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Your Income Tax and Benefit Return for 2023

HELPFUL INFORMATION (INCLUDING LINKS)

Circle April 30, 2024, on your calendar! This is the deadline for most Canadians to file their income tax and benefit return for 2023. You are considered to have filed on time as long as the CRA receives your return, or it is postmarked, by April 30. By filing your income tax and benefit return on time, you will avoid interruptions to your benefit and credit payments

When you will receive your income tax package?

If you filed on paper last year, the CRA should mail you the 2023 Income tax package by February 19, 2024. You can also view, download, and print what you need online or order a package by calling us at 1-855-330-3305

Changes to the 2023 Income tax package

You may notice that the package you receive is thinner than usual. This is because, starting in 2024, the CRA will no longer print line-by-line instructions in the paper package. Changes to the 2023 Income tax package is available online.

If additional information or assistance is required, you will find alternative support through our Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and the CRA's contact centres.

SimpleFile by phone

This year, if you are eligible, you may use SimpleFile by phone (formerly File My Return). The CRA will automatically send you an invitation in the mail or notify you by email.

Consider filing online

To file electronically, you can use the CRA's NETFILE service. Check out their list of NETFILE-certified tax software products, some of which are free.

With NETFILE, you may be able to use these secure services:

- Auto-fill my return allows you to automatically fill in parts of your income tax and benefit return with information that the CRA has available at the time of the request. This service can retrieve information from the current year and seven years prior.
- Express NOA allows you to view your notice of assessment (NOA) in your certified tax software and in My Account, immediately after the CRA receives and processes your return.

If you combine online filing with direct deposit, you could get any refund you're owed in as little as eight business days. Paper returns aren't as fast, and it could take up to eight weeks to process them.

To use Express NOA, you must be registered for My Account. With My Account, you can also:

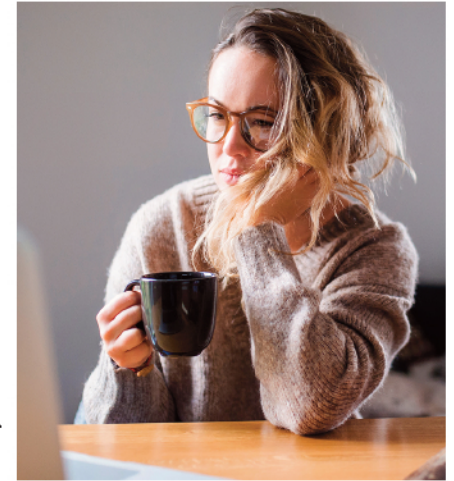
- view or change your return, check if you have any uncashed cheques, and more
- update your personal information the CRA has on file
- submit documents

- track the progress of your files and enquiries.

.SENIORS: Don't forget, if you're retired or 65 years of age or older, then your sources of income may change, and you have to include these new sources of income on your tax return.

Know what income to report

You might be receiving income from many different sources. Here's a list of some of the most common types of income you may start receiving when you retire or turn 65.



Don't miss out on money!

Find out what you may be eligible for and how to apply on our Tax credits and benefits for individuals page.

You may be eligible to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

It's a monthly payment available to Old Age Security pensioners who have low income and are living in Canada. If you already receive the GIS, by filing your income tax and benefit return on time, you avoid interruptions to your payments and you won't have to reapply.

You could also claim deductions, credits, and expenses, that you are eligible for, on your income tax and benefit return to reduce the amount of tax you have to pay.

For example, you may be eligible to claim the **Canada caregiver credit** if you support your spouse or common-law partner with a physical or mental impairment. There's also the **Disability tax credit (DTC)**. This credit helps reduce the income tax that people with physical or mental impairments, or their supporting family members, may have to pay. You may be eligible for the DTC if a medical practitioner certifies that you have a severe and prolonged impairment. If you think you may be eligible for the DTC, you should apply.

And don't forget about pension income splitting. You and your spouse or common-law partner may be able to jointly elect to split your eligible pension income if you meet all of the requirements.

Free tax help is available!

If you need help with your taxes, we're here for you. If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers at a free tax clinic may be able to do your taxes for you. You can visit a free tax clinic in your area, or you can make a virtual appointment, whatever suits you best. To find out if you're eligible, and to find a tax clinic, go to our

CRA LINKS TO SERVICES, INFORMATION AND BENEFITS

Order your paper tax package: <https://www.canada.ca/taxes-general-package>

For information about CRA digital services
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/e-services/digital-services-individuals/netfile-overview.html>

Sign up of My Account
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/e-services/digital-services-individuals/account-individuals.html>

Types of income you may receive when you retire or turn 65 years old
https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/changes-your-taxes-when-you-retire-turn-65-years-old.html#tps_ncm

Free tax clinics page.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/free-tax-help.html>

Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/old-age-security/guaranteed-income-supplement.html>

Caregiver tax credit
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/canada-care-giver-amount.html>

Disability Tax credit
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit/about-dtc.html>

Child and Family Benefits
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/child-and-family-benefits.html>