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FIRST TIME TAX FILING IN CANADA

2025 GUIDE FOR NEWCOMERS

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WELCOME TO YOUR FIRST CANADIAN TAX SEASON

If you've recently moved to Canada, this may be your first time filing a Canadian tax return. Whether you arrived as a permanent resident, worker, student, or temporary resident, understanding your tax obligations is essential.

This guide will help you:

- Determine if you need to file a return
- Understand the documents and deadlines involved
- Maximize your refund through eligible credits
- Avoid common mistakes new filers make

Ravinder Ahlawat, CPA, CGA, MBA, is a trusted personal tax accountant in Mississauga and Brampton, helping newcomers file accurately and confidently.



DO YOU NEED TO FILE A TAX RETURN?

You are required to file a Canadian tax return if:

- You earned income in Canada or abroad
- You want to claim credits like GST/HST or the Canada Child Benefit
- You received COVID-related benefits (e.g., CERB, CRB)
- You became a resident of Canada at any point in 2024

Even if you had no income, filing a return can help you:

- Build eligibility for future credits and benefits
- Avoid CRA penalties or future compliance issues

First-year residents are typically considered tax residents from their date of entry. A partial-year return is required. As Chartered Professional Accountants in Mississauga and Brampton, we specialize in first-time and part-year tax filings.



WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO FILE TAXES IN CANADA

Before filing, gather the following:

Personal Info

- SIN (Social Insurance Number)
- Date of entry into Canada
- Immigration documentation: PR card, COPR, work or study permit

Income Records

- T4: Job income
- T4A: Scholarships, CERB, grants
- T5: Investment income
- Foreign income records

Credit-Related Documents

- Rent receipts
- T2202 tuition forms (students)
- RRSP contribution slips
- Medical or dental expense receipts
- Childcare and donation receipts



Need help? Our tax accountants in Mississauga ensure you don't miss a single eligible claim.

CLAIMING CREDITS & AVOIDING MISTAKES

You may qualify for:

- GST/HST Credit
- Canada Workers Benefit
- Tuition Credit
- Canada Child Benefit
- Medical Expenses Credit



Common Mistakes Newcomers Make:

- Missing the filing deadline (April 30)
- Filing under the wrong residency status
- Not reporting foreign income
- Using basic tax software not designed for newcomers
- Ignoring tuition or rent credits

Why Work with Ravinder CPA:

- Experience handling first-year and part-year resident cases
- Full support for CRA reviews or questions
- Expert help for students, families, and self-employed workers
- Offices in both Mississauga and Brampton for your convenience



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Looking for a professional accountant in Mississauga or Brampton to handle your first tax return?

We've helped hundreds of newcomers with:

- Income tax filing
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