## **FinStart**

## What tax credits and deductions are available?

- Basic personal exemption, which currently is almost \$12,000. This means there is no tax on the first \$12,000 you earn
- Tuition credit
- GST/HST credit (and certain similar provincial credits)
- Interest government student debt and on investment loans
- RRSP and other pension deductions
- Disability credits
- Child benefits
- Charitable donations
- Certain medical expenses
- Moving expenses

A complete list of tax credits and deductions is on the following CRA page. The CRA will provide it to you as well when you prepare your yearly income tax returns.

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses.html

## What's the difference between a tax credit and a deduction?

• Credits reduce the amount of tax you'd otherwise have to pay. Deductions are subtracted from income and not taxed in the current year.