

Your Contribution Reminder

BMO Nesbitt Burns RRSP / TFSA / RESP

Start the year off right by maximizing the value of your registered/tax-sheltered accounts – including your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (“RRSP”), Tax-Free Savings Account (“TFSA”), and Registered Education Savings Plan (“RESP”). By making your annual contributions as early in the year as possible, you’ll benefit from the tax-sheltered growth in your plan, all year long.

RRSP contribution details

- The deadline for making your **2017 RRSP contribution** is **March 1, 2018**. To confirm your 2017 RRSP contribution limit, refer to your Notice of Assessment sent by the CRA after you filed your 2016 income tax return.
- If you’ve already made your 2017 RRSP contribution, consider making your **2018 RRSP contribution**. Your 2018 RRSP contribution limit is based on:
 - Lesser of \$26,230 or 18% of your 2017 earned income;
 - Less any applicable pension adjustments;
 - Plus any unused contribution room carried forward from 2016.

TFSA contribution details

- **The 2018 TFSA contribution limit is \$5,500.**
- Any unused contribution room – dating back to 2009 when TFSAs were first introduced – carries forward and can be used in any future year.
- You can gift funds to your spouse/common law partner (“spouse/partner”) or adult child to allow them to contribute to their own TFSA (subject to their personal TFSA contribution limit). Income earned within a spouse’s/partner’s or adult child’s TFSA will not be attributed back to you.

RESP contribution details

- **There is no minimum annual contribution limit.** However, there is a maximum lifetime contribution limit of \$50,000 per beneficiary. The number of years over which contributions can be made to an RESP is 31 years.
- The federal government’s **Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG)** pays 20 per cent of annual contributions per beneficiary to an RESP, up to a maximum of \$500 per beneficiary. The maximum lifetime CESG is \$7,200 per beneficiary.

Please contact the office for more information or to make arrangements for a contribution.



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