Frequently Asked Questions

This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is for information purposes only. Please consult your tax advisor for more information specific to your circumstance.

- Where can I find information on Foreign Spin-offs? As a Canadian resident shareholder, you may be able to elect to defer Canadian tax on the spin- off shares by making an election if the spin-off meets certain conditions. Where the election relates, Efile[™] and Netfile[™] cannot be used to file the return for the tax year. For more information, please visit the <u>Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website</u>. Please consult your tax advisor for more information specific to your circumstance.
- Why are all transactions captured on my Trading Summary? The Trading Summary is provided as part of your tax package and captures all of your purchases and dispositions for information purposes only.
- 3) Why did I receive a separate T5008 and a Trading Summary? In previous years, the Trading Summary was considered the T5008 equivalent to help you determine your gain or loss. This year, we will be mailing a separate T5008, which will contain box numbers for reference to CRA documents and will simplify tax reporting. The Trading Summary will still be sent for information purposes and will still contain all purchases and dispositions.
- 4) Will I receive a tax receipt for my U.S. Limited Partnership? Yes. A Schedule K-1, Beneficiary's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc., will be issued directly by the U.S. Limited Partnership or their administrator to all individuals who held a U.S. limited partnership in the reporting year. The deadline for issuance of K-1s is the 15th day of the fourth month, after the end of the partnership tax year (i.e. for a December 31 tax year end. The K-1 form is required to be issued no later than April 15, 2017).
- 5) Can a Non-Resident Tax Form (NR4) be amended to reduce withholding tax? No. Non-resident tax that has been withheld is remitted to the CRA on a monthly basis. The CRA has advised that an NR4 cannot be amended if non-resident tax was withheld in error. Note, non-residents can claim a refund of excess withholding tax by filing an NR7-R application. More information on withholding can be found on the <u>CRA website</u>. Please consult your tax advisor for more information specific to your circumstance.
- 6) Can I make a **spousal RSP contribution** online? Yes, but only if you are using WebBroker, which allows the user to make spousal RSP contributions. However, EasyWeb does NOT allow you to make spousal contributions. If you want to make a spousal contribution, and are unable to use WebBroker, please contact your local TD representative or visit a TD Canada Trust branch.
- 7) Can I contribute to my spouse's TFSA? The only person who can contribute to a TFSA is the accountholder. However, we accept TFSA contributions from joint accounts belonging to the TFSA accountholder and their spouse.
- 8) If I transfer shares to my children or other family members (non-spouse), is this considered a disposition? Yes. A movement of securities where a change of beneficial ownership has occurred is a disposition from the relinquishing account and an acquisition to the receiving account. Dispositions will be noted on T5008/Trading Summary.



9) On my Summary of Trust Income, I notice there is a distribution that does not appear in my statements. Why is this?

This is the result of a notional payment. Notional payments are non-cash distributions, which are reportable on a T3. Companies will only report notional payments when they provide their tax factors, usually in February or March. These entries will appear on the client's February or March statements of the current year, backdated to the value date of the notional distribution. These transactions will impact the book value of the asset.

- 10) How will I know when I have received all of my T3 tax slips for trust units? A 'Pending Trust Unit Summary' lists the trust units that you hold, but for which final tax factors have not yet been reported. This summary will accompany the first T3 package you receive and subsequent packages, if applicable.
- 11) If I withdraw an amount from my **Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)**¹, can I re-contribute it in the same year?

In any year, your total TFSA contributions cannot exceed your contribution room. If you withdraw funds from your TFSA, that amount will be added to your contribution room for the next year.

- For example, if you contributed the maximum amount to your TFSA in 2016 and you subsequently withdrew \$3,000, your contribution room for 2017 would increase by \$3,000.
- If you recontribute the \$3,000 in 2016, the \$3,000 would be considered an excess contribution and you would incur a penalty of 1% per month.
- 12) Why is there only one Social Insurance Number (SIN) listed on my tax slip for my joint account? Joint accountholder names appear on the tax slip; however, the tax slip only allows one SIN to be recorded. The recipient type indicator on the tax slip will enable the CRA to distinguish this as a joint account, allowing each individual to report their share of the income on their T1 return.
- 13) Will TD Direct Investing be providing clients with any reporting to assist them in filling out Form T1135?

Yes. Please contact TD Direct Investing at 1-800-465-5463 to request information to assist you with completing the T1135 form.

14) How do I reclaim taxes withheld on dividends paid by American Depository Receipts (ADRs)? To reclaim taxes, you must read the bulletin associated with the applicable dividend payment and fill out the applicable forms, as requested in the bulletin on the <u>DTCC website</u>.

To download these forms, you will need the CUSIP of your ADR security. Once the forms are filled out, you must mail them to the CRA to be certified. After the CRA returns the forms, they must be sent to:

TD Wealth Operations Income Processing 77 Bloor St West, 3rd Floor Toronto, Ontario M5S 1M2

TD will then submit the forms to Globe Tax for reimbursement. Please note that the ADR Transfer Agent and Globe Tax charge fees associated with this process, so reclaiming taxes of less than \$100 may not be economically worthwhile. Also, it can take up to two to three years after submission to Globe Tax to receive your rebate. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-465-5463 and ask about the ADR Tax Reclaim process.

¹ Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) – Refers to the TD Waterhouse Tax-Free Savings Account.

