

IN THE LOOP

“The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.” Albert Einstein



T3? T5? T5008? T4RIF? T4RSP? **What does it all mean?**

Welcome to the second edition of our ‘In the Loop’ newsletter. We hope the new decade is off to a great start for everyone and that you are enjoying another wonderful Canadian winter.

The start of every new year brings on important deadlines and information for both your investments and tax planning. We know filing your taxes can seem daunting, so we have highlighted some of the more important items along with a brief explanation of what it all means. Please feel free to reach out if you would like further explanation or clarification on any of the items outlined below.

As always, we encourage any feedback, advice or questions that you might have.

Income Tax deadline

You have until **April 30, 2020** to file your 2019 income tax return and pay any outstanding taxes owed.

RRSP Contributions

You have until **March 2, 2020** to make RRSP contributions for the 2019 tax year. Please contact us by **February 26th** if you would like to make a contribution to your RRSP.

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

What does it all mean?

We have created a printable **Income Tax Checklist** to help with preparing your return, it can be found on our website under the **'Resources'** tab.

All slips (except T3/T5s) will be available electronically if you have signed up for your online account view. Otherwise, your slips will be mailed.

RRSPs – You will receive an RRSP contribution slip for all the contributions you made to your RRSP in the last 10 months of 2019. You will also receive an RRSP contribution slip for each individual contribution you make in the first 60 days of 2020. You will need to collect all of these slips to get your total RRSP contributions for 2019.

RRIFs – You will receive a T4RIF for all withdrawals made from a RIF or LIF during the calendar year, showing the total taxable amount along with any income tax that has already been paid.

T3 – You will receive a T3 if you have mutual funds in a non-registered account that had reinvested interest, dividends, or capital gains during the year.

T5 – You will receive a T5 if you have an individual stock in a non-registered account that paid a dividend during the year.



T5008 – You will receive a T5008 if you sold any investments in a non-registered account during the year. This is used to calculate the capital gain or loss that you incurred.

Please note: The T5008 that you receive will be missing the information in Box 20. We will be sending you an additional slip with this information. Please wait for both slips before submitting this information for your return.

Investment Income Summary

You will receive this statement if you paid advisory or administration fees out of your non-registered account during the year. This total will go on line 221 of your income tax return.

How do I file my return ?

We have partnered with a local tax specialist who focuses on personal income tax returns. Please contact us if you would like us to help facilitate your return.

There are also a number of online resources available should you chose to file your own return. If you are filing your own return and would like more detailed information or further clarification on what slips and information are needed, you can find a detailed **Income Tax Information Sheet** on our website under the **'Resources'** tab.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Important Information for 2020

- TFSA Contribution limit is **\$6,000** for 2020 – the lifetime contribution room is \$69,500
- Now is a good time to start your RESP contributions for the year! Every new year brings an additional **\$500** in available grant money – requiring a \$2,500 contribution in order to claim it all.
- The lifetime maximum in grant money per child is \$7,200. If you have not maximized your yearly grant money and would like to catch up from previous years, please contact us so we can help make sure you've receive the maximum available to you.