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## 2025 handy financial planning facts

### TFSA<sup>1</sup>

<b>Maximum annual contribution limits</b>	\$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 – 2025
<b>Maximum contribution limit since inception</b>	\$102,000 from 2009 – 2025, if born in 1991 or earlier and resident of Canada during those years

<sup>1</sup> 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

<b>RRSP maximum annual deduction limit</b>	18% of the prior year's earned income to a maximum of: \$32,490 for 2025 – deadline March 2, 2026 \$31,560 for 2024 – deadline March 3, 2025		
<b>Withholding tax on RRSP withdrawals or payments over the annual minimum for a RRIF</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>All provinces except Quebec</b>	<b>Quebec</b>
	\$0 – \$5,000	10%	19%
	\$5,001 – \$15,000	20%	24%
	Over \$15,000	30%	29%

### FHSA

<b>Maximum annual contribution limit</b>	\$8,000 (starts accruing after account opening)
<b>Maximum carry-forward amount for the following year</b>	\$8,000
<b>Maximum contribution for 2025, including a carry-forward amount</b>	\$16,000 (\$8,000 for 2024 and \$8,000 for 2025)
<b>Maximum lifetime contribution limit</b>	\$40,000

**IMPORTANT PERSONAL TAX DEADLINES<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Personal income tax instalments</b>	March 17, 2025 June 16, 2025 September 15, 2025 December 15, 2025
<b>Personal income tax return filing</b>	April 30, 2025
<b>Self-employed income tax return filing</b>	June 16, 2025
<b>Balance owing for taxes payable</b>	April 30, 2025

<sup>2</sup> 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.

**U.S. THRESHOLDS**

<b>Lifetime U.S. estate and gift tax exemption<sup>3</sup></b>	US \$13,990,000
<b>Annual U.S. gift tax exemption – non U.S. married spouse</b>	US \$190,000
<b>Annual U.S. gift exemption – children / others</b>	US \$19,000

<sup>3</sup> A Canadian resident (non U.S. person) with U.S. situs property > US \$60,000 and a worldwide estate > US \$13.99 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)**

<b>For qualified small business corporation shares</b>	\$1,250,000 <sup>4</sup>
<b>For qualified farm or fishing property</b>	\$1,250,000 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Proposed.

**CANADIAN ENTREPRENEURS' INCENTIVE (CEI)<sup>5</sup>**

<b>Reduced capital gains inclusion rate of 33.33% on qualifying dispositions</b>	\$400,000
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<sup>5</sup> Proposed incentive.

**RESP – per beneficiary:**

<b>Maximum contributions</b>	Lifetime limit of \$50,000. No annual limit.			
<b>Maximum lifetime CESG limit</b>	\$7,200			
<b>Contribution deadline</b>	December 31 <sup>st</sup>			
<b>Maximum annual <u>basic</u> CESG</b>	<b>Income level from 2023</b>	<b>CESG %</b>	<b>Max contribution to attract CESG</b>	<b>Max CESG</b>
<b>Maximum annual <u>basic</u> CESG if unused carry-fwds</b>	Any	20%	\$2,500	\$500
	Any	20%	\$5,000	\$1,000
<b>Maximum annual <u>additional</u> CESG</b>	\$57,375 or less	20%	\$500	\$100
	\$57,375 to \$114,750	10%	\$500	\$50

**RDSP – per beneficiary:**

<b>Maximum contributions</b>	Lifetime limit of \$200,000. No annual limit.		
<b>Maximum lifetime CDSG and CDSB limit</b>	\$70,000 for CDSG and \$20,000 for CDSB		
<b>Maximum annual CDSG and CDSB if unused carry-fwds</b>	\$10,500 for CDSG and \$11,000 for CDSB		
<b>Contribution deadline</b>	December 31 <sup>st</sup>		
<b>Annual CDSG limit</b>	<b>Income level from 2023</b>	<b>Max contribution to attract CESG</b>	<b>Max CDSG/ CDSB</b>
	\$114,750 or less	\$1,500	\$3,500
	Above \$114,750	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Annual CDSB limit</b>	\$37,487 or less	N/A	\$1,000
	Between \$37,487 and \$57,375	N/A	\$1,000 prorated
	Over \$57,375	N/A	\$0

**OTHER DEADLINES**

<b>Prescribed rate loan interest payment due by</b>	January 30, 2025 for 2024 interest; January 30, 2026 for 2025 interest
<b>Last trade date for Canadian and U.S. stocks</b>	December 30, 2025, assuming a 1-day settlement

**FEDERAL DIVIDEND TAX RATES****Gross-up**

<b>Eligible dividends</b>	38%
<b>Non-eligible dividends</b>	15%

**FEDERAL TAX BRACKETS and RATES**

<b>Taxable income</b>	<b>Tax rate</b>
Up to \$57,375	15%
Over \$57,375 up to \$114,750	20.50%
Over \$114,750 up to \$177,882	26%
Over \$177,882 up to \$253,414	29%
Over \$253,414	33%

### FEDERAL TAX CREDITS

	Base Amount	Tax Credit
Basic personal amount <sup>6</sup>	\$14,538 to \$16,129	\$2,181 to \$2,419
Spouse or common-law partner amount <sup>6</sup>	\$14,538 to \$16,129	\$2,181 to \$2,419
Age amount	\$9,028	\$1,354
Net income threshold for age amount	\$0.15 for every \$1 of net income above \$45,522; the full age amount is eliminated at a net income of \$105,709	
Disability amount	\$10,138	\$1,521
Disability supplement amount (for minors)	\$5,914	\$887
Pension income amount	\$2,000	\$300
Medical expense tax credit	Lesser of 3% of net income or \$2,834	

<sup>6</sup> The federal basic/spouse/common-law partner amounts range from \$14,538 to \$16,129 for taxpayers with taxable income below \$177,882. The benefit of the increased amounts gradually declines until it is eliminated when taxable income reaches \$253,414.

### FEDERAL CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Donation amount	For individuals not taxed at the highest federal rate of 33% <sup>7</sup>	For individuals taxed at the highest federal rate of 33% <sup>7</sup>
First \$200	15%	15%
Excess over \$200	29%	33% or 29% <sup>8</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Highest federal rate begins when income is over \$253,414.

<sup>8</sup> 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; \$180,500 for 2024
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### PENSION AMOUNTS

YBE – yearly basic exemption	\$3,500
YMPE – yearly maximum pensionable earnings	\$71,300
YAMPE – yearly additional maximum pensionable earnings	\$81,200
CANSIM rate	3.26%

## CANADA PENSION PLAN AND QUEBEC PENSION PLAN

Maximum benefit amounts:	CPP	QPP
Retirement benefit at age 65	\$1,433.00/mo	\$1,433.00/mo
Post-retirement benefit at age 65	\$49.39	N/A
Retirement pension supplement	N/A	0.66% of the earnings contributed in 2024
Early retirement benefit at age 60 (36% max reduction or 0.6% per month)	\$917.12/mo	\$917.12/mo
Deferred retirement benefit	\$2,034.86/mo at age 70 (42% max increase or 0.7% per month)	\$2,275.60 at age 72 (58.8% max increase)
Disability benefit	\$1,673.24/mo	\$1,672.62/mo for persons aged 18-59 \$598.46/mo, in addition to the QPP retirement benefit, for persons aged 60-65
Survivor's benefit – younger than 65	\$770.88/mo	See next chart
Survivor's benefit – 65 and older	\$859.80/mo	\$844.24/mo
Children of disabled CPP/QPP contributors	\$301.77/mo	\$95.82/mo
Children of deceased CPP/QPP contributors	\$301.77/mo	\$301.77/mo
Combined survivor's and retirement benefit at age 65	\$1,449.53/mo	~\$1,433.00/mo
Combined survivor's and disability benefit	\$1,683.57/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	\$4,034.10/yr	\$4,339/yr
Employee and employer contributions – enhanced <sup>9</sup>	\$396/yr	\$396/yr
Self-employed contributions – base	\$8,068.20/yr	\$8,678/yr
Self-employed contributions – enhanced <sup>9</sup>	\$792/yr	\$792/yr

<sup>9</sup> A separate additional contribution rate applies to earnings above the YMPE up to the YAMPE.

**QPP SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT – younger than 65**

Age	Situation	QPP
Under 45	Without any dependent children	\$689.43/mo
Under 45	With dependent children	\$1,091.84/mo
Under 45	Disabled, with or without dependent children	\$1,134.61/mo
Between 45 and 64	All situations	\$1,134.61/mo

**OLD AGE SECURITY**

Maximum benefits as of Q1:	OAS <sup>10</sup>
Benefit at age 65 to 74	\$727.67/mo
Benefit at age 75 and over	\$800.44/mo
Deferred benefit at age 70 (36% max increase or 0.6% per month)	\$989.63/mo
Clawback rate	\$0.15 for every \$1 of net income above \$93,454. The full OAS is eliminated at a net income of \$151,668 for those under age 75 as of Q1. The upper threshold is \$157,490 for those age 75 and over.

<sup>10</sup> Seniors age 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 <sup>11</sup>
Single, widowed or divorced	\$1,086.88/mo
If your spouse receives the full OAS pension	\$654.23/mo
If your spouse does not receive an OAS pension	\$1,086.88/mo
If your spouse receives the Allowance <sup>12</sup>	\$654.23/mo
Allowance <sup>12</sup> : If your spouse receives GIS and the full OAS pension	\$1,381.90/mo
Allowance for the survivor <sup>13</sup> : If you are a surviving spouse	\$1,647.34/mo

<sup>11</sup> The GIS is a monthly non-taxable benefit to OAS recipients who have a low income. It is added to OAS.

<sup>12</sup> The Allowance is available to low-income individuals aged 60 to 64 who are the spouse of a GIS recipient.

<sup>13</sup> The Allowance for the Survivor is available to people aged 60 to 64 who have a low income, and whose spouse has died.



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