

2026 Tax and Financial Planning Reference Card

Federal and Nova Scotia



2026 Marginal Tax Rates - Individuals

Individual Taxable Income ²		Canadian Dividend Income ¹				
		Basic Tax on Salary, Interest, Pensions, and Foreign Income	Rate on Excess	Capital Gains	Eligible Dividends	Non-Eligible Dividends
\$ -	-	\$15,216	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
\$15,216	-	\$16,452	\$ -	13.79%	6.90%	6.82%
\$16,452	-	\$21,000	\$170	27.79%	13.90%	5.41%
\$21,000	-	\$30,995	\$1,434	22.79%	11.40%	-1.49%
\$30,995	-	\$58,523	\$3,712	28.95%	14.48%	7.01%
\$58,523	-	\$61,991	\$11,682	35.45%	17.73%	15.98%
\$61,991	-	\$97,417	\$12,911	37.17%	18.59%	18.35%
\$97,417	-	\$117,045	\$26,079	38.00%	19.00%	19.50%
\$117,045	-	\$157,124	\$33,537	43.50%	21.75%	27.09%
\$157,124	-	\$181,440	\$50,972	47.00%	23.50%	31.92%
\$181,440	-	\$258,482	\$62,400	50.29%	25.15%	36.47%
Over \$258,482		\$101,145	54.00%	27.00%	41.58%	49.99%

2026 Calendar Year Tax Rates - Corporations

Investment Income ⁵				
Corporate Taxable Income	Active Business Income	Eligible Dividends ²	Interest, Rents & Foreign Income ³	Capital Gains ⁴
Federal rate	9.00%	38.33%	38.67%	19.33%
Nova Scotia rate	1.50%	-	14.00%	7.00%
CCPC up to SBD limit ⁵	10.50%	38.33%	52.67%	26.33%
Federal rate	15.00%	38.33%	38.67%	19.33%
Nova Scotia rate	1.50%	-	14.00%	7.00%
CCPC \$500,000 to \$700,000 Nova Scotia SBD limit ⁶	16.50%	38.33%	52.67%	26.33%
Federal rate	15.00%	38.33%	38.67%	19.33%
Nova Scotia rate	14.00%	-	14.00%	7.00%
CCPC over SBD limit	29.00%	38.33%	52.67%	26.33%
Federal rate	15.00%	38.33%	15.00%	7.50%
Nova Scotia rate	14.00%	-	14.00%	7.00%
Non-CCPC income	29.00%	38.33%	29.00%	14.50%

CCPC = Canadian Controlled Private Corporation

Nova Scotia



¹ Marginal tax rate for taxable dividends, grossed-up at 138% for eligible dividends and 115% for non-eligible dividends.

² All of the tax is refundable at a rate of 38.33% of eligible dividends paid by a private corporation.

³ A portion of the tax (30.67% of income) is refundable at a rate of 38.33% of non-eligible dividends paid by a CCPC.

⁴ A portion of the tax (15.33% of income) is refundable at a rate of 38.33% of non-eligible dividends paid by a CCPC.

⁵ The federal small business deduction limit of \$500,000 will be reduced at a rate of \$5 for every \$1 of adjusted aggregate investment income (All) in excess of \$50,000 in the prior corporate taxation year. The \$500,000 exclusion is shared amongst associated corporations.

⁶ Effective April 1, 2025 the small business threshold for Nova Scotia increased from \$500,000 to \$700,000.

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2026 Registered Account Planning

Maximum Contribution Limit		Other Considerations
RRSP	Lesser of: - 18% of earned income in 2025, or - \$33,810	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus/minus any contribution carry forward and pension adjustments from 2025.
TFSA	\$7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus/minus prior year withdrawals and contributions. Cumulative contribution limit if > 18 in 2009 and no previous contributions \$109,000.
RESP	\$2,500 to maximize Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESP contribution lifetime limit per beneficiary \$50,000. CESG lifetime limit per beneficiary \$7,200.
FHSA¹	\$8,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumulative lifetime limit \$40,000. Up to \$8,000 of unused limit from prior years can be carried forward.

2026 Individual Tax Credits

Tax Credit	Federal Base Amount	Federal Tax Credit
Personal Amount/Spouse/Common law Partner ²	\$16,452	\$2,303
Age (65+) ³	\$9,208	\$1,289
Canada Caregiver Credit (child under 18)	\$2,740	\$384
Canada Caregiver Credit (infirm spouse/eligible dependent or child 18+)	\$8,773	\$1,228
Pension	\$2,000	\$280
Disability (self)	\$10,341	\$1,448
Medical expenses	Threshold: Lesser of 3% of net income or \$2,890	14% of medical expense over threshold

Charitable Donations⁴

Income < \$258,483	Donations < \$200	14%	\$28
	Donations > \$200	29%	\$58+
Income > \$258,483	Donations > \$200	33%	\$66+

1. First Home Savings Account (FHSA) eligible for individuals who are 18 years and older, resident of Canada and a first-time home buyer (do not live in a qualifying home as a principal place of residence that was owned or jointly owned in the current calendar year or in the previous 4 calendar years).

2. The basic personal amount of \$16,452 is for individuals with net income up to \$181,440. For income above the \$181,440, the basic personal amount is reduced to \$14,829.

3. The age amount is reduced by 15% for every dollar of net income exceeding \$44,325 and is eliminated when income exceeds \$102,925.

4. Donation tax credit can be applied to up to 75% of net income for the year or can be carried forward on your return for any of proceeding 5 years. Donation tax credit can be claimed up to 100% of net income in the year of death.

5. Individuals 75 and older will get an automatic 10% increase of OAS

6. 15% of every dollar of net income earned in excess of \$93,454 in 2025 will be subject to OAS recovery tax July 2026 to June 2027.

This document was prepared based on known figures as of January 05, 2026.

2026 Important Dates

January 30	2025 Prescribed rate loan interest due
March 2	2025 RRSP contribution deadline
March 15	Personal Tax instalment deadline
April 30	Deadline to file 2025 individual tax return, Form T1 and to pay all 2025 outstanding personal income tax balances
June 15	Personal Tax instalment deadline
June 15	Deadline to file 2025 individual tax return, Form T1, if you or your spouse is self-employed
September 15	Personal Tax instalment deadline
September 30	Last day to utilize Home Buyers' Plan (HBP) withdrawal from RRSP or FHSA withdrawal in 2025
December 15	Personal Tax instalment deadline

* When a due date falls on a Saturday, a Sunday, or a public holiday recognized by the CRA, the CRA considers your tax filing or payment to be on time if it is received on the next business day.

Benefit at Retirement	Age and Maximum Benefit
Canada Pension Plan (CPP)	60 - \$965/month 65 - \$1,508/month 70 - \$2,141/month
Old Age Security (OAS) ⁵	65 - \$742/month 70 - \$1,009/month
OAS Pension Recovery Tax Threshold ⁶	\$93,454

Provincial Probate Fees	
\$10,000 or less	\$85.60
over \$10,000 up to \$25,000	\$215.20
over \$25,000 up to \$50,000	\$358.15
over \$50,000 up to \$100,000	\$1,002.65
over \$100,000 for first \$100,000	\$1,002.65
for value over \$100,000	\$16.95 per \$1,000 or portion (1.695%)

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