



# MOVING EXPENSES DEDUCTION

Use this form to calculate your moving expenses deduction. Complete a separate form for each move. See the following pages for moving expenses information. Do not attach this form or the receipts and documents supporting your claim to your return. Keep them in case we ask to see them. If you are using EFILE, show them to your EFILE service provider.

## Can you deduct moving expenses?

You can deduct eligible moving expenses from employment or self-employment income you earn at your new location if you move and establish a new home to be employed or carry on a business. You can also deduct eligible moving expenses from award income if you move to attend courses as a full-time student at a college, university, or other institution offering post-secondary education.

Your new home must be at least 40 kilometres (by the shortest usual public route) closer to the new place of work or educational institution than your previous home was. You must establish your new home as the place where you ordinarily reside. For example, you have established a new home if you have sold or rented (or advertised for sale or rent) your old home.

Generally, your move must be from one place in Canada to another place in Canada. See the last page for information about moves to or from Canada, or between two locations outside Canada.

<b>Identification</b>		<b>Tax year</b> ▶
Last name	First name	Social insurance number

### Details of the move

Complete address of your **old** residence

Postal code

Complete address of your **new** residence

Postal code

Date of move ..... Year | Month | Day

Date you started your new job or business, or your studies ..... | | | | |

What was the main reason for the move?  To be employed or carry on a business OR  To study full time

Name of employer, business, or educational institution **after** the move

Complete address

Postal code

### Calculation of distance in kilometres

Distance in kilometres between your <b>old</b> home and your <b>new</b> place of work or educational institution	_____	_____	1
Distance in kilometres between your <b>new</b> home and your <b>new</b> place of work or educational institution	_____	_____	2
Line 1 minus line 2. <b>If the result is less than 40 kilometres, you cannot deduct your moving expenses.</b>	_____	_____	3

## Calculation of allowable moving expenses

Transportation and storage costs for household effects .....	_____	1
Name of mover .....	_____	
Travelling expenses from old residence to new residence		
Travel costs (other than accommodation and meals) .....	+ _____	2
Number of household members in move .....	_____	
Method of travel .....	_____	
Number of kilometres .....	_____	
Accommodation .....	+ _____	3
Number of nights .....	_____	
Meals .....	+ _____	4
Number of days .....	_____	
Temporary living expenses near new or old residence (maximum 15 days)		
Accommodation .....	+ _____	5
Number of nights .....	_____	
Meals .....	+ _____	6
Number of days .....	_____	
Cost of cancelling the lease for your old residence .....	+ _____	7
Incidental costs related to the move (specify) .....	+ _____	8
Costs to maintain your old residence when vacant (maximum \$5,000) .....	+ _____	9
Cost of selling old residence		
Selling price .....	\$ _____	
Real estate commission .....	+ _____	10
Legal or notarial fees .....	+ _____	11
Advertising .....	+ _____	12
Other selling costs (specify) .....	+ _____	13
Cost of purchasing new residence		
Purchase price .....	\$ _____	
Legal or notarial fees .....	+ _____	14
Taxes paid for the registration or transfer of title (Do not include GST/HST or property taxes) .....	+ _____	15
Add lines 1 to 15 .....	= _____	<b>Total moving expenses</b> 16
Enter any reimbursement or allowance that is not included in your income and that you received for moving expenses that you claimed on line 16 .....	- _____	17
Line 16 minus line 17 .....	= _____	<b>Net moving expenses</b> 18
If you moved to be employed or carry on a business, enter your net income for the year from employment or self-employment in the new work location. If you moved to study full time, enter your income for the year from scholarships, bursaries, fellowships, research grants, and prizes for achievement .....		
<b>Eligible income</b>	_____	19
Enter the amount from line 18 or line 19, whichever is <b>less</b> .		
Enter the result on line 219 of your return .....	<b>Allowable moving expenses</b>	20

**If line 18 is more than line 19, you can carry forward the unused part (line 18 minus line 19) and deduct it from eligible income for the years after you move.**

## MOVING EXPENSES INFORMATION

### Are you employed or self-employed?

If you are **employed** or **self-employed**, you can deduct eligible moving expenses from employment or self-employment income you earn at the new location.

If your moving expenses that you paid in the year of the move are more than the income earned at the new location in the year you move, you can deduct the unused part of those expenses from employment or self-employment income earned at the new location in the following years. You cannot deduct your moving expenses from any other type of income, such as investment income or Employment Insurance benefits, even if you receive this income at the new location.

Did you receive a reimbursement, or an allowance that is not included in your income, for eligible moving expenses (see "Expenses you can deduct" on this page)? If yes, you can only deduct moving expenses if you include the amount you received in your income or if you reduce your moving expenses by the amount reimbursed.

### Are you a full-time student?

You **are** a full-time student if:

- you regularly attend a college, university, or other educational institution in a program at a post-secondary school level (whether in Canada or not); **and**
- you are taking, during a particular semester, at least 60% of the usual course load for the program in which you are enrolled.

You **are not** a full-time student if:

- you are taking only a few courses in the evening;
- you are taking a correspondence course; **or**
- you are taking less than 60% of the usual course load for the program for the semester and you devote most of your time to earning money or to other activities.

As a student, you can only deduct eligible moving expenses from award income (scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, prizes, and research grants) you report on your return. For information about award income, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-75, *Scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, prizes, research grants and financial assistance*. If your moving expenses are more than the award income you report for the year, you can deduct the unused portion of those expenses from award income you report on your return for the following years.

You can claim moving expenses that you incur at the beginning of each academic period that you move to the educational institution, as long as you meet the 40-kilometre limitation outlined on page 1 of Form T1-M. You can also claim moving expenses when you move back after a summer break, or a work semester in the case of a co-operative student.

You are a **co-operative student** if you attend an educational institution for an academic period and then you work for a similar period in a business or industry that relates to your academic studies. If this is your situation, you are considered a full-time student at the beginning of each academic period and during the months you actually attend the educational institution.

The rules that apply to an employed or self-employed person (see "Are you employed or self-employed?") apply to you if you move to a new location in Canada to work (including a summer job) or run a business. Complete a separate Form T1-M for each move and enter the total of all amounts from line 20 on line 219 of your return.

### Expenses you can deduct

You can deduct reasonable amounts that you paid for moving yourself, your family, and your household effects. Not all members of your household have to travel together or at the same time.

Eligible moving expenses include:

- travelling expenses, including vehicle expenses, meals, and accommodation, to move you and members of your household to your new residence (you can choose to claim vehicle and meal expenses using the **simplified** method—see the **Note** below);
- transportation and storage costs (such as packing, hauling, in-transit storage, and insurance) for household effects, including items such as boats and trailers;
- costs for up to 15 days for meals and temporary accommodation near either residence for you and the members of your household (you can choose to claim meal expenses using the **simplified** method—see the **Note** below); and
- the cost of cancelling a lease for your old residence, except any rental payment for the period during which you occupied the residence.

When your old residence is sold as a result of your move, eligible moving expenses also include:

- legal fees for the purchase of the new residence, as well as any taxes paid (other than GST/HST or property taxes) for the transfer or registration of title to the new residence, if you or your spouse or common-law partner sold the old residence; **and**
- the cost of selling your old residence, including advertising, notarial or legal fees, real estate commission, and mortgage penalty when the mortgage is paid off before maturity.

If you moved after 1997, and your moving expenses were paid in a year after the year of your move, you now may be able to claim them on your return for the year you paid them against employment or self-employment income earned at the new location. You may carry forward any unused amounts and deduct them only against such income earned at the new location in the following years.

This may apply if your old residence did not sell until after the year of your move. If this is the case, you will have to submit this form with the receipts and explain the delay in selling your home.

If this affects how you would have filed your return for a previous year, you can ask us to change it. See "How do you change a return?" on the back.

### Be sure to keep receipts and documents supporting your claim.

#### Note

Instead of claiming your actual expenses (the **detailed** method), you can choose the **simplified** method of claiming vehicle and meal expenses. To find out the amounts that apply to you, visit our Web site at [www.cra.gc.ca/travelcosts](http://www.cra.gc.ca/travelcosts) or call our Tax Information Phone Service (T.I.P.S.) at **1-800-267-6999**.

#### Incidental costs related to the move

You can claim the cost of changing your address on legal documents, replacing driving licences and non-commercial vehicle permits (excluding insurance), and utility hook-ups and disconnections.

## Costs to maintain your old residence when vacant

You can claim, to a maximum of \$5,000, the cost for interest, property taxes, insurance premiums, and heat and utilities expenses you paid to maintain your old residence when it was vacant after you moved, and during a period when reasonable efforts were made to sell the home.

The costs must have been incurred when your old residence was not ordinarily occupied by you or by any other person who ordinarily resided with you at the old residence immediately before the move. You cannot deduct these costs during a period when the old residence was rented.

## Expenses you cannot deduct

Moving expenses that you cannot deduct include:

- expenses for work done to make your home more saleable;
- any loss from the sale of your home;
- expenses for house-hunting trips before you move;
- the value of items movers refused to take, such as plants, frozen food, ammunition, paint, and cleaning products;
- expenses for job hunting in another city (such as travelling expenses);
- expenses to clean or repair a rented residence to meet the landlord's standards;
- expenses to replace personal-use items such as toolsheds, firewood, drapes, and carpets;
- mail-forwarding costs;
- costs of transformers or adaptors for household appliances; and
- costs incurred in the sale of your old home if you delayed selling for investment purposes or until the real estate market improved.

You cannot deduct the cost of moving a mobile home. However, if you have personal effects in a mobile home when it is moved, you can deduct the amount it would have cost to move those personal effects separately.

## Did you move from Canada?

You **can** claim eligible expenses for a move **from** Canada if:

- you are a **full-time student** (including a co-operative student as described on the previous page) or a **factual** or **deemed resident** as defined on this page; **and**
- you moved from the place where you ordinarily resided to live in another place where you ordinarily reside.

You **cannot** claim moving expenses if you rent an apartment in another country where you are working temporarily and you maintain residential ties in Canada (for example, your spouse and children remain in your home in Canada), because your home in Canada is where we consider you to ordinarily reside.

## Did you move to Canada?

You **can** claim eligible expenses for a move **to** Canada if you are a **full-time student** (including a co-operative student as described on the previous page) or a **factual** or **deemed resident** as defined on this page.

## Did you move between two locations outside Canada?

You **can** claim eligible expenses for a move **between two locations outside** Canada if you are a factual or deemed resident (defined below) **and** you moved from the place where you ordinarily resided to live in another place where you ordinarily reside.

### Factual resident

You are a factual resident if you keep significant residential ties in Canada while living or travelling outside the country. For information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-221, *Determination of an Individual's Residence Status*, or pamphlet T4131, *Canadian Residents Abroad*.

### Deemed resident of Canada

You are a deemed resident if, at any time in the year, you live outside Canada, you do not keep residential ties here, **and** you are:

- a government employee;
- a member of the Canadian Forces;
- a member of the Canadian Forces overseas school staff; **or**
- a person working under a Canadian International Development Agency program.

If you are the spouse, common-law partner, dependent child, or another related person of a deemed resident, other rules may apply. See "Are you a deemed resident?" in the *General Income Tax and Benefit Guide for Non-Residents and Deemed Residents of Canada*.

## How do you change a return?

You can ask us to change a return for a previous year if you did not know that you could claim your moving expenses when you filed the return.

If you need to make a change to any return you have sent us, do **not** file another return for that year. Instead, send the following (separately from your current-year return) to your tax centre:

- a completed Form T1-ADJ, *T1 Adjustment Request*, or a signed letter providing the details of your request (including the years of the returns you want us to change), your social insurance number, your address, and a telephone number where we can reach you during the day; and
- supporting documents for the changes you want to make and, if you have not sent them to us before, supporting documents for your original claim.

## Do you need more information?

See Interpretation Bulletin IT-178, *Moving Expenses*. If you need more information, contact us by calling **1-800-959-8281**.

If you use a teletypewriter (TTY) because you have difficulty hearing or speaking, you can call our toll-free, bilingual TTY enquiry service to get information. The telephone number is **1-800-665-0354**.