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TFSAs

Tax-free savings for what matters to you

The TFSA is a gift from the government to Canadians. It can help you achieve both short-term and long-term savings goals.

Introduced as an incentive for Canadians to save more, a TFSA (Tax-Free Savings Account) is a flexible registered account that allows you to earn tax-free investment income.

Unlike with other registered accounts, such as a RRSP, you're free to use your TFSA savings on a new car, a down payment on a home, your child's education, a vacation -- or any other short-term or long-term purchase you have in mind.

As part of your overall financial plan, a TFSA can pay an important role in helping you achieve your savings goals. Talk to a Echelon Advisor to learn more about all the benefits.

TFSAs offer you a range of benefits

- Pay no tax on your investment income or withdrawals.
- Withdrawal amounts are added back to the available contribution room in the following year.
- Contribute over your lifetime as there are no withdrawal requirements at a certain age.
- Create a diversified portfolio with mutual funds, segregated funds, stocks, bonds, GICs and other investment options

DID YOU KNOW?

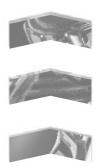
If you have unused contribution room from previous years, it can be carried forward indefinitely.

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SINCE 2009

year	contribution limit
2009 - 2012	\$5,000 a year
2013 - 2014	\$5,500 a year
2015	\$10,000 a year
2016 - 2018	\$5,500 a year
2019 - 2021	\$6,000 a year



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FAQs

Who is eligible to contribute?

If you're a Canadian resident 18 and older with a social insurance number, you can hold a TSFA. (Please note, a non-resident of Canada 18 years or older with a valid social insurance number can hold a TFSA, but cannot contribute to it or accumulate TFSA contribution room as long as they're a non-resident.)

Are there penalties for over-contributing?

There is a penalty of 1% per month applied to the amount of excess TFSA contributions.

How will my TFSA affect my government benefits?

It won't! Income earned in your TFSA and any withdrawals you make do not affect your eligibility for benefits such as Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement or the Canada Child Tax Credit.

Are TFSA contributions deductible?

You contributions to a TFSA are not tax deductible. This is one more point of difference between TFSAs and RRSPs.

Need more information about TFSAs? Contact a Echelon Advisor or visit the Canada Revenue Agency website.

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/sevic-es/tax/individals/topics/tax-free-savings-account.html

TIP

Set up regular contributions and maximize your TFSA.

Consider making weekly, biweekly or monthly contributions to your TFSA by setting up automatic deductions from your bank account. It's a great way to maximize your contribution, without exceeding your limit.

The Echelon Difference

As an independent wealth management and capital markets firm, we aim to build lifetime relationships by providing our clients with unbiased investment solutions, professional management and unparalleled service. Canadian-owned and operated, Echelon has more than \$7 billion in assets under administration and management with offices in Toronto, Oakville, Ottawa, Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, Saskatoon, and London.