International Students
Canadian Tax System
Residency status for income tax purposes

International students studying in Canada are considered to be one of the following:

- Resident
- Non-resident
- Deemed resident
- Deemed non-resident

Residency status is based on the residential ties you have in Canada.
What are residential ties?

- A home in Canada
- A spouse or common-law partner or dependants who move to Canada to live with you
- Social ties in Canada
Determined your residency status

You probably have not established significant residential ties with Canada if you:

- return to your home country on a periodic basis or for a significant amount of time in the year
- move to another country when not attending school in Canada

However, many international students do establish significant residential ties with Canada.
For more information on residency status

- canada.ca/cra-determining-residency-status
- Income Tax Folio S5-F1-C1, Determining an Individual’s Residence Status
- canada.ca/taxes-international-students

If you would like the CRA’s opinion about your residency status, fill out Form NR74, Determination of Residency Status (Entering Canada) OR Form NR73 Determination of Residency Status (Leaving Canada)
Do you have to complete a tax return?

- **Resident:**
  - You **must** complete a tax return if you have to pay tax
  - You **have** to complete a tax return if you want to get a tax refund or if you want to get benefit and credit payments
  - [canada.ca/taxes-newcomers](https://canada.ca/taxes-newcomers)

- **Non-resident:**
  - You **must** complete a tax return if you have to pay tax
  - You **have** to complete a tax return if you want to get a tax refund
  - [canada.ca/cra-non-residents-canada](https://canada.ca/cra-non-residents-canada)
Tax treaties

- Designed to avoid double taxation
- Determine how much each country can tax your income

Find out which countries have a tax treaty with Canada at canada.ca/cra-tax-treaties.
Social insurance number (SIN)

- Needed to work in Canada or get government benefits and services.
- Unique to you and cannot be used by anyone else.

Find a Service Canada office:

canada.ca/service-canada-office
1-800-622-6232

Information on the social insurance number:

canada.ca/social-insurance-number
1-866-274-6627
Form T1261, Application for a Canada Revenue Agency Individual Tax Number (ITN) for Non-Residents
Get ready to do your taxes

Your personal income tax and benefit return and any taxes owing are due April 30.

canada.ca/taxes-get-ready
There are a few ways to do your taxes!

- Use certified software products to make online filing easy, and some products are free! Go to [canada.ca/netfile](http://canada.ca/netfile).

- You may be able to get free help from a volunteer at a free tax clinic. Go to [canada.ca/get-tax-help](http://canada.ca/get-tax-help).

- Get help from a family member, friend, or tax preparer.

Where to send your tax return Resident of Canada

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Free tax help

Volunteers prepare income tax and benefit returns for those who are eligible, for free!

canada.ca/get-tax-help
Volunteer!

Learn basic tax information and help people by doing their taxes!

- Volunteer with a community organization
- Register online at canada.ca/taxes-volunteer
Tax credits for students

The tuition tax credit is a non-refundable tax credit that allow students to reduce the income tax they may have to pay.

Schedule 11, Tuition, Education, and Textbook Amounts

*Depending on your province or territory of residence, you may also need to send a provincial and territorial tax and credits form.
T2202 Tuition and Enrolment Certificate
Unused tuition and education amounts

Students can transfer up to a maximum of $5,000, of their current year federal tuition fees, less the amount needed to reduce their tax owing.

They can designate the transfer to:

• their spouse or common-law partner
• parent
• grandparent
• spouse or common-law partner’s parent
• spouse or common-law partner’s grandparent

Note: Carried forward amounts cannot be transferred.
Scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, and study grants (awards)
Benefits and credits

Some of the benefits and credits for which you may be eligible include:

- Canada child benefit
- Disability Tax Credit
- Child Disability Benefit
- Good and services tax/harmonized sales tax credit
- Climate action incentive payment
- Related benefit and credit payments from provincial or territorial programs

[canada.ca/child-family-benefits]
Canada child benefit

A tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age.

Children under 6
Up to $6,833 per child, per year

Children 6+
Up to $5,765 per child, per year

To find out more, visit: canada.ca/canada-child-benefit
Disability tax credit and related benefits

The disability tax credit is a non-refundable credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting family members reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay.

canada.ca/disability-tax-credit

More information:
canada.ca/individuals-video-gallery
Child disability benefit (CDB)

The child disability benefit (CDB) is a tax-free payment made to families who care for a child under age 18 who is eligible for the disability tax credit.
GST/HST credit

Helps those with low and modest incomes offset the tax they pay on goods and services

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<td>Up to $456 per year</td>
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To find out more, visit: canada.ca/gst-hst-credit
Climate action incentive payment (CAIP)

- Tax-free amount paid to help individuals and families living in Ontario
- The amount you receive depends on your family situation
- plus a 10% supplement for residents of small and rural
- The CAIP is paid four times a year, around the 15th of July, October, January, and April.
Canada workers benefit

Provides a financial boost to individuals and families who are in the workforce and earning a low income

Individual
Up to $1,395 per year

Family
Up to $2,403 per year

To find out more, visit: canada.ca/canada-workers-benefit
Ontario’s Non-Refundable Tax Credits

- Ontario tax reduction
- Low-income individuals and families tax credit

ontario.ca/finance
Ontario’s Refundable Tax Credits and Benefits

- Ontario staycation tax credit
- Ontario child care tax credit
- Ontario Trillium Benefit

ontario.ca/finance
Use the Benefits Finder and the online calculator

To see all the benefits you may be eligible to receive, go to: canada.ca/benefits-finder

For an estimate of your child and family benefits, use the CRA calculator at: canada.ca/child-family-benefits-calculator
Avoid payment interruptions

• Do your taxes **every year, even if you have no income to report**. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, they also have to do their taxes every year.

• Keep your personal information up to date with the CRA.
My Account for individuals

Manage your tax and benefit affairs quickly, conveniently, and securely...all online at canada.ca/my-cra-account.
Digital services

**Auto-fill my return**
Automatically fills in parts of the current and previous year’s returns

**Direct deposit**
Faster, more convenient and reliable option to receive refund and credit/benefit payments

**Email notifications**
Get notified when there's new mail to view in the account
Underground economy

Participating in the underground economy

Putting yourself at risk

canada.ca/taxes-underground-economy
Payment Methods

If you owe the CRA money, you can pay:

**Online**

- through your financial institution’s online services
- using the CRA’s My Payment service at canada.ca/cra-my-payment
- by setting up pre-authorized debit through My Account at canada.ca/my-cra-account

**By a third-party service provider**

- examples: Blue Canvas, Canada Post, etc.
- By credit card, PayPal or Interac e-Transfer
Payment Methods continued

In person

• at a financial institution with a voucher
• at a Canada Post outlet using a QR code

By wire transfer (for non-residents)

By cheque

• pay by personal cheque payable to the “Receiver General for Canada”
If you cannot pay in full now

- Don’t ignore the situation
- Unpaid amounts continue to accumulate interest
- Take action by contacting the CRA
- You may qualify for a payment arrangement or be eligible for taxpayer relief

For individual tax debt, call 1-888-863-8657

For benefits overpayment, call 1-888-863-8662
Payment arrangements

• Before you make a payment arrangement, you may need to show that you have tried to pay your debt in full by borrowing money or reducing your expenses.

• Three ways you can set up a payment arrangement:
  o speak with an agent
  o pre-authorized debit
  o TeleArrangement
Taxpayer relief

The taxpayer relief provisions give the Minister of National Revenue discretion to:

• cancel or waive penalties or interest

• accept certain late, amended, or revoked elections (income tax only)

• refund or reduce the amount payable beyond the normal three-year-period (individuals and graduated rate estates)
Want to learn more about taxes?

Check out our free online learning tool!

Starting your first job, doing your taxes, and beyond!

For students
• video, common tax terms, and links to more info

For teachers and facilitators
• lesson plans

canada.ca/learn-about-taxes
Learn about your taxes

Module 1: Starting to work

• 4 lessons: why you need a SIN, when to fill out a TD1, and what’s on your pay stub and T4 slip.

• definitions, examples, and quizzes

More to come!
Questions?
Thank you!

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