

T5007 Tax Slips – Information for Clients

Seniors

1. How is a T5007 amount calculated for Seniors?

 All benefits issued by the Province of British Columbia in the 2023 calendar year (January to December 2023) are included on the T5007 tax slip for that tax year.

Bus Pass for Seniors

• The benefit value for this provincial bus pass is \$52 per month less the annual \$45 administration fee (replacement fees are not deducted from the total benefit calculation).

Senior's Supplement

• The benefit value for the Senior's Supplement is a maximum of \$99.30 per month for a single person, and \$220.50 per month for a couple.

2. I am a senior. How will the T5007 impact my tax return?

- The Canada Revenue Agency requires that the Ministry issue a tax receipt for anyone
 who receives more than \$500 in provincial benefits including the Senior's Supplement
 and the Bus Pass program.
- The income shown on the T5007 tax slip is not taxable but is used to calculate entitlement to tax credits like the GST credit and Canada Child Benefit, if applicable.
- It will not affect eligibility for income support programs, such as Old Age Security (OAS) or the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).
- The T5007 amount will not impact the amount you receive through the provincial Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (<u>SAFER</u>) program, or what you pay for provincially subsidized housing.

<u>General</u>

3. What is a T5007 Tax Slip?

• The T5007 is a tax slip that will help you prepare your income tax return as it includes the amount of provincial assistance issued to you in a tax year.

4. Why is a T5007 Tax Slip issued to me?

 The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requires that everyone who receives more than \$500 in provincial assistance reports this income on Lines 14500 and 25000 of their federal income tax return, including Senior's Supplement and Bus Pass for Seniors recipients.

5. Why did I get more than one T5007 Tax Slip?

- If you receive more than \$500 in 2023 from: Income or Disability Assistance, Hardship Assistance, Senior's Supplement or Bus Pass for Seniors, you will receive a separate T5007 tax slip for each program.
- If you receive ministry assistance for more than one child under the Child in the Home of a Relative (CIHR) program, you will receive a T5007 tax slip in your name for each child.
- If you received assistance for yourself and under the CIHR program for a relative's child, you will receive one T5007 tax slip for your own assistance and a separate one for the assistance you received for the child.

6. How does a T5007 amount affect my tax return and federal and provincial benefits?

- The amount shown on the T5007 tax slip is not taxable but is used to calculate entitlement to tax credits like the Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit and Canada Child Benefit, if applicable.
- Amounts on the T5007 tax slip will <u>not</u> affect eligibility for income support programs, such as the Old Age Security (OAS) or the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).
- The T5007 amount will not impact the amount you receive through the provincial Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (<u>SAFER</u>) program or what you pay for provincially subsidized housing.

7. Why did I not a get T5007 Tax Slip in the mail?

- If you received \$500 or less from: Income Assistance, Disability Assistance, Hardship Assistance, Senior's Supplement or Bus Pass for Seniors in a tax year, no tax slip will be issued to you, and you are not required to report this income on your tax return.
- If your assistance file was closed on or before December 31 and you have moved from the last address on your file, your original T5007 tax slip was mailed to your old address.
- If you received more than \$500 in assistance in the tax year but made a large repayment to the ministry (or an agency, such as Service Canada, made the repayment on your behalf), there may not be any assistance payments left for you to report on your income tax return.

8. Where can I get help to do my taxes?

- Government of Canada's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program—helps you file your tax returns. Contact: 1-800-959-8281 or visit: www.canada.ca and search "Free Tax Clinics".
- Disability Alliance BC (DABC) Tax Aid Programs—offer free tax preparation services for ministry clients. Tax Aid programs host online workshops and webinars about income tax filing throughout the year. For more information, please visit: taxaiddabc.org or contact: Vancouver Island: Together Against Poverty Society (TAPS)
 - Interior: Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
 - North: Active Support Against Poverty Society (ASAP)
 - Metro-Vancouver & Fraser Valley: Disability Alliance BC (DABC)
- British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS)—helps Indigenous people living with a disability who may be eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) or a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). Contact: 1-888-815-5511 or by email at rdsp1@bcands.bc.ca

9. How does a repayment of Income Assistance, Disability Assistance, or Hardship Assistance affect my T5007 amount?

- Any repayments made to SDPR in the tax year would have been deducted from the amount reported on the T5007 tax slip. If you are concerned that a repayment was not deducted from the amount on the T5007 tax slip, please call the T5007 office at 1-877-815-2363; option 0 to review the calculation.
- If you, or an agency like Service Canada acting on your behalf, made a large repayment to SDPR in the tax year, it is possible that there are no longer any income assistance payments left for you to report on your tax return. You should call the T5007 office if you would like to confirm that this is the reason why you did not receive a T5007 tax slip.

10. When is the T5007 Tax Slip mailed?

- T5007 tax slips were mailed at the end of February 2024.
- T5007 tax slips for income assistance and disability assistance recipients are also available to My Self Service (MySS) registered users as of the end of February 2023.

11. Where is the T5007 Tax Slip mailed to?

The T5007 tax slip was mailed to the address on your assistance, Senior's Supplement or Bus Pass for Seniors file as of December 31, 2023:

- If your file is open and you moved before December 31 your T5007 tax slip was sent to your new address.
- If your file is open and you moved after December 31 your T5007 tax slip was sent to your old address.
- If your file was closed and you moved after it closed, your T5007 tax slip was sent to your old address. You can obtain a reprint of your T5007 tax slip by calling 1 877 815-2363; option 0.

12. I should have received a T5007 Tax Slip, but I did not. What should I do?

- You can obtain the information you need to complete your tax return by calling the T5007 information line at 1-877-815-2363, option 0 and request to obtain your T5007 total over the phone. For *income assistance* and *disability assistance* recipients, T5007 tax slips are also available to MySS registered users.
- You do not need to attach an actual T5007 tax slip to your tax return.

13. How can I get a copy of my T5007 Tax Slip or my T5007 Amount?

- You can obtain a reprint of your T5007 tax slip by calling the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction at 1-877-815-2363; option 0. For *income* assistance and disability assistance recipients, T5007 tax slips are also available to MySS registered users.
- You do not need an actual T5007 tax slip to file your tax return (see question 13).

14. I am a CIHR provider. How will a T5007 tax slip affect my tax return?

- The income shown on a T5007 tax slip is not taxable but may affect the amount of your tax credits.
- You are required by the CRA to report this income. However, the CRA exempts this
 income for some types of relatives. You can contact the CRA toll-free at 1-800-959-8281
 to find out if you qualify for this exemption.

15. Can I obtain a detailed breakdown on how my T5007 amount is calculated?

 Yes. SDPR can provide you with a print-out of the T5007 Income Tax History report upon request. You can contact us toll free at 1 866 866-0800 for the ministry to mail you the documentation or attend an office location in-person. <u>Office locations and hours of</u> <u>service</u>.

16. I think there is a mistake. What can I do?

• Contact the T5007 office at 1-877-815-2363; option 0 to review the information shown on your tax slip. An amended T5007 tax slip will be issued to you if a change is required.

Any other questions? Call the T5007 Information Line at: Toll-free in North America 1-877-815-2363; option 0 Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

February 2024

Filing Your Income Tax Return

Canada Revenue Agency requires that the Province of British Columbia provide a T5007 tax slip to all persons who received more than \$500 from BC Employment and Assistance during the tax year. Childcare providers do not receive a T5007.

The amount on the T5007 should be included on your income tax return.

The slip looks like this:

*	Canada Revenue Agency	Agence du revenu du Canada	T5007 Statement of Benefits État des prestations			Protected B / Protégé B when completed / une fois rempli
Year 10	Workers' compensation benefits	11 Social ass provincial or	stance payments or territorial supplements	12 Social insurance number	13 Report code	
Année	Indemnités pour accidents du traval	Prestations of supplement	assistance sociale ou provincial ou territorial	Numéro d'assurance sociale	Code de genre de feuillet	
Recipient's n	ame and address - Nom et adr	resse du bénéficiaire				
Last name (print) Nom de famille (en lettres moulées)		First name Prénom				
	otice on your return. e confidentialité dans votre déc	daration.				
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The T5007 tax slips were mailed out by the end of February 2024. If you have any questions about your T5007 tax slip or require a duplicate copy, please call the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction at:

Toll-Free: 1-877-815-2363; option 0 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday