

## Credits for Seniors



If you are a senior, you are eligible for several tax credits that should be considered when filing your personal tax return.

If you are over the age of 65 and your income is less than \$82,353, you are eligible for an **Age Amount Credit**. The credit is \$7,033 for income less than \$35,466 and the credit decreases by 15% for the amount your income exceeds \$35,466.

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## Income Taxed on Seniors

There are varying sources of income you may receive in your retirement years. Understanding these sources and how amounts are calculated will help you plan for the related taxes due on receipt of this income. One significant consideration is the splitting of pension related income between senior spouses to utilize each individual's lowest tax bracket.

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## Students Get Tax Breaks

Going to University or College – or sending your kids there is expensive. To make this more affordable, consider some of these tax breaks to reduce taxes that you may owe.

**Tuition** fees can be deducted from income. This includes the amount paid for admission, library, laboratory, exemptions, examinations, applications (if subsequently enrolled at that institution), confirmations, charges for certificates, diplomas, degrees, memberships related to an academic program, mandatory computer service fees and academic fees.

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## Federal Budget 2017

On March 22, 2017 the Honorable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, presented the 2017 Federal Budget, Building a Strong Middle Class, to the House of Commons.

The Government's fiscal position includes a projected deficit in 2016-2017 of \$23.0 billion, and projected deficits in the coming years as follows: 2017-2018 of \$28.5 billion, 2018-2019 of \$27.4 billion, 2019-2020 of \$23.4 billion, 2020-2021 of \$21.7 billion and 2021-2022 of \$18.8 billion.

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## Know how to recognize a scam



There are many fraud types, including new ones invented daily. Taxpayers should be vigilant when they receive, either by telephone, mail, text message or email, a fraudulent communication that claims to be from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requesting personal information such as a social insurance number, credit card number, bank account number, or passport number.

Taken from the CRA website [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca)

## A Message from the Partners

When it comes to investments, a CPA firm like [Shajani LLP](#) is best at advising on how to keep the most after tax profit in your pockets. Business owners have advantages when it comes to investing within and outside their corporations and we are well positioned to provide a balanced consultation on how you can maximize on this along with the tax advantage of various investment vehicles.

February tends to be a time many revise their investment strategies for the year. Focused around [RRSP](#) contributions due to the looming deadline, this is also a good time to consider tax planning using investments for business owners and your retirement by maximizing pension contributions and considerations around [individual pension plans](#) – or if you are already in or transitioning into retirement, consider a [retirement income plan](#) as a tax savings strategy.

Tax planning for your investment portfolio should also be done by considering how to best utilize your [TFSA](#) along with holding investments that are non-registered or investments held within your corporation. The [relationships](#) of your corporate holdings will also impact the amount of tax that is paid as will [investments held outside of Canada](#). These investments should also be considerate of [RESPs](#) if you have young children. In fact, all [relationships in investments](#) should be considered in planning to maximize after tax profits.

Income provided from your business to individuals (including to yourself) need to be formally declared through [T4](#) and [T5](#) slips and are due to be filed with the CRA at the end of February. An understanding of [eligible vs. ordinary dividends](#) will also facilitate a good tax approach to minimizing taxes owed. Each of these have their own planning opportunities.

At Shajani, we aim to provide sound tax advice through a planned approach that is individually tailored. We find fulfillment through advanced relationships by delivering trusted professional services that meet your needs and support you in achieving your ambitions. [Contact us](#) for sound tax advice and to maximize the return on your investments.



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## Important Dates to remember

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017

March Monthly Payroll Remittance Due  
Regular Remitters

January Fiscal Year Ends - Tax Payments Due  
October Fiscal Year Ends - Tax Filings Due  
Personal Income Tax - Tax Filings Due