



# It's your money!

## Why do you need to do your taxes?

You could get benefit and credit payments if you do your taxes every year, even if you had no income or your income was tax exempt. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, they also have to do their taxes every year.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) uses the information from your income tax and benefit return to calculate your benefit and credit payments, and any related provincial or territorial payments you may be eligible for.

## Benefits, credits, and deductions

<b>Canada child benefit</b>	Up to <b>\$6,400</b> per child, per year + <b>\$2,730</b> if your child is eligible for the disability tax credit.
<b>GST/HST credit</b>	Up to <b>\$560</b> per year + <b>\$147</b> per child, per year.
<b>Disability tax credit</b>	Up to <b>\$8,113</b> as a non-refundable tax credit you can claim on your return.
<b>Working income tax benefit</b>	Up to <b>\$1,894</b> as a refundable tax credit on your return, if you have working income. You could also apply to get up to half of the tax credit amount in advance payments.
<b>Northern residents deductions</b>	A <b>residency deduction</b> of up to <b>\$22</b> for each day that you lived in a prescribed northern zone and a <b>deduction for travel benefits</b> that you could claim on your return.

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## Do you have your social insurance number?

To apply for benefits and credits, you need a social insurance number (SIN). To get a SIN, go to a Service Canada office to apply in person, and you will get one during that visit. You will have to provide a document that proves your identity, such as your birth certificate.

## What if you don't have all the documents?

If the CRA sends you a letter asking for documents and you cannot provide them, call the CRA at the number on the letter. They can suggest other documents you could send instead, and give you more time to answer. If you don't answer the letter, your benefit and credit payments could stop.

## Need help?

- **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**

This is a free program where volunteers do your taxes for you, if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation. To find a volunteer near you, go to [canada.ca/taxes-help](https://canada.ca/taxes-help).

- **Authorize a representative**

You can give permission to another person (such as a family member, a friend, or an accountant) to deal with the CRA for you. Fill out Form T1013, Authorizing or Cancelling a Representative, and send it to the CRA.

## Avoid delays and incorrect payments

Changes to your personal information, such as your marital status, the number of children in your care, and your address, directly affect your benefit and credit payments. To avoid delays and incorrect payments, update your personal information with the CRA.

## Need more information?

### Online

- Information for Indigenous peoples: [canada.ca/taxes-aboriginal-peoples](https://canada.ca/taxes-aboriginal-peoples)
- Child and family benefits: [canada.ca/child-family-benefits](https://canada.ca/child-family-benefits)
- Disability tax credit: [canada.ca/disability-tax-credit](https://canada.ca/disability-tax-credit)
- Northern residents deductions: [canada.ca/taxes-northern-residents](https://canada.ca/taxes-northern-residents)
- CRA forms and publications: [canada.ca/cra-forms](https://canada.ca/cra-forms)

### By phone

- To ask about benefits: **1-800-387-1193**
- For general questions and to get forms: **1-800-959-8281**
- Social insurance number (Service Canada): **1-800-206-7218**