

BLA Newsletter Issue #3 – July 2021

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and the Olympic games.

We hosted a webinar on July 22 titled, "Mid-Year Market Update", with guest speaker Nadeem Kassam, Head of Investment Strategy at Raymond James Ltd. If you missed it, you can watch the replay by visiting our events page (<u>click here</u>). This page includes webinars we have hosted in the past. Feel free to share them with friends and family.

Our next webinar is titled, "Investing in Alternative Investments" with guest speakers Emma Querengesser, Senior Alternative Investments Specialist at Raymond James Ltd., and Brian Fraser, Director of Sales at Centurion Asset Management.

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm ET / 10:00 am PT

Click here to register

We hope everyone stays safe and healthy, and please don't hesitate to contact us at any time if you have any questions regarding your investments or financial plan.

2021 Financial Planning Facts

Do you have enough money to live comfortably and meet your financial goals? Are your investments taxefficient?

There is still time to do some tax planning for this year so you can keep the maximum amount of your money to invest towards your financial goals. Below is a summary of financial planning facts for 2021 to help you review your tax situation and take necessary actions.

The 2021 combined federal and provincial marginal tax rates tables are available for those of you who are interested in a copy. Please reach out to us and we will send you one.

Our team is equipped to assist you in creating a written plan with actionable steps. Please reach out to us if you would like to discuss financial planning further.

Savings		
RRSP contribution limit	18% of earned income to a maximum of \$27,830	
TFSA contribution limit	\$6,000	
TFSA cumulative limit	\$75,500 for resident taxpayers age 18 and older in 2009	
Education Savings		
Maximum RESP contribution	Unlimited annual up to lifetime maximum of \$50,000 per beneficiary	
Annual RESP contribution for maximum Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG)	20% of first \$2,500 per beneficiary = CESG up to \$500. Plus 20% of next \$2,500 per beneficiary if carryforward room is available = additional CESG up to \$500. Maximum annual CESG = \$1,000/year/ beneficiary. Maximum lifetime CESG limit is \$7,200 per beneficiary.	
BC Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG)	\$1,200 one-time payment for child born in 2006 or later; no RESP contribution required to receive grant; apply on 6th birthday	
Quebec Education Savings Incentive (QESI)	10% of first \$2,500 = \$250/year, plus carryforward allowed up to \$250/year, lifetime maximum of \$3,600	

Personal Tax		
Basic personal amount where net income does not exceed \$151,978	\$13,808 then gradually reduced	for net income in excess of \$151,978
Basic personal amount where net income exceeds of \$216,511	\$12,421	
Federal tax brackets and rates based on taxable income	Taxable Income	Federal Rate
	\$0 to \$49,020	15%
	\$49,020 to \$98,040	20.5%
	\$98,040 to \$151,978	26%
	\$151,978 to \$216,511	29%
	Over \$216,511	33%
Canadian eligible dividends	Gross up is 38%; taxable is 138 Federal tax credit is 20.73% of a	
Other than eligible Canadian dividends	Gross up is 15%; taxable amour Federal tax credit is 10.38% of a	
Lifetime capital gains exemption for qualified small business shares and qualified farm or fishing property (gross gain)	\$892,218	
Additional lifetime capital gains exemption for qualified farm or fishing property (gross gain)	\$107,782	

Retirement	
Maximum CPP/QPP benefit at age 65	\$1,203.75 per month
Maximum CPP/QPP* benefit at age 60	\$770.40 (\$1,203.75 x 64%)
Maximum CPP/QPP* benefit at age 70	\$1,709.32 (\$1,203.75 x 142%)
Maximum Monthly OAS benefit at age 65	\$615.37 - January 2021 to March 2021 adjusted quarterly

Maximum Monthly OAS benefit at age 70	\$836.90 (\$615.37 x 136%) - January 2021 to March 2021 adj. quarterly
OAS clawback rate	\$0.15 for every \$1 of net income above \$79,845 (\$79,054 for 2020) and eliminated when net income exceeds \$129,075 (\$128,149 for 2020) OAS is recovered July 2021 - June 2022 for the 2020 tax year
RRSP withholding tax / RRIF withholding for amounts in excess of minimums	10% (20% in Quebec) on amounts up to \$5,000 20% (25% in Quebec) on amounts over \$5,000 up to \$15,000 30% (30% in Quebec) on amounts over \$15,000
Age amount credit - individuals age 65 or older on December 31, 2021	\$7,713 - reduced by 15% for net income over \$38,893, credit fully eliminated at net income of \$90,313

Disability Savings	
Maximum RDSP contribution	Unlimited annual up to lifetime maximum of \$200,000 per beneficiary
Annual RDSP Canada Disability Savings Grant (CDSG) matches	Amount of grant when family income is \$98,040 or less: - on the first \$500 contribution - 300% match up to \$1,500/year - on the next \$1,000 contribution - 200% match up to \$2,000/year Amount of grant when familiy income is more than \$98,040: - on the first \$1,000 contribution - 100% match up to \$1,000/year
Lifetime CDSG limit	\$70,000
Annual RDSP Canada Disability Savings Bond (CDSB) maximum	\$1,000 (no bond entitlement when income exceeds \$49,020)
Lifetime CDSB limit	\$20,000
Disability amount credit	\$8,662

Payroll Deductions	
CPP/QPP employer & employee contribution rate	5.45% (5.9% in Quebec) over the \$3,500 basic exemption
CPP/QPP maximum contribution	\$3,166.45 (\$3,427.90 in Quebec)
CPP/QPP maximum contribution for self-employed	\$6,332.90 (\$6,855.80 in Quebec)
CPP/QPP maximum pensionable earnings	\$61,600
El employee premium rate	1.58% (1.18% in Quebec)
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El employee maximum premium	\$889.54 (\$664.34 in Quebec)
El employer maximum premium	\$1,245.36 (\$930.08 in Quebec)
El employee maximum insurable earnings	\$56,300
Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) employee contribution rate	0.494%
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Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) self- employed contribution rate	0.878%
QPIP employee maximum premium	\$412.49
QPIP employer maximum premium	\$577.82
QPIP self-employed maximum premium	\$733.13
Maximum QPIP insurable earnings	\$83,500



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