

# Appealing GST/HST assessments to the Tax Court of Canada

You are entitled to fair treatment in all your dealings with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). For further information, visit canada.ca/taxpayer-rights.

For complete information on Tax Court of Canada appeals process, please visit tcc-cci.gc.ca or call 1-800-927-5499.

If you do not agree with our decision on your objection, you can appeal to the Tax Court of Canada. Your appeal has to be received by the Court no later than 90 days from the date we sent you the notice of confirmation or notice of (re)assessment.

The Tax Court of Canada hears appeals under two distinct procedures: the **informal procedure** and the **general procedure**. If you do not choose the informal procedure, the Court will hear your appeal under the general procedure. The following information will help you make the appropriate choice.

## Informal procedure

#### **Eligibility:**

You qualify to use the informal procedure if the amount in dispute is not more than \$50,000. However, if the Attorney General of Canada requests that the general procedure apply to the appeal, it will automatically be heard under the general procedure.

#### Representation:

You may represent yourself, or have a lawyer or another individual represent you.

#### Filing fee:

There is no filing fee for appeals instituted under the informal procedure.

#### Costs:

The Court may determine the amount of the costs of all parties and order the Minister to pay for certain costs you incurred if the following conditions are met:

- you are more than 50% successful in your appeal;
- the amount in dispute is equal to or less than \$7,000; and
- the total value of all your supplies for the prior fiscal year was \$1,000,000 or less.

You will not have to pay any of the Minister's costs, unless the Court finds that you have unduly delayed the prompt and effective resolution of the appeal.

#### **Process:**

Your notice of appeal has to be in writing and include the relevant facts and your reasons for appealing. Please include your mailing address, telephone number, the date of the notice of confirmation or notice of (re)assessment. You can file your appeal by delivering or mailing your notice of appeal to the Registry of a Tax Court of Canada office. You can also send your notice of appeal by fax or file it electronically. If you file it electronically, paper copies are not required unless requested. You can find a list of the Tax Court of Canada offices below.

You have to clearly indicate on your notice of appeal that you are choosing the informal procedure.

## General procedure

# **Eligibility:**

Unless you qualify for and choose to follow the informal procedure, the Court will hear your appeal under the general procedure, regardless of the disputed amount.

## Representation:

Individuals can either represent themselves or have a lawyer represent them. A lawyer has to represent a corporation, except with leave of the Court and on any conditions that it may determine.

#### Filing fee:

You must pay the filing fee indicated below within five days after receipt of the documents by the Registry. Please make your cheque payable to the Receiver General for Canada.

Filing fee	Amount in dispute	
\$250	up to \$49,999	
\$400	\$50,000 to \$149,999	
\$550	\$150,000 or more	

The Court can order either party to pay some of the other party's legal costs.



## **Process:**

You have to submit your notice of appeal in the form set out in the Tax Court of Canada rules (General procedure). You can get details on how to prepare your notice of appeal by contacting a Tax Court of Canada office listed below.

# **Tax Court of Canada**

Principal Office – Ottawa	Calgary	Charlottetown	Edmonton
200 Kent Street	Canadian Occidental Tower	Sir Louis Henry Davis Law Courts	Scotia Place
Ottawa ON K1A 0M1	635 Eighth Avenue S.W.	42 Water Street	10060 Jasper Avenue
	3rd Floor	PO Box 2000	Tower 1, Suite 530
Telephone: 613-992-0901	PO Box 14	Charlottetown PEI C1A 8B9	PO Box 51
TDD: <b>613-943-0946</b>	Calgary AB T2P 3M3		Edmonton AB T5J 3R8
Fax: <b>613-957-9034</b>		Telephone: 1-800-927-5499	
	Telephone: 403-292-5556	TDD: <b>902-426-9776</b>	Telephone: <b>780-495-2513</b>
	TDD: <b>403-292-5879</b>	Fax: <b>902-426-5514</b>	TDD: <b>780-495-2428</b>
	Fax: <b>403-292-5329</b>		Fax: <b>780-495-4681</b>
Fredericton	Halifax	Hamilton	lqaluit
82 Westmorland Street	1801 Hollis Street	50A Jackson Street	Nunavut Court of Justice
Suite 100	17th Floor, Suite 1720	West Hamilton	Justice Centre (Building
Fredericton NB E3B 3L3	Halifax NS B3J 3N4	Hamilton ON L8P 1L4	#510)
			PO Box 297
Telephone: 506-452-2424	Telephone: 902-426-5372	Telephone: 1-800-927-5499	Igaluit NU X0A 0H0
TDD: <b>506-452-3036</b>	TDD: <b>902-426-9776</b>		
Fax: <b>506-452-3584</b>	Fax: <b>902-426-5514</b>		Telephone: 1-800-927-5499
			TDD: <b>902-426-9776</b>
			Fax: <b>902-426-5514</b>
Montréal	Québec	Regina	Saskatoon
30 McGill Street	150 René-Lévesque	The Court house	The Court House
Montréal QC H2Y 3Z7	Boulevard East	2425 Victoria Avenue	520 Spadina Crescent East
	Suite 150	Regina SK S4P 3V7	Saskatoon SK S7K 3G7
Telephone: 514-283-9912	Québec QC G1R 2B2		
Fax: <b>514-496-1996</b>		Telephone: 1-800-927-5499	Telephone: 1-800-927-5499
	Telephone: 418-648-7324		
	TDD: <b>418-648-4644</b>		
	Fax: <b>418-648-4051</b>		
St. John's	Toronto	Vancouver	Whitehorse
354 Water Street	180 Queen Street West	Pacific Centre	Andrew A. Phillipsen Law
Suite 209	Suite 200	701 West Georgia Street	Center
St. John's NL A1C 1C4	Toronto ON M5V 3L6	PO Box 10065	2134 Second Avenue
		Vancouver BC V7Y 1B6	PO Box 2703
Telephone: 1-800-927-5499	Telephone: 416-973-9181		Whitehorse YT Y1A 2C6
	Fax: <b>416-973-5944</b>	Telephone: <b>604-666-7987</b>	
		Fax: <b>604-666-7967</b>	Telephone: 1-800-927-5499
Winnipeg	Yellowknife		
363 Broadway Street	The Court House		
4th Floor	4905 49th Street		
Winnipeg MB R3C 3N9	PO Box 1320		
Telephone: <b>204-983-1785</b>	Yellowknife NT Z1A 2L9		
•	Tolonbono: 1 900 027 5400		
TDD: <b>204-984-4440</b>	Telephone: 1-800-927-5499		
Fax: <b>204-983-7636</b>			