

KEMP HARVEY GROUP

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INFORMATION REPORTING EXPANDED

There are few changes to the documentation that is required to prepare your 2014 personal income tax returns.

One change relates to the reporting of specified foreign property. As in 2013, if the total cost of all your specified foreign property is more than \$100,000

Canadian at any time in the year, you must report these properties to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Specified foreign property includes: funds held outside of Canada, shares of non-resident corporations, loans from non-residents, investments in non-resident trusts, and real property that is not used in an active business or is used primarily for personal purposes.

If you have investments in several foreign countries, you can now summarize these investments by country of origin, and by the brokerage house where you hold these investments. In addition,



the exemption for investments that are reported on T3's or T5's has been removed, so you must now also summarize these investments as well.

An additional reporting requirement is related to internet sales. You must now report whether your business generates any online revenue. You are required to calculate the estimated percentage of total sales that have been generated from the internet, as well as the five websites that have produced the most business income.

Examples of webpages and websites that should be included in this calculation are: webpages and

websites that allow the completion and submission of an order form, the checking out of a shopping cart or similar transactions, online marketplace websites where your goods and/or services are sold, and webpages and websites hosted outside of Canada that generate income.

Examples of webpages or websites that you should not include are telephone directory websites that list your webpage or website, or information only webpages and websites.

An additional credit that is available this year is the volunteer search and rescue credit. If you are eligible for this credit, you should ensure that you bring documentation from the qualifying organization confirming your eligibility for the credit.

Finally, in previous years, you were allowed a deduction for the purchase of a safety deposit box. You are no longer eligible to claim this deduction.

INFO SLIPS NEEDED FOR 2014 TI

Yes, it is that time of year again – time to file your personal income tax returns. Before you bring your personal income tax information to your local Kemp Harvey Group office, we encourage you to work through the following checklist. This list will help to ensure you have all of the slips needed in order to complete your 2014 TI.

2014 TI Checklist

NAME: _____

INFORMATION SLIPS	CHECK
T3 – Estate or trust income including mutual funds	
T4 – Salaries, wages or retiring allowances	
T4A – Pensions, director fees, miscellaneous income or RESP	
T4E – Employment Insurance benefits	
T4A(P) – Canada Pension Plan income	
T4 (OAS) – Old Age Security benefits	
T4 (RRIF) – Registered Retirement Income Fund income	
T4 (RSP) – Registered Retirement Savings Plan withdrawal	
T5 – Interest, dividends and other investment income	
T5007 – WCB or social assistance income	
T5008 – Treasury bills	
RC 62 – Universal Child Care Benefit	
RC 210 – Working Income Tax Benefit payments	
2013 Notice of Assessment and any correspondence from Canada Revenue Agency received during the year	
OTHER INCOME SOURCES	CHECK
Rental income and expenses	
Self-employment income and expenses	
Stocks, investments, and mutual fund transactions – summary of all purchases and sales (ensure date of sale is on documents)	
Child care income	
Foreign pension income	
Other – any other income sources, such as tips or alimony	

DID YOU KNOW...

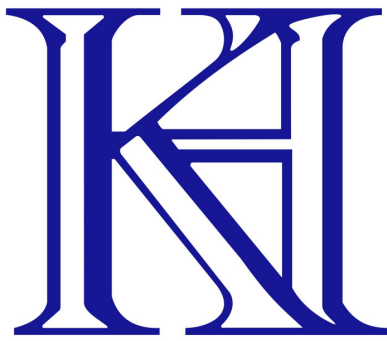
In 2014, you can use a per kilometre value of 49.5 cents to calculate the medical expense credit for travel to eligible medical appointments.



CERTAIN EXPENSES CAN REDUCE TAXES

Various deductions and credits can help to reduce the amount of taxes payable to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) each year. Please take a few moments to review the following items, to ensure you do not miss out on any eligible expenses for you and your household. Please remember that all of the applicable receipts and documents associated with these deductions and credits should be provided to your accountant, in order to allow for comprehensive tax return preparation. Please feel free to contact your Kemp Harvey Group office if you have any questions or concerns about whether you would qualify for any of these deductions and credits.

DEDUCTIONS AND CREDITS	CHECK
RRSP contribution slips	
RRSP Home Buyers Plan / Lifelong Learning Plan details	
Moving expenses if you moved at least 40 kilometres closer to your place of work	
Union or professional dues	
Child care expenses	
Child support payments (if pursuant to a pre-May 1997 agreement) or alimony	
Attendant care expenses (paid to allow a person with disabilities to earn income)	
Residential and nursing care facility fees	
Business investment losses (any losses suffered through the failure of an active Canadian business)	
Investment counsel or accounting fees	
Interest paid on loans for investment purposes	
Adoption expenses	
Charitable donations	
Political party donations	
Receipts for expenses related to the B.C. Seniors' Home Renovation Tax Credit	
T2202 tuition fees: education amounts, textbook credit or Canada student loan interest payment	
Tools acquired by apprentice vehicle mechanic or other trade-worker	
Employment related expenses - T2200 and Declaration of Conditions of Employment	
Public transit passes purchased on or after January 1, 2014	
Fitness Tax Credit (amounts paid for physical activity programs for children under age 16)	
Children's Art Tax Credit (amounts paid for eligible activities for children under age 16)	
Medical (vision, dental, prescription, etc.) expenses net of any third-party coverage	
Accommodation, meal and travel details for any out-of-town medical appointments	
Insurance premiums paid for private medical or dental plans, or medical travel insurance	
Documentation indicating that you qualify for either the Volunteer Fire Fighter's credit, or the Volunteer Search and Rescue Credit	



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Q&A: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Each year, taxpayers reach certain personal milestones. This list of questions will help you and your accountant organize the events of the past year.

QUESTIONNAIRE	Y/N
Are you or any of your dependants disabled?	
Are you supporting an infirm relative inside or outside of your home?	
Did you become or cease to be a resident of Canada in 2014?	
Are you a Canadian Citizen?	
Are you a US citizen or currently holding a green card?	
Did you own specified foreign property in 2014? Was the total cost of all of these properties over \$100,000 at any time in the year? If so, please provide the name of the entity with which you held the property, the country in which the property is held, the original cost, market value, and maximum cost of the property, as well as any income earned from the property in the year.	
Do you authorize the Canada Revenue Agency to release your name, address and date of birth to Elections Canada?	
Did you sell any land or other property in the past year? If so, please provide details.	
Did you live in a care home in the past year? If so, please provide receipts for payments.	
Were there any changes in family circumstances such as births, marriages, separations, divorces or deaths?	
Did you purchase a home in 2014? If so, please advise if this is the first home you or your spouse have owned and lived in since 2008.	
Have you paid instalments for your 2014 Income Tax?	
Did you have to leave your metropolitan area in order to obtain medical care which was not available in your town of residence? If so, please provide details.	
Did you generate any sales on the internet in 2014? If so, please note the percentage of your total revenue that came from the internet, and the five webpages and websites that generated the most revenue.	

KELOWNA OFFICE ON THE MOVE

Kemp Harvey Hunt Ward is excited to announce that we have moved to a new neighbourhood in Kelowna. The office is conveniently located in the Dairy Queen complex at the intersection of Gordon Drive and Highway 97.

The new location also offers improved parking for our clientele, and enhanced access with an elevator. The telephone and fax numbers remain the same. We encourage you to check out our new office when you drop off your tax papers.