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RE: 2024 PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURN

We are again approaching that time of year when Canadian personal income tax returns are due to be filed. We have prepared a checklist, summarizing the information we require to complete your 2024 personal income tax returns. An electronic version of this checklist is available to download on our website at <u>www.bakerwatson.ca</u>. In order to give your tax returns proper attention and to minimize time pressure, we would appreciate receiving your information before March 31, 2025.

As in the past, we will be electronically filing (EFILING) all personal income tax returns this year. In order to EFILE your return, you will be required to sign your T183 when your tax return has been completed. If you requested your completed returns to be sent to you via the Portal, there will be a digital signature option available upon request.

We look forward to serving you. We provide the following options to exchange your personal tax information:

- You can choose to drop off your records with no appointment. There will be a box just inside our door available Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- You can send us your information electronically. To do this securely, you can use our Portal.
 - If you have previously registered for the portal, here is a link to the login page <u>https://bakerwatson.cchifirm.ca/clientportal/</u>. A link to the login in page can also be found on our website. <u>www.bakerwatson.ca</u>
 - If you have not previously registered for the Portal, and would like to be, please email our receptionist at <u>reception@bakerwatson.ca</u> to be set up.
- If you would like to arrange an appointment to discuss your returns, we can be reached at one of the numbers below:

| Main Line | (306) 757-5515 |
|-------------------------|----------------|
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Yours very truly,

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Personal Tax Information

| | Taxpayer | Taxpayer |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Name: | | |
| Phone (cell): | | |
| Phone (work): | | |
| Email address: | | |
| Address: | | |

Electronic Information Exchange

We continue to use CCH iFirm Portal for the online exchange of your confidential financial information. The link to the login page can be found in red on the home page of our website at <u>www.bakerwatson.ca</u>.

If you have not previously registered for this service, and would like to have your tax returns sent to you electronically, please email our receptionist at <u>reception@bakerwatson.ca</u> for an invitation to register.

How would you like to receive your completed 2024 personal tax return? Paper copy _____ Digital copy (pdf) _____

If you would like a digital copy of your tax return, please ensure you are registered for the iFirm Portal. Please also provide your email address if different than above:

Please note, all tax returns that are uploaded to the Portal will be password protected with your social insurance number (SIN).

Things to note for 2024

First Home Savings Account (FHSA)

This is available to individuals who are at least 18 years old and have not owned a home in the current or past four years. The FHSA allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$8,000 per year to a lifetime maximum of \$40,000. The contributions are deductible and income earned in the account is not subject to tax. In addition, withdrawals from the FHSA to make a qualifying home purchase are non-taxable. Please advise us if you have opened an FHSA account in 2024.

Multigenerational home renovation tax credit (MHRTC)

This is a refundable tax credit available to individuals to claim certain renovation costs to create a secondary dwelling unit within an existing home so a qualifying relative (someone 65 years old or older, or someone 18 years of age or older who is eligible for the disability tax credit/senior or adult with a disability) can reside with you. The secondary unit must have a private entrance, kitchen, bathroom facilities and sleeping area.

Principle Residence Sale

If you sold your home or cottage in 2024, you have to report information related to that sale on your personal income tax return. Failure to report this sale could result in you not being entitled to the principal residence exemption, and any gain on the sale could be taxable.

If you sold your home or cottage in 2024, please provide the following:

Use/Description of property (house, cottage, etc.)

Year property purchased/acquired _____

Selling price of property (provide legal documents)

We have attached a detailed personal tax checklist for your use, if you wish to use it. An electronic version can also be found on our website at <u>www.bakerwatson.ca</u>

Please note any other information or documents which may be required for the preparation of your income tax return that is not included in the attached.

PERSONAL TAX ORGANIZER For the year 2024

Please use this Personal Tax Organizer as a guide for documents we will require to prepare your return. Please attach all applicable slips, receipts, lists, and other supplemental information.

| 1. Personal Information | |
|--|---------|
| Marital Status: 🗌 Married 🗌 Single 🗌 Common-law 🗌 Separated 🗌 Divorced 🗌 Widow | wed |
| If marital status changed during the year, provide date of change (dd/mm/yy): | |
| Was the taxpayer born in the U.S. or is he/she a U.S. citizen? \Box Ye | es □No |
| 2. Residence | |
| Province or territory of residence on December 31: | |
| Did the taxpayer immigrate to Canada or emigrate from Canada during the year? | es 🗆 No |
| If yes, provide date of entry into Canada or date of departure | |
| 3. Elections Canada | |
| Is the taxpayer a Canadian citizen? | es 🗆 No |
| If yes, the taxpayer authorizes the CRA to provide his/her name, address and date of birth to Elections Canada to update his/her information on the National Register of Electors. | es 🗆 No |
| 4. Foreign Reporting - T1135 | |
| Did the taxpayer own or hold foreign property with a total cost between CAN\$100,000 and CAN\$250,000 at any time during the year? If yes, please provide the total foreign income and capital gains earned during the year. | es □No |
| Did the taxpayer own or hold foreign property with a total cost of more than CAN\$250,000 at any time during the year? If yes, please provide a detailed list of all income and capital gains earned during the year. | es □No |
| 5. Dependants | |

| Name | Relationship | Date of Birth | SIN | Physically or Mentally Infirmed? | Income | Child Care Expenses |
|------|--------------|------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
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6. General Income/Deductions

| T4 slips – Employment Income? | □Yes | □No | |
|--|---------|-----|--|
| T4A – Commission and self-employment? | □Yes | □No | |
| T4E – Employment Insurance? | □Yes | □No | |
| T5007 – Social assistance? | □Yes | □No | |
| Employment Income or taxable benefits not shown on the T4 slip? | | | |
| Provide us with the amount paid for union and professional dues as well as the names of the organizations? | | | |
| List of child care expenses, with receipts, for each child? | □Yes | □No | |
| List of moving expenses paid and for whom? | □Yes | □No | |
| List of spousal support payments made or received | □Yes | □No | |
| List of deductible employment expenses? | □Yes | □No | |
| Is a signed Form T2200 attached? | □Yes | □No | |
| 7. Pension Income | | | |
| T4A – Pension, retirement and annuity income? | □Yes | □No | |
| T4A (P) – Canada pension plan benefits? | □Yes | □No | |
| T4A (OAS) – Old Age Security pension slip/foreign pensions? | □Yes | □No | |
| T4A-RCA – Retirement compensation arrangements? | □Yes | □No | |
| T4RSP – Registered retirement savings plan income? | □Yes | □No | |
| T4RIF – Registered Retirement income fund income? | □Yes | □No | |
| T4FHSA –First home savings account income? | □Yes | □No | |
| Does the taxpayer elect to split eligible pension income with his/her spouse or common-law partner? | □Yes | □No | |
| Did the taxpayer receive any amounts for a retirement income security benefit under the Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act? If so, provide the required documentation. | □Yes | □No | |
| 8. RRSP/Pooled registered pension plan (PRPP)/FHSA Contributions | | | |
| T-slip for contributions made attached? | □Yes | □No | |
| Were any amounts repaid during the year to a home buyers' plan or a lifelong learning pla | n? □Yes | □No | |
| | | | |

9. Investment Income/Deductions

| T3 – Income from trust allocations? | □Yes | □No |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| T5 – Investment income? | □Yes | □No |
| T4PS – Income from profit sharing plans? | □Yes | □No |
| T5013 – Partnership income? | □Yes | □No |
| T5008 – Income from securities transactions? | □Yes | □No |
| Sold any Crypto-assets? | □Yes | □No |
| Did the taxpayer dispose of any property or investments during the year? If so, please provide details of the gains or losses (i.e. broker gain loss report) | □Yes | □No |
| Interest paid to earnManagementAccounting/Investment incomeFeesLegal Fees | | |
| 10. Self-Employment/Business Income | | |
| Financial statement(s)/schedule of revenue and expenses attached? | □Yes | □No |
| Has the taxpayer registered to be eligible for Employment Insurance special benefits? | □Yes | □No |
| If an owner/manager, did the taxpayer have a shareholder loan outstanding during the year? | | □No |
| If yes, please provide details of borrowings, repayments and year-end balance if owner/man | ager owes th | ne company money: |
| If the taxpayer used a vehicle for business, are the vehicle expenses and both total and business mileage attached? | □Yes | □No |
| If the taxpayer used a portion of his/her home for business, are the home expenses and both total and business square footage attached? | □Yes | □No |
| Is a list of all asset additions and disposals (including cars, equipment, etc.) attached? | □Yes | □No |
| 11. Rental Income | | |
| If the taxpayer owned rental property, is a statement of rental income attached? | □Yes | □No |
| Does the taxpayer also live in the rental property (in which case no CCA should be claimed)? | □Yes | □No |
| Did the taxpayer change a rental property to a personal-use property or vice-versa? | | □No |
| If so, please provide details | | |

12. Other Credits

| T2202 – Tuition amount for taxpayer? | □Yes | □No |
|---|------------|-----|
| T2202 – Tuition amount claimed on transfer from dependant? | □Yes | □No |
| Receipt or amount for taxpayer's student loan interest? | \Box Yes | □No |
| Receipts/listing of all medical expenses paid in the year for the taxpayer, spouse, and dependants? | □Yes | □No |
| Receipts for charitable donations or donations made by way of gifting an item in kind? | \Box Yes | □No |
| Were any loans associated with the charitable donations? | □Yes | □No |
| Receipts for political contributions? | □Yes | □No |
| List of eligible teaching supplies purchased (for teachers and early childhood Educators only)? | □Yes | □No |
| Information pertaining to the purchase of a new home to claim the first-time home buyer's amount? | □Yes | □No |
| If you would like your tax refund deposited directly into your account and if you have not already registered for direct deposit or if your banking information has changed, please ensure you provide a void cheque. | □Yes | □No |
| 13. COVID-19 Information | | |
| Payment summaries for repayment of COVID-19 benefits? | □Yes | □No |

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Did you know you could claim the following as

Medical Expenses?

The following is a list of the most common types of eligible medical expenses:

- Prescriptions (please request a detailed printout from your pharmacist to ensure all amounts are included)
- Dental Services
- Prescription Eye Glasses
- Prescription Contact Lenses
- Premiums paid to Private Health Care Plans (eg. Blue Cross), travel health insurance premiums
- Travel Expenses
 - If you had to travel to obtain medical services that are not available locally, you can claim the following for 2024:
 - \$0.55/km for transportation costs if you had to go at least 40 km (one-way based in Saskatchewan).
 - \$23/meal to a maximum of \$69/day or the actual cost of the meals (receipt needed) if you traveled at least 80 km (one-way).
- Blood Sugar Level Measuring Devices for Diabetics
- Other medical expenses if in doubt about the eligibility, please ask us about them.

If you have been reimbursed for medical expenses, please provide details of the reimbursements.