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*Attention: Business and Personal Finance Editors*

## Your tax return returns

### **Tips for dealing with review letters and reassessments**

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) begins their annual review of personal income tax returns in June. Here's what taxpayers should know:

- After each tax season, Canada Revenue Agency randomly reviews processed tax returns. Starting in July, some taxpayers will receive a review letter requesting additional information or copies of receipts to ensure they are entitled to make a claim. Taxpayers have 30 days to respond to the letter.
- Last year, more than 30 per cent of taxpayers receiving a review letter were reassessed because they failed to respond to the request.
- The CRA can issue a Notice of Reassessment if they find you do not qualify for a claimed credit or deduction.
- Filing electronically does not increase your odds of an after-assessment review. CRA uses the same selection process for paper and electronic returns.
- You don't have to agree with the CRA. You can appeal your Notice of Reassessment if you disagree with their decision. You can get free tax advice and information about the appeals process from H&R Block – whether we prepared your return or not.
- If you have made an error, CRA will charge interest on the additional amount from the deadline date for the tax year.
- There are limits to reassessing previous returns unless you misrepresented your situation through neglect, carelessness or willful default. Then the CRA can go back as far as they want.

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