

# Tax Basics

- Easy to teach
- Easy to understand
- Hands-on tax information

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The Canada Revenue Agency offers two instructor-led educational programs and one self-teaching educational program, free of charge, that address Canada's tax system and help teach basic tax preparation skills.

## Instructor-led programs

### Responsible Citizenship and Canada's Tax System

Helps Canadian students learn and understand where their tax dollars go.

#### For students:

- Provides basic information about the tax system
- Examines where tax dollars go
- Explores the relationship between income taxes and Canadians' quality of life
- Builds awareness of issues related to the underground economy and its impact on our society

#### For educators:

- Consists of 300 minutes of in-class instruction and student exercises
- Designed to meet a wide range of teaching and learning preferences
- Flexible—can be either a stand-alone teaching resource or an introduction to Teaching Taxes
- Fully downloadable lesson plans and resources

### Teaching Taxes Program

Introduces high school and post-secondary students to Canada's tax system and teaches them how to prepare a tax return.

#### For students:

- Practical—offers students the real life skill set of personal tax preparation
- Increases awareness of the possible entitlements and tax credits an individual may receive

#### For educators:

- Consists of 180 minutes of in-class instruction and student exercises
- Flexible—can be taught in economics, accounting, business, mathematics, consumer education, social studies, and second language courses
- Supports sustainable development with fully downloadable teacher's manual—future updates will be clearly identified for subsequent download
- Offers the choice to download the student workbook or to order on line
- Trusted source of information—used by educators since 1971

## Self-teaching program

### Learning About Taxes

Provides the fundamentals of the Canadian tax system and teaches how to complete a basic income tax return for individuals.

#### For students:

- Online, independent, self-paced learning modules
- Designed for first time tax filers or those wanting to know more about Canada's tax system
- Shows students how to complete a basic tax return
- Consists of approximately 60 to 90 minutes of course time

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