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2017 / 2016 AUTOMOBILE DEDUCTION LIMITS

Effective January 1, 2016, the following passenger vehicle limits apply:
Maximum cost for CCA purposes will remain at \$30,000 plus taxes.
Ceiling on deductible leasing costs will remain at \$800 plus taxes.
The limit on allowable interest deduction for amounts borrowed to purchase an automobile will remain at \$300 per month.
The limit on tax-exempt kilometre allowances decreased to \$0.54 for the first 5,000 kilometres driven and \$0.48 for each additional kilometre.

2016 / 2015 AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	2016	2015
United States	Dollar	1.3248	1.2787
European Union	Euro	1.4660	1.4182
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling	1.7962	1.9540
Japan	Yen	0.0122	0.0106

2017 / 2016 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

		2017	2016
CPP	Max Pensionable Earnings	\$55,300.00	\$ 54,900.00
	Basic Annual Exemption	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	Contribution Rate	4.95%	4.95%
	Max Employee Contribution	\$ 2,564.10	\$ 2,544.30
EI	Max Annual Insurance Earnings	\$51,300.00	\$ 50,800.00
	Premium Rate	1.63%	1.88%
	Max Employee Annual Premium	\$ 836.19	\$ 955.04

CORPORATE TAX RATES

Combined Federal and BC Rates for the year ended:	ACTIVE	NO SMALL	
	INCOME	BUSINESS	NON-ACTIVE
	UP TO	DEDUCTION	INVESTMENT
	\$500,000	INCOME	INCOME
December 31, 2015....	13.50	26.00	45.67
January 31, 2016.....	13.46	26.00	46.01
February 29, 2016.....	13.42	26.00	46.32
March 31, 2016.....	13.38	26.00	46.66
April 30, 2016.....	13.33	26.00	46.99
May 31, 2016.....	13.29	26.00	47.33
June 30, 2016.....	13.25	26.00	47.66
July 31, 2016.....	13.21	26.00	47.99
August 31, 2016.....	13.17	26.00	48.33
September 30, 2016...	13.13	26.00	48.66
October 31, 2016.....	13.08	26.00	49.00
November 30, 2016....	13.04	26.00	49.33
December 31, 2016....	13.00	26.00	49.67

PRESCRIBED INTEREST RATES

	RECEIVER GENERAL PAYMENTS		ALL OTHER PURPOSES
	TO	FROM	
	2014 - Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	5%	
2015 - Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	5%	3%	1%
2016 - Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	5%	3%	1%
2017 - Q1	5%	3%	1%

GOODS & SERVICES / HARMONIZED SALES TAX RATES

15% HST in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland & Labrador (effective Oct 1/16)
13% HST in Ontario
5% GST in BC and all other provinces and the territories

**2016 FEDERAL AND BRITISH COLUMBIA
PERSONAL TAX CREDITS**

Amount of credits:	FEDERAL AMOUNT	TOTAL Fed/BC CREDIT
Basic personal credit (\$10,027 BC)	\$11,474	\$2,228
Age credit (Born 1951 or earlier; 65 and over)	1 7,125	1,296
Spousal/Partner and eligible dependants credit	2 11,474	2,156
Infirm dependants aged 18 or older	2 6,788	1,240
Caregiver credit	2 4,667	922
Family caregiver credit	3 2,121	318
Canada employment amount (maximum)	4 1,161	174
Pension income (maximum) (BC max = \$1,000)	4 2,000	351
Disability credit	8,001	1,581
Education and textbook amounts, full-time per month	5	80
Education and textbook amounts, part-time per month	5	24
Credits as a percentage of:		
CPP contributions and EI premiums	6	20.06%
Public transit passes (Federal credit only)	7	15.00%
Children's fitness and arts credits	8	20.06%
Adoption expenses	9	20.06%
Tuition and eligible student loan interest	10	20.06%
Medical expenses (in excess of limitations)	11	20.06%
Charitable donations - first \$200	12	20.06%
- remainder		43.70%

- The Age credit begins to reduce when the taxpayer's net income reaches \$35,927 / \$33,473 and is fully reduced at \$83,427 / \$63,453 (Federal / BC).
- The value of these tax credits is reduced whenever the dependant's income exceeds specific threshold amounts; the thresholds are \$0 / \$859 for Spouse or Common-Law Partner; \$6,807 / \$6,989 for Infirm Dependant; and \$15,940 / \$14,850 for Caregiver Credit.
- Additional \$2,121 federal credit added to Spousal/Infirm/Caregiver credit amounts when the dependant has physical/mental infirmity.
- Credits are the lesser of qualifying income amounts and Federal maximums.
- In addition to tuition fees, a full-time student may also claim \$465 / \$200 per month enrolled; a part-time student may claim \$140 / \$60 per month.
- Canada Pension Plan contribution is 4.95% of pensionable earnings. Basic exemption of \$3,500; Maximum CPP pensionable earnings are \$54,900. EI contribution rate is 1.88%. Maximum insurable earnings are \$50,800.
- You may be able to claim weekly, monthly or annual transit passes which permit unlimited travel within Canada for you, your spouse or your children.
- You may claim up to a maximum of \$500 per child for fitness and \$250 for arts for fees paid in 2016 for eligible activities for children aged 16 (born 2000 or later) at the beginning of the tax year.
- You may claim a credit for eligible adoption expenses related to the adoption of a child who is under the age of 18 up to a maximum of \$15,453.
- Tuition fees and educational credits are transferable to a spouse, parent or grandparent. The maximum transfer is \$5,000 less the student's net income over \$11,474 / \$10,027. The student may carry forward unused amounts.
- Medical expenses are first reduced by \$2,237 / \$2,085 (Federal / BC) or 3% of Net Income, whichever is less, in order to calculate allowable amount.
- Charitable donations may not exceed 75% of net income except in the event of death (100%). Excess amounts may be carried forward for 5 years.
- The following amounts may be transferred from a spouse, to the extent that they are not needed to reduce his or her federal income tax to zero: age amount, pension amount, disability amount, amount for eligible children, tuition fees and education amount.
- OAS claw back begins at \$73,756 and is fully recovered at \$119,615.
- Working Income Tax Benefit (BC) For Singles: Income between \$4,750 and \$20,314; Max benefit (\$1,242) at \$12,786; For Family: Income between \$4,750 and \$29,186. Max benefit (\$1,972) at \$17,234.

Split numbers represent Federal / BC amounts

QUICK TAX

INDIVIDUAL MARGINAL RATES - 2016

TAXABLE INCOME	Dividends		
	Income	Eligible	Regular
\$ 11,475 - \$ 31,647	15.00%	0.00%	2.36%
\$ 31,648 - \$ 38,210	20.06%	0.00%	8.27%
\$ 38,211 - \$ 45,282	22.70%	0.00%	11.36%
\$ 45,283 - \$ 76,421	28.20%	4.39%	17.79%
\$ 76,422 - \$ 87,741	31.00%	8.25%	21.07%
\$ 87,742 - \$ 90,563	32.79%	10.72%	23.16%
\$ 90,564 - \$ 106,543	38.29%	18.31%	29.60%
\$ 106,543 - \$ 140,388	40.70%	21.64%	32.42%
\$ 140,389 - \$ 200,000	43.70%	25.78%	35.93%
\$ 200,001 AND OVER	47.70%	31.30%	40.61%

2016 TAXABLE INCOME WITH BASIC EXEMPTION

TAXABLE INCOME	TOTAL TAX	TAXABLE INCOME	TOTAL TAX	TAXABLE INCOME	TOTAL TAX
10,000	-	34,000	3,987	80,000	16,055
11,000	-	36,000	4,361	82,500	16,830
12,000	-	38,000	4,734	85,000	17,605
13,000	-	40,000	5,155	90,000	19,196
14,000	87	42,000	5,582	95,000	21,080
15,000	227	44,000	6,008	100,000	22,995
16,000	367	46,000	6,474	105,000	24,909
17,000	507	48,000	7,011	110,000	26,907
18,000	646	50,000	7,547	115,000	28,942
19,000	786	52,000	8,088	120,000	30,977
20,000	955	54,000	8,632	125,000	33,012
21,000	1,178	56,000	9,187	130,000	35,047
22,000	1,400	58,000	9,751	140,000	39,117
23,000	1,623	60,000	10,315	150,000	43,475
24,000	1,845	62,000	10,879	175,000	54,400
25,000	2,068	64,000	11,443	200,000	65,325
26,000	2,290	66,000	12,007	225,000	77,251
27,000	2,513	68,000	12,571	250,000	89,176
28,000	2,735	70,000	13,135	300,000	113,026
29,000	2,959	72,500	13,840	500,000	208,426
30,000	3,180	75,000	14,545	750,000	327,676
32,000	3,613	77,500	15,280	1,000,000	446,926

*Tax computations reflect general employment income with applicable credits for basic personal exemption, Canada employment amount, CPP and EI credits. Other credits may apply.

DIVIDEND INCOME WITH DIVIDEND TAX CREDIT

ACTUAL DIVIDEND	REGULAR DIVIDEND	ELIGIBLE DIVIDEND	ACTUAL DIVIDEND	REGULAR DIVIDEND	ELIGIBLE DIVIDEND
20,000	-	-	100,000	15,432	7,723
30,000	402	-	125,000	23,712	11,449
40,000	1,389	-	150,000	32,694	17,750
50,000	3,168	-	200,000	52,019	33,399
60,000	4,948	1,600	250,000	72,323	49,048
70,000	6,880	3,239	500,000	173,845	127,295
80,000	9,260	4,734	750,000	275,367	205,542
90,000	12,220	6,228	1,000,000	376,889	283,788

* Tax calculations are based on applicable gross-up amounts and include basic exemption only.

2016 / 2017 MAJOR CHANGES

- For tax years beginning in 2016, all individuals who sell their principal residence will have to report the sale on their tax return and disclose basic information such as the date of acquisition, proceeds of disposition, and address. However, the principal residence exemption will apply to most transactions. For tax years after October 2, 2016, the CRA may at any time reassess your income tax return if a sale or other disposition of real estate was not reported.
- Effective 2016, the Family Tax Cut was eliminated.
- Effective 2017, children under the age of 19 and dependent full-time post-secondary students under the age of 25 will be exempt from paying MSP premiums.
- For 2017, federal education and textbook tax credits and the children's arts and fitness tax credits will be eliminated.
- For 2016, the maximum eligible amount for the Children Fitness is reduced from \$1,000 to \$500 and the Children's Art amount reduced from \$500 to \$250.
- Effective 2016, parents of children aged 5-17 as of December 31 of the tax year will benefit from a new Back-to-School tax credit of \$250 for each child.
- The 2017 RRSP contribution limit of \$26,010 is reached with earned income of \$144,500 (2016 \$25,370 and \$140,944).

GOVERNMENT / CRA CONTACT

CRA - Individual Taxes	1-800-959-8281
CRA - Business Services	1-800-959-5525
HRDC - CPP/OAS/GIS	1-800-277-9914
PST Hotline	1-877-388-4440

PLANNING AND FILING DEADLINES IN 2016

February 28: Last day to issue T4's, T4A's and T5's.

March 1: Last day to make personal and spousal RRSP contributions applicable to the 2016 taxation year.

March 15, June 15, September 15 & December 15: Quarterly installments for taxpayers who are required to remit quarterly.

May 1: File Personal Income Tax Returns for 2016 and remit balance due, if any, to CRA.

June 15: Due date for Personal Tax Returns of individuals or spouses/common-law partners of individuals with self-employed business income. (Payment of tax balance still due by May 1).

December 31: Deadline for RRSP contributions in the year a taxpayer turns 71. This is also the deadline for converting RRSPs into RRIFs or Life Annuities in a taxpayer's 71st year.

RRIF MIN WITHDRAWAL RATES FOR AGE AT DEC 31

Age	%	Age	%	Age	%	Age	%
71	5.28	77	6.17	83	7.71	89	10.99
72	5.40	78	6.36	84	8.08	90	11.92
73	5.53	79	6.58	85	8.51	91	13.06
74	5.67	80	6.82	86	8.99	92	14.49
75	5.82	81	7.08	87	9.55	93	16.34
76	5.98	82	7.38	88	10.21	94	18.79
* Under 71 + 1/(90-Age attained at beginning of year)						95+	20.00

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