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# Moving Expenses Checklist

## Who is eligible?

Generally, you can claim moving expenses you paid in the year if both of the following apply:

- You moved to a new home to work or to run a business out of a new location, or you moved to be a student in full-time attendance in a post-secondary program at a university, college, or other educational institution
- Your new home must be at least 40 kilometers closer (by the shortest public route) to your new work location or school

## Eligible moving expenses

- Transportation and storage costs (such as packing, hauling, movers, in-transit storage, and insurance) for household items, including boats and trailers
- Travel expenses include vehicle expenses, meals, and accommodation, to move you and your household members to your new home. You can choose to claim vehicle and meal expenses using the detailed or simplified method. If you choose to use the detailed method, you must keep all your receipts and claim the actual amount that you spent. If you choose to use the simplified method, you may claim a flat rate per person for meals and multiply the number of kilometers driven by the cents/km rate for the province or territory where the travel began.

The CRA may still ask you to send documents to support your claim. You must keep track of the number of kilometers driven during the tax year for the trips related to your moving expenses. Keep all your receipts and documents supporting your claim.

- Temporary living expenses for a maximum of 15 days for meals and temporary lodging near the old or new home for you and your household members. You can choose to claim meal expenses using the detailed or simplified method. If you choose to use the simplified method, the CRA may still ask you to send documents showing how long you stayed at the temporary lodging.
- Cost of cancelling your lease for your old home, except any rental payments before the cancellation of your lease

- Incidental costs related to your move include the following:
  - changing your address on legal documents
  - replacing driving licenses and non-commercial vehicle permits (not including insurance)
  - utility hook-ups and disconnections
- Cost to maintain your old home when vacant (maximum of \$5,000) after you moved, and during a period when reasonable efforts were made to sell the home. It includes the following:
  - interest
  - property taxes
  - insurance premiums
  - cost of heating and utilities expenses
- Note: You cannot claim these costs during the period when the old home was rented. The costs must have been incurred when your old home was not occupied by you or any other person who lived with you at the old home just before the move.
- Cost of selling your old home includes the following:
  - advertising
  - notary or legal fees
  - real estate commission
  - mortgage penalty when the mortgage is paid off before maturity
- Cost of buying a new home if you or your spouse or common-law partner sold your old home because of your move
- Note: The cost of buying your new home includes legal or notary fees you paid to buy your new home, as well as any taxes paid (other than GST/HST) for the transfer or registration of title to the new home.