

## 2017 PERSONAL INCOME TAX CHECKLIST

Dear Client/Friend:

February 2018

If we prepare your personal income tax return(s), please complete this checklist and return it to us along with all of your tax information (which we will return to you with your completed return). We are able to work most efficiently when you organize your information and complete the relevant schedules legibly.

If you prepare your own return, use the checklist to assist you in gathering/summarizing your information. Feel free to pass the checklist on to a friend who could use some help, too. You can download a copy from my website at [www.bdca.ca](http://www.bdca.ca), by clicking on the "Newsletters" tab.

Remember to retain all the documents, cancelled cheques and other data that form the basis of your income and deductions. These may be necessary to prove the accuracy and completeness of your tax return to CRA.

**FILING DEADLINES: April 30, 2018 unless you or your spouse have self-employment income, in which case you have until June 15, 2018. Unpaid taxes as at April 30, 2018 begin to accrue arrears interest on May 1, 2018, even for taxpayers whose filing deadline is June 15!**

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★ YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: Home (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: (YYYY/MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER (SIN): \_\_\_\_\_

PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE A CITIZEN OF THE U.S.A.? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

DID YOU BECOME (OR CEASE TO BE) A RESIDENT OF CANADA DURING THE YEAR? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

DATE OF ENTRY OR DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE A CLIENT PORTAL SET UP? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

★ Marital status (if it changed in 2017, the date of change) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's: ... Name \_\_\_\_\_

... Social Insurance Number \_\_\_\_\_

... Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ ... Net Income \_\_\_\_\_  
(YYYY/MM/DD)

★ List of dependants, including:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
... Name				
... Sex				
... Date of birth				
... Income in 2017				

★ If any of your dependants were in full-time attendance at a college or university, details concerning name of institution, number of months in attendance and tuition fees as per Form T2202 from the institution. (Students can typically access this information through their student account online).

★ Form T2201 (disability tax credit certificate, signed by a doctor or nurse practitioner) if you or any of your dependants are disabled.

★ If a dependant who is over 18 at any time in 2017 lived with you, you may be able to claim a caregiver credit if that dependant is mentally/physically infirm and/or your/your spouse's parent or grandparent born in 1952 or earlier. Please provide the following information regarding the dependant:

- name, address and date of birth
- relationship to you
- his/her net income in 2017 (line 236 of their tax return)
- nature of mental or physical infirmity (if applicable)

★ Copy of your 2016 return (if we prepared your tax return in 2016, we already have a copy in our files), along with 2016 Notice of Assessment and any other correspondence from Canada Revenue Agency.

★ Our tax program is set up to automatically answer "No" to the Foreign Property question. Please advise if this response needs to be changed.

... Foreign Property Question:

Did you own or hold foreign property at any time in the year with a total cost of more than CAN\$100,000? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
Foreign property includes non-Canadian real estate (but not personal-use property), investments, bank accounts, etc., even if held in a Canadian brokerage account. It does not include property used exclusively or held by you in an active business.

**Note that there are substantial penalties for failing to report the details of your ownership of foreign property.**

★ All information slips, such as T3, T4, T4A, T4A(OAS), T4A(P), T4E, T5, T5013, T5018, etc.

★ Details of other income for which no T slips are issued, such as:

... other employment income

... income from an unincorporated business (complete attached Schedule 3)

... partnership income (complete attached Schedule 3)

... rental income (complete attached Schedule 5)

... alimony, separation allowance, child maintenance (indicate whether or not it is taxable)

... pensions

... interest income earned but not yet received from, for example, deferred annuities, term deposits, Treasury bills, mutual funds, strip bonds

... professional or director's fees

★ Details of deductible expenses such as:

- ... *employment expenses on Form T2200 (Declaration of Conditions of Employment)*
- ... *interest on money borrowed to purchase investments or for post-secondary education*
- ... *investment counsel fees (RRSP / RRIF administration fees are not deductible)*
- ... *property taxes and/or rent and name of Municipality (including roll #) and/or landlord*
- ... *moving expenses (certain conditions apply)*
- ... *child care expenses (SIN of caregiver, if an individual)*
- ... *alimony, separation allowance, child maintenance (indicate whether or not it is deductible)*
- ... *accounting fees*
- ... *pension plan contributions*
- ... *office in the home (complete attached Schedule 1 if able to claim these expenses)*
- ... *use of a car for business purposes (complete attached Schedule 2 if claiming car expenses for business purposes)*
- ... *business expenses, by category, and HST/GST # if registered (complete attached Schedule 3 if reporting unincorporated business income and expenses)*

★ Details and receipts for:

- ... *RRSP contributions/withdrawals*
- ... *professional dues*
- ... *charitable donations*
- ... *medical/dental expenses – printout of prescriptions from pharmacy*
- ... *allowable medical expenses for your or your spouse's parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew who was resident in Canada and dependant on you for support*
- ... *federal and provincial political contributions*
- ... *monthly or annual public transit passes for yourself, your spouse/partner or children under 19*
- ... *RC62 Universal Child Care Benefit Statement*
- ... *first-time home buyers' tax credit (\*available to first time home buyers on the purchase of a qualifying home)*
- ... *if you were 65 or older in 2017 or claim the Disability Tax Credit (either for yourself or a relative living with you), receipts for up to \$10,000 of renovations to your home to enable the disabled individual to gain access to, be mobile/ functional or reduce the risk of harm within, the home (routine maintenance, gardening and certain other upgrades do not qualify)*
- ... *interest paid on student loans*
- ... *public transit passes for you and/or your dependant children (federal credit ended June 30, 2017 for individuals other than seniors)*

★ Details of capital gains and losses realized on the sale of investments in 2017 (including statements from your investment advisors summarizing trading activity in the year).

**It is critical that the adjusted cost base be provided to ensure that the capital gain or loss can be calculated correctly. Your adjusted cost base is ordinarily the original price paid for the investment, including commissions, if applicable. For certain investments such as income trusts and mutual funds, it is reduced to the extent of any distributions treated as a return of capital and increased by the amount of any taxable distributions received since the investment was acquired.**

Please contact your investment advisor/financial institution for this information if you do not have complete records.

★ Details of previous capital gains exemptions claimed, business investment losses and cumulative net investment loss (CNIL) accounts.

★ If you disposed of property in 2017 and realized a financial gain, the gain may be exempt from tax if the property is designated as your principal residence. Provide the year of acquisition and sale proceeds of the property on Schedule 4. We will have further questions for you.

★ Details regarding RRSP Home Buyer's Plan withdrawals and repayments.

★ Receipts for 2017 income tax instalments.



## **OFFICE IN THE HOME EXPENSES**

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*Please complete and submit with your 2017 tax information, if applicable.*

↓ Area of home used for business (square feet).	
↓ Total area of home (square feet).	
↓ Heating costs for the year.	
↓ Electricity and water costs for the year.	
↓ Home insurance premiums paid. ☼	
↓ Maintenance/security costs for the year.	
↓ Mortgage <u>interest</u> paid. ☼	
↓ Property taxes paid. ☼	
↓ Rent paid.	
↓ Other expenses incurred (please specify).	

☼ *Where an employee earning a salary provides office space in their home, expenses on account of insurance, property taxes and mortgage interest are not allowed to be deducted. An employee earning commission income is permitted to deduct insurance and property taxes but not mortgage interest. Employees must attach the Employer completed and certified T2200 in order to qualify.*

☼ *Only self-employed individuals can deduct mortgage interest related to an office in the home.*

## **AUTO EXPENSES FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES**

*Please complete and submit with your 2017 tax information, if applicable.*

↓ Original cost of the vehicle if not leasing (including HST).	
↓ Date of purchase of vehicle.	
↓ Monthly leasing payment if vehicle not owned (including HST).	
↓ Date of commencement of lease and down payment made.	
↓ Number of kilometres driven for <u>business</u> use.	
↓ <u>Total</u> kilometres driven in 2017.	
↓ Total fuel costs for the year.	
↓ Loan <u>interest</u> paid in the year if car is financed.	
↓ Insurance paid.	
↓ Licence and registration fees.	
↓ Total cost of repairs and maintenance.	
↓ Parking and other costs, if applicable.	
↓ Rebates, allowances and reimbursements received which were <u>not</u> included in your income.	

**Note:** *Canada Revenue Agency considers that the distance travelled to/from the office of your employer is personal, not business (unless there was a business-related stopover en route).*

## UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS INCOME & EXPENSES

### (Sole Proprietorship/Partnership)

Please note: This form should only be completed if you are carrying on an unincorporated business. If your business is subject to GST/HST, include the net expense (amount excluding HST) in column 1 and separately disclose the amount of HST in column 2. For example, if you incur an expense of \$113 which includes HST, you will include \$100 in column 1 and \$13 in column 2.

If your business is not registered for GST/HST and you therefore do not need to segregate it in your accounting records, complete column 1 only by inserting the gross expense amount (amount that includes GST/HST) and leave column 2 blank. Using the same example as above, you will simply include \$113 in column 1.

	(\$) Expense	(\$) HST/GST
↓ GROSS REVENUE		
↓ Purchases (cost of sales)		
↓ Advertising		
↓ Meals and entertainment		
↓ Bad debts		
↓ Insurance		
↓ Interest		
↓ Business taxes, fees, licences, dues, memberships, subscriptions		
↓ Office expenses		
↓ Supplies		
↓ Accounting / legal / other professional fees		
↓ Management and administrative fees		
↓ Rent on business property		
↓ Maintenance and repairs		
↓ Salaries, wages and benefits paid to employees		
↓ Travel		
↓ Telephone and utilities (note that cell phone/internet charges are increasingly being challenged by CRA as potentially personal expenses)		
↓ Fuel costs (except for motor vehicles)		
↓ Delivery, freight and express		
↓ Motor vehicle (please enter these expenses on Schedule 2 – Auto Expenses for Business Purposes)	<b>See Schedule 2</b>	
↓ Other expenses (please specify)		
↓ Capital assets purchased during 2017		
↓ Home office (please enter these expenses on Schedule 1 – Office in the Home Expenses)	<b>See Schedule 1</b>	





**STATEMENT OF REAL ESTATE RENTALS**

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Address of rental property	
Your percentage ownership of the property	%
Other partners' names, if we are also completing their tax return	
Total gross rents received	
Other related income	
Personal use percentage of expenses (if any)	%
Expenses	
↓ Advertising	
↓ Insurance	
↓ Interest	
↓ Maintenance and repairs	
↓ Management/administration fees	
↓ Motor vehicle expenses (please enter these expenses on <i>Schedule 2</i> )	<b>See Schedule 2</b>
↓ Office expenses	
↓ Legal, accounting and other professional fees	
↓ Property taxes	
↓ Salaries, wages and benefits paid to employees	
↓ Travel	
↓ Utilities	
↓ Other expenses (please specify):	
Cost of capital assets purchased during 2017 (e.g., furniture, appliances)	