

2026 handy financial planning facts



TFSA¹

Maximum annual contribution limits	\$5,000 each year 2009 – 2012 \$5,500 each year 2013 – 2014 \$10,000 for 2015 \$5,500 for 2016 – 2018 \$6,000 for 2019 – 2022 \$6,500 for 2023 \$7,000 for 2024 – 2026
Maximum contribution limit since inception	\$109,000 from 2009 – 2026, if born in 1991 or earlier and resident of Canada during those years

¹ You automatically accumulate contribution room each year (starting in 2009) if you were a tax resident of Canada at any time during the year and you were at least 18 years of age at any time during the year.

RRSP/RRIF

RRSP maximum annual deduction limit	18% of the prior year's earned income to a maximum of: \$33,810 for 2026 – deadline March 1, 2027 \$32,490 for 2025 – deadline March 2, 2026		
Withholding tax on RRSP withdrawals or payments over the annual minimum for a RRIF	Amount	All provinces except Quebec	Quebec
	\$0 – \$5,000	10%	19%
	\$5,001 – \$15,000	20%	24%
	Over \$15,000	30%	29%

FHSA

Maximum annual contribution limit	\$8,000 (starts accruing after account opening)
Maximum carry-forward amount for the following year	\$8,000
Maximum contribution for 2026, including a carry-forward amount	\$16,000 (\$8,000 for 2025 and \$8,000 for 2026)
Maximum lifetime contribution limit	\$40,000

IMPORTANT PERSONAL TAX DEADLINES²

Personal income tax instalments	March 16, 2026 June 15, 2026 September 15, 2026 December 15, 2026
Personal income tax return filing	April 30, 2026
Self-employed income tax return filing	June 16, 2026
Balance owing for taxes payable	April 30, 2026

² When the due date falls on a Saturday, a Sunday, or a public holiday recognized by the CRA, your payment or return is considered on time if the CRA receives it or it is postmarked on the next business day.

OTHER DEADLINES

Prescribed rate loan interest payment due by	January 30, 2026 for 2025 interest; January 30, 2027 for 2026 interest
Last trade date for Canadian and U.S. stocks	December 30, 2026, assuming a 1-day settlement

U.S. THRESHOLDS

Lifetime U.S. estate and gift tax exemption³	US \$15,000,000
Annual U.S. gift tax exemption – non U.S. married spouse	US \$194,000
Annual U.S. gift exemption – children / others	US \$19,000

³ A Canadian resident (non U.S. person) with U.S. situs property > US \$60,000 and a worldwide estate > US \$15 million may have exposure to U.S. estate tax. A Canadian resident with U.S. situs property > US \$60,000 must file a U.S. estate tax return.

LIFETIME CAPITAL GAINS EXEMPTION (LCGE)

For qualified small business corporation shares	\$1,275,000 ⁴
For qualified farm or fishing property	\$1,275,000 ⁴

⁴ Proposed.

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RESP – per beneficiary:

Maximum contributions	Lifetime limit of \$50,000. No annual limit.			
Maximum lifetime CESG limit	\$7,200			
Contribution deadline	December 31			
Maximum annual <u>basic</u> CESG	Income level from 2024	CESG %	Max contribution to attract CESG	Max CESG
Maximum annual <u>basic</u> CESG if unused carry-fwds	Any	20%	\$2,500	\$500
	Any	20%	\$5,000	\$1,000
Maximum annual <u>additional</u> CESG	\$58,523 or less	20%	\$500	\$100
	\$58,523 to \$117,045	10%	\$500	\$50

FEDERAL DIVIDEND TAX RATES

Eligible dividends	38%
Non-eligible dividends	15%

FEDERAL TAX BRACKETS and RATES

Taxable income	Tax rate
Up to \$58,523	14%
Over \$58,523 up to \$117,045	20.50%
Over \$117,045 up to \$181,440	26%
Over \$181,440 up to \$258,482	29%
Over \$258,482	33%

RDSP – per beneficiary:

Maximum contributions	Lifetime limit of \$200,000. No annual limit.			
Maximum lifetime CDSG and CDSB limit	\$70,000 for CDSG and \$20,000 for CDSB			
Maximum annual CDSG and CDSB if unused carry-fwds	\$10,500 for CDSG and \$11,000 for CDSB			
Contribution deadline	December 31			
Annual CDSG limit	Income level from 2024	Max contribution to attract CESG	Max CDSG/CDSB	
	\$117,045 or less	\$1,500	\$3,500	
	Above \$117,045	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Annual CDSB limit	\$38,237 or less	N/A	\$1,000	
	Between \$38,237 and \$58,523	N/A	\$1,000 prorated	
	Over \$58,523	N/A	\$0	

FEDERAL TAX CREDITS

	Base Amount	Tax Credit
Basic personal amount⁵	\$14,829 to \$16,452	\$2,076 to \$2,303
Spouse or common-law partner amount⁵	\$14,829 to \$16,452	\$2,076 to \$2,303
Age amount	\$9,208	\$1,289
Net income threshold for age amount	\$0.14 for every \$1 of net income above \$46,432; the full age amount is eliminated at a net income of \$112,203	
Disability amount	\$10,341	\$1,448
Disability supplement amount (for minors)	\$6,032	\$844
Pension income amount	\$2,000	\$280
Medical expense tax credit	Lesser of 3% of net income or \$2,890	

⁵ The federal basic/spouse/common-law partner amounts range from \$14,829 to \$16,452 for taxpayers with taxable income below \$181,440. The benefit of the increased amounts gradually declines until it is eliminated when taxable income reaches \$258,482.

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FEDERAL CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Donation amount	For individuals not taxed at the highest federal rate of 33% ⁶	For individuals taxed at the highest federal rate of 33% ⁶
First \$200	14%	14%
Excess over \$200	29%	33% or 29% ⁷

⁶ Highest federal rate begins when income is over \$258,482.

⁷ A 33% donation tax credit is available for donations to the extent an individual has income that is subject to the 33% top marginal tax rate. A 29% donation tax credit is available on the remaining amount of the donation.

IPP

Employment earnings required to contribute the maximum	\$187,833 for 2025; \$196,611 for 2026
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PENSION AMOUNTS

YBE – yearly basic exemption	\$3,500
YMPE – yearly maximum pensionable earnings	\$74,600
YAMPE – yearly additional maximum pensionable earnings	\$85,000
CANSIM rate	3.49%

CANADA PENSION PLAN AND QUEBEC PENSION PLAN

Maximum benefit amounts:	CPP	QPP
Retirement benefit at age 65	\$1,507.65/mo	\$1,507.65/mo
Post-retirement benefit at age 65	\$54.69	N/A
Retirement pension supplement	N/A	0.66% of the earnings contributed in 2025
Early retirement benefit at age 60 (36% max reduction or 0.6% per month)	\$964.90/mo	\$964.90/mo

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Deferred retirement benefit	\$2,140.86/mo at age 70 (42% max increase or 0.7% per month)	\$2,394.15/mo at age 72 (58.8% max increase)
Disability benefit	\$1,741.20/mo	\$1,737.67/mo for persons aged 18-59 \$610.43/mo, in addition to the QPP retirement benefit, for persons aged 60-65
Survivor's benefit – younger than 65	\$803.54/mo	See next chart
Survivor's benefit – 65 and older	\$904.59/mo	\$881.48/mo
Children of disabled CPP/QPP contributors	\$307.81/mo	\$97.74/mo
Children of deceased CPP/QPP contributors	\$307.81/mo	\$307.81/mo
Combined survivor's and retirement benefit at age 65	\$1,531.56/mo	\$1,507.65/mo
Combined survivor's and disability benefit	\$1,756.14/mo	N/A
Death benefit (one-time payment)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Contribution maximum annual amounts:	CPP	QPP
Employee and employer contributions – base	\$4,230.45/yr	\$4,479.30/yr
Employee and employer contributions – enhanced ⁸	\$416/yr	\$416/yr
Self-employed contributions – base	\$8,460.90/yr	\$8,958.60/yr
Self-employed contributions – enhanced ⁸	\$832/yr	\$832/yr

⁸ A separate additional contribution rate applies to earnings above the YMPE up to the YAMPE.

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QPP SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT – younger than 65

Age	Situation	QPP
Under 45	Without any dependent children	\$719.50/mo
Under 45	With dependent children	\$1,129.95/mo
Under 45	Disabled, with or without dependent children	\$1,173.58/mo
Between 45 and 64	All situations	\$1,173.58/mo

OLD AGE SECURITY

Maximum benefits as of Q1:	OAS ⁹
Benefit at age 65 to 74	\$742.31/mo
Benefit at age 75 and over	\$816.54/mo
Deferred benefit at age 70 (36% max increase or 0.6% per month)	\$1,009.54/mo
Clawback rate	\$0.15 for every \$1 of net income above \$95,323. The full OAS is eliminated at a net income of \$154,708 for those under age 75 as of Q1. The upper threshold is \$160,647 for those age 75 and over.

9 Seniors aged 75 and over will receive an automatic 10% increase to their OAS pension.

GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT AS OF Q1

For those receiving a full OAS pension:	GIS ¹⁰
Single, widowed or divorced	\$1,108.74/mo
If your spouse receives the full OAS pension	\$667.41/mo
If your spouse does not receive an OAS pension	\$1,108.74/mo
If your spouse receives the Allowance ¹¹	\$667.41/mo
Allowance ¹¹ : If your spouse receives GIS and the full OAS pension	\$1,409.72/mo
Allowance for the survivor ¹² : If you are a surviving spouse	\$1,680.47/mo

10 The GIS is a monthly non-taxable benefit to OAS recipients who have a low income. It is added to OAS.

11 The Allowance is available to low-income individuals aged 60 to 64 who are the spouse of a GIS recipient.

12 The Allowance for the Survivor is available to individuals aged 60 to 64 who have a low income, and whose spouse has died.

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