

## 2013 PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURN CHECKLIST

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### A. Information All Clients Must Provide

1. All **information slips** such as T3, T4, T4A, T4A(OAS), T4A(P), T4E, T4PS, T4RIF, T4RSP, T5, T10, T2200, T2202, T101, T1163, T1164, TL11A, B, C and D; T5003, T5007, T5008, T5013, T5018 (Subcontractors), RC62 and corresponding provincial slips.
2. Details of **other income** for which no T-slips have been received such as:
  - other employment income (including stock option plans and Election Form T1212),
  - business income (farming and fishing businesses have special rules),
  - partnership income,
  - rental income,
  - alimony, separation allowances, child maintenance (including divorce agreement),
  - pensions (certain pension income may now be **split** between spouses). Foreign pension income has special rules.
  - interest income earned but not yet received - example Canada Savings Bonds, Deferred Annuities, Term Deposits, Treasury Bills, Mutual Funds, Strip Bonds, Compound Interest Bonds
  - professional fees,
  - director fees,
  - scholarships, fellowships, bursaries.
3. Details of **other expenses** such as:
  - employment related expenses - Provide completed Form T2200 - Declaration of Conditions of Employment (signed by employer),
  - tools acquired by apprentice vehicle mechanics,
  - business and employment purchases like vehicles, supplies, etc.,
  - interest on money borrowed to purchase investments,
  - investment counsel fees,
  - moving expenses - including costs of maintaining a vacant former residence,
  - child care expenses,
  - alimony, separation allowances, child maintenance (including divorce agreement, support amount was paid),
  - accounting, legal, and other professional fees,
  - pension plan contributions,
  - film and video production eligible for tax credit,
  - mining tax credit expenses,

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- business and medical travel expenses (travel logs may be required),
  - scientific research and development expenses,
  - adoption related expenses,
  - clergy residence deduction information, including Form T1223,
  - disability supports expenses (speech, sight, hearing, learning aids for impaired individuals and attendant care expenses),
  - tradesperson's tools acquired by an employee,
  - public transit passes acquired,
  - amounts paid for **programs of physical activity or arts** for children **under age 16** at any time during the year (**under 18** for children with **disabilities**).
4. Details of **other investments** such as:
    - real estate or oil and gas investments - including financial statements,
    - labour-sponsored funds.
  5. Details and **receipts** for:
    - Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contributions (made until March 3, 2014),
    - professional dues, union dues,
    - tuition fees for both **full-time** and **part-time** courses for you or a dependant - including mandatory ancillary fees, and Forms T2202, TL11A, B, C and D where applicable,
    - charitable donations,
    - medical expenses for you and dependent person(s) (including certain medical related modifications to new or existing home and travel expenses),
    - political contributions.
  6. Details of **capital gains and losses** realized in 2013. This may be obtained in some circumstances by contacting your investment advisor.
  7. Name, address, date of birth, S.I.N., and province of **residence** on December 31, 2013, if changed in current year.
  8. **Personal status** - single, married, common-law, separated, divorced, widowed, if changed in current year. If **married** or **common-law** - spouse/partner's income, S.I.N., birth date.
  9. List of **dependants/children** - including their income and birth dates.
  10. Details regarding residence in a prescribed area which qualifies for the **Northern Residents Deduction**.
  11. Details regarding contributions and withdrawals from **Registered Education Savings Plans**.
  12. Details regarding **RRSP - Home Buyers' Plan** withdrawals and repayments; **RRSP - Lifelong Learning Plan** repayment.
  13. Details on 2013 income tax **instalments** or, payments of tax, if we do not have access to your tax account on CRA's Represent a Client.
  14. 2012 Assessment **Notices** and any correspondence from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

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15. **NEW for 2013!** - Foreign Property Reporting  
Details of **foreign property** owned at **any time** in 2013 including cash, stocks, trusts, partnerships, real estate, tangible and intangible property, contingent interests, convertible property, etc. Required details include: description of the property, related country, maximum cost in the year, cost at year-end, income, and capital gain/loss for each particular property.
16. Details of **income** from, or **distributions to foreign entities** such as foreign affiliates and trusts.
17. Details of your Pension Adjustment Reversal if you ceased employment and were in a Registered Pension Plan or a Deferred Profit Sharing Plan. (T10 Slip)
18. **NEW for 2013!** - *Internet Business Activities*  
If you have **business** or **professional income**, please indicate whether you have **internet business activities**. According to the CRA, internet business activities include any activity where you **earn income** from your **webpages** or **websites**. This can include:
- **Selling goods** and/or **services** on your own page(s) or site(s). You may have a shopping cart and process payment transactions yourself or use a third party service.
  - If your site doesn't support transactions but your **customers call**, complete and submit a form or **email** you to make a purchase order, booking, etc.
  - Selling goods and/or services on auction, marketplace or similar sites operated by others.
  - Earning income from **advertising**, income programs or traffic your site generates.
- If you do have internet business activities, please also provide:
- **Number** of webpages or **websites** from where your business earns income. Please provide the addresses of your pages and/or sites. If you have more than 5 sites, provide the 5 that generate the most income.
  - Provide the **percentage of income generated from the internet**. If you do not know the exact percentage, please provide an **estimate**.

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## B. Questions to Answer

1. a) Are you **disabled or are any of your dependants** disabled? Provide Form T2201 - disability tax credit certificate. This also includes extensive therapy such as kidney dialysis and certain cystic fibrosis therapy. Also, the **transfer rules** include relatives such as parents, grandparents, child, grandchild, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nephews or nieces.
- Persons with **disabilities** also may receive tax relief for the cost of **disability supports** (eg. sign language services, talking textbooks, etc.) incurred for the purpose of **employment** or **education**. Also, see # D.7 for Registered Disability Savings Plan information.
- b) Are you the **caregiver** for any infirm family members?
2. Do you want your **tax refund** deposited directly to your account in a financial institution?
3. Do you have any **personal interest expense** - such as on a house mortgage or personal vehicle?  
If so, it may be possible to take steps to convert this into deductible interest. Please ask us for details.
4. Have you received the **Universal Child Care Benefit** of **\$100 per month** for each child under **6 years** of age?

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5. Are you a first-time **home buyer** in 2013?  
A tax credit based on \$5,000 (@15% = \$750) is available for qualifying homes acquired after January 27, 2009.
  6. Are you a **U.S. citizen, Green Card Holder**, or were you, or your parents **born in the United States**? You likely have U.S. filing obligations.
  7. Have you spent more than 200 hours acting as a **volunteer firefighter**? You may be eligible for a Federal Tax Credit.
  8. Are you an **aboriginal** person? Special tax rules may apply.
  9. Do you have a Leveraged Insured Annuity or **“10/8” life insurance arrangement**?
  10. Do you authorize the Canada Revenue Agency to give your name, address, date of birth, and citizenship to Elections Canada to update the National Register of Electors?
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#### C. Additional Information New Clients Must Provide

1. Details of previous **capital gain exemptions** claimed, **business investment losses** and **cumulative net investment loss** accounts.
  2. Details of **carry forwards** from previous years including losses, donations, forward averaging amounts, registered retirement savings plans.
  3. Copy of 2012 personal tax **return**.
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#### D. Planning Points

1. If you provided **in-home care** for a **parent or grandparent** (including in-laws) 65 years of age or over, or an infirm **dependent relative**, a federal tax credit may be available. Certain provincial credits may also be available. Also, the caregiver may claim related **training costs** as a medical expense credit.
2. Interest paid on qualifying **student loans** is eligible for a tax credit.
3. Individuals receiving qualifying retroactive **lump-sum payments** over \$3,000 may be granted same tax relief.
4. **Children** of low or middle income parents may be entitled to a **Canada Learning Bond** of **\$500** in the initial year and **\$100** per year until age 15.
5. An **investment tax credit** is available in respect of each **eligible apprentice** employed in one of the Red Seal Trades. Also, a **\$1,000 grant** is available for first and second year apprentices.
6. Some provinces have tax credits for seniors with **home renovation expenses** (example Ontario and British Columbia).

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7. Any person eligible for the **disability tax credit**, or their parent or legal representative, may establish a **Registered Disability Savings Plan** which receives **government grants and bonds**.
8. The age limit for **maturing** Registered Pension Plans, Registered Retirement Savings Plans, and Deferred Profit Sharing Plans is **71 years** of age.
9. Spouses may **jointly elect** to have up to 50% of **certain pension income** reported by the **other spouse**.
10. Individuals 18 years of age and older may deposit **up to \$5000** per year into a **Tax-Free Savings Account** commencing in 2009. This has increased to \$5,500 for 2013.
11. If income or required Forms have **not been reported** in the past to the CRA, a **Voluntary Disclosure** to the CRA may be available to avoid penalties.
12. **Canada Pension Plan** (CPP) receipts may be **split** between spouses aged 65 or over.
13. It may be advantageous to apply to **receive CPP early** (age 60 - 65) or **late** (age 65 - 70).
14. It may be advantageous to **delay receiving Old Age Security** from age 65 - 70.

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