

AGF Tax-Free Savings Account

The benefits of growth, the flexibility of savings

Saving has never been more rewarding

There's so much to save for with the Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA). Introduced by the federal government to help Canadians save, the TFSA allows you to invest post-tax monies each year into an account where subsequent earnings growth (interest, capital gains or dividend income) is not subject to further taxation.

By using your TFSA to invest in one of AGF's broad line-up of mutual funds, you have the potential to earn more tax-free investment income over the long term than if you invested in a high-interest savings account or GIC, magnifying the advantages of the plan.

TFSAs vs. RRSPs vs. Cash accounts – how they measure up

Depending on what you are saving for – a large-ticket item or milestone such as retirement or simply for a rainy day – review the product features below to determine how a TFSA can fit into your overall financial plan.

PRODUCT FEATURES	TFSAs	RRSPs	CASH ACCOUNTS
Annual contribution limit	\$5,500 per year	For 2017, 18% of income earned in the previous year or \$26,010, whichever is lower (increased annually)	No limits
Tax deductible contribution	No	Yes	No
Contribution carry-forward	Yes	Yes	N/A
Taxable consequences	No tax on growth and no tax on withdrawals	Withholding tax applies if withdrawn prior to RRIF; the amount withdrawn is added to taxable income	Fully taxable earnings growth
Capital loss on investment	Cannot claim	Cannot claim	Can offset capital gains (three preceding tax years, carried forward indefinitely)
Maximum age for contribution	No	Yes (71 years old)	No
Re-contribution of withdrawals	Yes (in subsequent calendar year)	No (except for Home Buyer's Plan and Life Long Learning Plan)	Yes
Overcontribution penalty	Yes, 1% per month on over-contribution amounts (even if contribution was withdrawn subsequently in same tax year)	Yes, 1% per month if you exceed the \$2,000 lifetime over-contribution amount	N/A

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Eligibility

Anyone 18 years of age and over who is a resident of Canada can open a TFSA

A valid Social Insurance Number is required to open an account

You do not need to have earned income or be filing an income tax and/or benefit return

Contributions

\$5,500 for 2017 and is indexed to inflation, rounded off to the nearest \$500 in subsequent years. **Note:** The annual contribution limit increased to \$10,000 for 2015 only

Unused contribution room can be carried forward to future years

Any amount withdrawn from a TFSA can be re-contributed in future years without reducing contribution room

Spouses (and common-law partners) can give each other monies to contribute to their own TFSA without triggering attribution rules. TFSA assets can be transferred to a spouse tax-free upon death

Withdrawals

May be taken at any time without tax penalty

No limit on the amount of each withdrawal

Funds may be withdrawn for any purpose

Tax features

Earnings growth in plan is tax-sheltered

Withdrawals from the account remain tax-free

No impact on taxes and income-tested credits and benefits such as:

- Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Canada Child Tax Benefit
- Working Income Tax Benefit
- Goods and Services Tax credit (GST)
- Age credit
- Old Age Security benefits (OAS) or Employment Insurance benefits (EI)

For more information, contact your financial advisor or visit AGF.com

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