipts.	Include all official receipts for contributions from March 2020 to March 1, 2021 (plus any amounts for January 1 to March 2, 2020 not claimed on last year's tax return), even if you choose not to deduct the amount on your 2020 return.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	Receipts or records for investment carrying costs.	You can deduct certain investment-related expenses, such as investment counselling fees and loan interest on money borrowed for non-registered investments earning investment income. Please see the tracking schedule.	Keep for your records.
Yes No	T5013 – Statement of partnership income. T5003 – Statement of tax shelter information. T5004 – Claim for tax shelter loss or deduction.	Investment tax shelters, including limited partnerships, likely contain an amount to be included in income. You may have to make CPP contributions on some types of limited partnership income. Make sure your form shows the tax shelter identification number.	Attach T5013 to your federal return. Attach T5003 to your federal return. Complete and attach T5004 to your federal return.
Yes No	T777 – Statement of employment expenses.	Applies to employees whose employer requires them to pay expenses, such as promotion, automobile expenses, meals, lodging and client entertainment costs. Legal fees incurred to collect income are also deductible, but your claim is reduced by any amount awarded to you.	Attach T777 to your federal return and keep receipts for your records.
Yes No	T777S - Statement of employment expenses for working at home due to COVID-19.	For employees claiming only home office expenses during COVID-19 (simple or detailed methods)	Attach T777S to your federal return and keep your receipts (if using detailed method) and calender records for your records.

Deductions you can claim

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Yes No	T4 – Statement of remuneration paid.	Deductions for union and professional dues. You may also claim professional or malpractice liability insurance premiums required to keep a professional status recognized by law.	Attach T4 to your federal return and keep receipts for your records.
Yes No	T778 – Child care expenses deduction.	Includes babysitting, day care, boarding schools, and certain camp expenses. You can deduct up to \$8,000 for each child under seven, and up to \$5,000 for each child aged seven to 16. If a child has a mental or physical disability, the \$5,000 deduction continues beyond age 16. If the disability amount can be claimed for the child, then up to \$11,000 of child care expenses may be deducted at any age. The deduction must generally be made by the spouse with lower Income. Please see the tracking schedule.	Complete and attach T778 to your federal return and keep receipts for your records.
Yes No	T929 – Disability supports deduction.	If you are entitled to claim the disability amount, you can deduct expenses paid for attendant care and other disability support expenses, up to a maximum amount equal to your earned income. Attendant care must be necessary for you to earn income or attend school.	Keep T929 and receipts for your records.

Does it apply to you?	Slip or form	What you should know	What you need to do
Yes No	Original receipts for charitable donations.	Federal credit is 15% on first \$200 and 29% on remainder, up to a value of 75% of your net income. Where taxpayer's taxable income exceeds \$214,368, the Federal credit increases to 33% on remainder over first \$200. In general, it's better to group donations together and have one spouse claim. Please see the tracking schedule.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	Official receipts for federal political contributions.	Maximum credit is \$650 (on \$1,275 of donations). Spreading donations among family members may result in a larger overall credit.	Attach to your federal return.
Yes No	T2202A – Tuition and enrolment certificate.	You must attend a qualified (generally post-secondary) educational institution to qualify for these credits. Tuition fee credit is 15% of tuition fees. The federal education and textbook credits were eliminated effective 2017. Credits can be carried forward or transferred to a spouse, commonlaw partner or supporting parent or grandparent (up to \$750 in combined tuition fee and education credits may be transferred — this is equivalent to \$5,000 of expenses). Check your 2019 Notice of Assessment for any carry forward amount.	Keep T2202 receipts for your records.

Does it apply to you?	Slip or form	What you should know	What you need to do
Yes No	Tuition or fees receipts for courses or examination that could be eligible for a tuition tax credit.	You were at least age 26 and under age 66 at the end of 2020. A refundable Canada Training Credit (CTC) up to the lesser of: - your CTC Limit for the year (as seen on your 2019 Notice of Assessment) or - 50% of your qualifying tuition or fees for courses taken and paid for in 2020	Keep your tuition and fee records and receipts.
Yes No	Receipts or Summary of interest charges. (Summary should be provided by lending institution).	Tax credit of 15% of interest paid on government student loan payments. Credits can be carried forward five years.	Attach receipts and/or summary to your federal return.
Yes No	Canadian caregiver amount for a spouse, common-law partner, or eligible dependant (no slips)	This credit is available if you are claiming either the spousal/ common-law partner credit or an eligible dependant credit on an adult you live with who is dependent upon you due to mental or physical impairments and whose income must be between \$7,276 and \$24,361. The maximum credit is 15% of \$7,276 (\$1,091). Additionally, the spouse/commonlaw partner amount or the eligible dependant amount is further increased by a maximum of 15% of \$2,273 (\$341).	Signed statement from a medical practitioner indicating the nature of the impairment, when it began, its expected duration, and that the person is dependent on others because of this impairment, if requested by CRA.
Yes No	Canadian caregiver amount for other infirm dependants age 18 or older (no slips)	Maximum credit of 15% of \$7,276 (\$1,091) is available as an additional credit for each Canadian resident adult who is dependent upon you due to mental or physical impairments. The dependant must be your (grand)child, (grand)parent, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew but is not required to live with you. A reduced credit can be received when the dependant's net income is between \$17,085 and \$24,361.	Signed statement from a medical practitioner indicating the nature of the impairment, when it began, its expected duration, and that the person is dependent on others because of this impairment, if requested by CRA.
Yes No	Canadian caregiver amount for infirm children under age 18 (no slips)	Maximum credit of 15% of \$2,273 (\$341) is available as an additional credit for caregivers for each minor child with mental or physical impairments that make them significantly more dependent upon others.	Signed statement from a medical practitioner indicating the nature of the impairment, when it began, its expected duration, and that the person is dependent on others because of this impairment, if requested by CRA.

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Yes No	T2201 – Disability tax credit certificate.	Maximum credit of 15% of \$8,576 (\$1,286) is available to the disabled person.	Attach T2201 to your federal return when you first apply.
		An additional credit of 15% of \$5,003 (\$750) is available if the disabled person is under 18. This credit may be transferred under certain circumstances to an eligible relative.	
Yes No	Medical receipts.	Medical expenses for the family can be grouped for any 12-month period ending in the year and claimed by one person.	Attach receipts to your federal return.
		Total expenses are reduced by the lesser of 3% of net income or \$2,397. Tax credit is 15% of amount remaining. Please see the tracking schedule.	
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Yes No	Registered labour-sponsored venture capital corporation Class A shares official provincial slip.	This credit is equal to 15% of provincially registered investments to a maximum credit of \$750.	Attach provincial slip to your federal return.
Yes No	Pension income credit (no slips).	This credit is equal to 15% on up to \$2,000 of eligible pension income. The credit may be transferred to your spouse or common-law partner.	It's helpful to attach a note identifying the pension if it's from a foreign country.
Yes No	Employment credit (no slips).	This credit is equal to 15% on up to \$1,245 of employment income in 2020.	Based on the employment income reported on your T4 slip.
Yes No	Adoption credit.	This credit is equal to 15% of the amount spent on adopting a minor child, (up to a maximum of \$16,563). The credit can be claimed in the year that the adoption is finalized.	Keep a record of your expenses as proof.
Yes No	Volunteer firefighter credit or search and rescue volunteer credit.	This credit is equal to 15% of \$3,000 (\$450) in respect of qualifying eligible volunteer services.	Provide a certificate indicating the number of hours of eligible services, if requested by CRA.

Does it apply to you?	Slip or form	What you should know	What you need to do
Yes No	First-time home buyers' credit.	This credit is equal to 15% of \$5,000 (\$750) in respect of the purchase of a qualifying home.	Keep your purchase documents as proof.
Yes No	Home accessibility tax credit	This non-refundable credit is equal to 15% of a maximum of \$10,000 of eligible expenses paid for improvements to a residence of a family member who is age 65 or older or who is disabled.	Report eligible amounts on Step 5 of your federal return jacket.
Yes No	Eligible educator school supply tax credit	This refundable credit is equal to 15% of a maximum of \$1,000 of eligible school supplies paid for by a qualified teacher or early childhood educator.	Taxpayer should obtain and retain a letter from employer attesting to the eligibility of your expenses for the year.
Yes No	Digital news subcription tax credit	This non-refundable credit is equal to 15% of a maximum of \$500 of your qualifying digital news subscriptions you paid for qualified Canadian journalism organizations that do not hold a license to broadcast.	Keep records of your subcription purchase

Other things to consider

Does it apply to you?	What you need to do	What you should know
Yes No	Record any income for the year for which no tax slip is issued.	Your tax preparer will advise you on whether the income is taxable or not.
Yes No	Keep copies of your tax returns and all slips and forms.	Canada Revenue Agency advises that you keep all supporting documents for six years.
Yes No	Review in detail as soon as possible any difference between your return and the government's assessment.	Assess whether the government's change makes sense to you. If not, contact your tax preparer or Canada Revenue Agency.
Yes No	Maintain a running list of the cost base of your non-registered investment holdings.	This is critical to ensure that you are not double-taxed. Please see tracking schedule, mutual fund purchases and redemptions.
Yes No	Maintain a list of capital losses available for carry-forward.	Capital losses can be carried forward to offset capital gains in a future year.
Yes No	Keep on file your \$100,000 capital gains exemption, filed in 1994 (T664S).	When you sell the asset, you won't pay taxes on any capital gain for which you are exempt.
Yes No	Tax information for spouse and children.	A tax preparer needs to refer to these to ensure the proper calculations/allocations of certain deductions, as well as to propose future tax planning strategies.
Yes No	Record interest you have received for any investment loans you have made to your spouse.	Interest payments are required in order to avoid attribution with this income-splitting strategy. You should also have a written loan agreement.
Yes No	Arrange for disability tax credit certificate if someone in your family has a severe and prolonged mental or physical impairment.	A certificate is required to claim the disability credit. Disability status must be confirmed by a medical doctor, optometrist, audiologist, nurse practitioner occupational therapist, psychologist, speech-language pathologist or physiotherapist.
Yes No	Principal residence exemption. Individuals who sell their principal residence on or after January 1, 2016 will be required to report the sale.	Report the sale on Schedule 3 and Form T2091 of your federal return.

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Yes No	Disclose foreign property over \$100,000	Complete federal form T1135 which can be e-filed, netfiled or mailed separately from your return to the address noted in the instructions. Penalties for not disclosing are significant.
Yes No	Disclose contributions, loans and distributions involving foreign trusts	Complete and sign federal forms T1141 and T1142. File them according to the CRA instructions. Penalties for not disclosing are significant.
Yes No	If you have received income (other than employment income) or capital gains from a corporation, trust or partnership where a relative works or holds an interest, discuss with your tax professional if the Tax on Split Income rules could apply to you.	Tax On Split Income (TOSI). Significant changes were made to the Tax on Split Income rules effective January 1, 2018 that can cause certain types of income or capital gains to be subject to the highest tax rate, assuming certain exceptions are not met.

Tracking schedules

Capital gains and losses

Description	Date bought	Purchase price	Date sold	Sales proceeds

The purchase price includes any commissions or closing costs paid. Sales proceeds are calculated net of commissions or other selling costs. When disposing of only part of a holding, use the average adjusted cost base per unit to calculate any capital gain or loss.

Mutual fund purchases and redemptions

Fund	Opening units	Opening cost	Units bought	Purchase price	Ending units	Ending cost

Keeping track of the cost base of your non-registered mutual fund holdings prevents you from overpaying taxes when you ultimately sell your units. In particular, monthly purchases, automatic reinvestments and redemptions triggered to pay fees affect the number of units held and the cost base.

Tracking schedules

Investment expenses

Description	Date	Amount

Includes costs such as investment counselling fees, interest expense related to the purchase of non-registered investments and accounting fees (except for tax return fees).

Canada Savings Bonds and GICs

Description	Date purchased	Maturity date	Amount

Tracking schedules

Medical expenses and receipts

Description	Date	Amount

Child care expenses

Description	Date	Amount

Includes babysitting, day care, day camps, boarding schools and camps.

Tracking schedules

Charitable donations

Name of charity	Date	Amount

Make sure that all slips have an official tax number on them. Otherwise, no credit will be granted. It is generally better to have one spouse claim all donations. (It's the opposite for political contributions.)

Additional information

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