

# Personal Tax Rates

# **Quebec Non-Refundable Tax Credit Rates** and Amounts for 2018

Tax rate applied to credits <sup>1</sup>	15%
Indexation factor <sup>2</sup>	0.82%
Basic personal amount	\$15,012
Amounts for dependants: Child under 18 engaged in full-time training or post-secondary studies <sup>3</sup> Child over 17 who is a full-time student <sup>4</sup> Other dependants over 17 <sup>5</sup>	2,884 See Note 4,202
Person living alone or with a dependant: <sup>6,7</sup> Basic amount Single-parent amount (supplement)	1,721 2,124
Age 65 and over <sup>6</sup>	3,158
Experienced workers (age 61 and over) <sup>8</sup> Age 61 Age 62 Age 63 Age 64 Age 65 and over	3,000 5,000 7,000 9,000 11,000
Pension <sup>6</sup> (max)	2,805
Disability	3,334
First-time home buyers <sup>9</sup>	5,000
Union and professional dues <sup>10</sup>	10%
Tuition fees <sup>11</sup>	8%
Interest paid on student loans <sup>12</sup>	20%
Medical expenses <sup>13</sup>	20%
Charitable donations <sup>14</sup> Credit rate on first \$200 Credit rate on balance	20% 24/25.75%

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#### Notes

- (1) In order to determine the credit value, each dollar value must be multiplied by the Quebec's tax credit rate. For example, the basic personal credit amount of \$15,012 is multiplied by 15% to determine the credit value of \$2,252.
  - The unused portion of all non-refundable credits may be transferred from one spouse/ partner to another, but only after all credits have been taken into account in the calculation of the individual's income tax otherwise payable.
- (2) Quebec indexes its tax credits each year by using an inflation factor that is calculated based on the provincial rate of inflation, excluding changes in liquor and tobacco taxes. The Quebec inflation factor is 0.82% for 2018. For the purpose of calculating the basic personal amount and personal tax credits, Quebec's tax legislation stipulates automatic indevation
- (3) This credit is available for a dependent child who is under the age of 18 and is engaged in full-time professional training or post-secondary studies for each completed term, to a maximum of two semesters per year per dependant. It is also available for infirm dependants who are engaged in such activities part-time.
- (4) An eligible student is able to transfer to either parent an amount relating to an unused portion of their basic personal credit amount for the year (transfer mechanism for the recognized parental contribution). Each taxation year, the amount that can be transferred must not exceed the limit applicable for that particular year (\$10,306 for 2018).
- (5) This credit is available if the dependant, other than the spouse, is related to the taxpayer by blood, marriage or adoption and ordinarily lives with the taxpayer. In order to be eliqible for the tax credit, the taxpaver must also not have benefited from a transfer of the recognized parental contribution from this dependant.
- (6) The total of the credit amounts for being 65 years of age or over, for living alone or with a dependent, and for receiving retirement income is reduced by 18.75% of the amount by which net family income exceeds \$34,030.
- (7) Quebec's 2018 budget extended this tax credit to grandparents and great-grandparents. However, the rules are not broadened for the purpose of the single-parent family supplement amount. Therefore, for the 2018 and subsequent taxation years, the basic amount is available if the individual lives in a self-contained domestic establishment that he/she maintains and in which no other person, other than himself/herself, a minor person, or an eligible student lives of whom the individual is either the father, mother, grandfather or grandmother, or the great-grandfather or great-grandmother.
  - If an individual (i.e. father or mother) is living with an eligible student (i.e. a person who is 18 or over and is a post-secondary or vocational training student who transferred or could have transferred an amount to the single-parent (see note (4)), the individual may be able to add an amount for a single-parent family of \$2,124 to the basic amount for a person living alone.

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#### Notes, continued

(8) Quebec's 2018 budget lowered the eligibility age from 62 to 61 for 2018. The province also increased the maximum amount of "eligible work income" to \$11,000 for all workers age 65 and over effective in 2018.

For 2018, this credit is available for workers who are 61 years of age or older. For workers age 61, the credit applies at a 15% rate to \$3,000 of "eligible work income" in excess of \$5,000. For workers age 62, the credit applies at a 15% rate to \$5,000 of "eligible work income" in excess of \$5,000. For workers age 63, the credit applies at a 15% rate to \$7,000 of "eligible work income" in excess of \$5,000. For workers age 64, the credit applies at a 15% rate to \$9,000 of "eligible work income" in excess of \$5,000. For workers age 65 and over, the credit applies at a 15% rate to \$11,000 of "eligible work income" in excess of \$5,000. The credit for workers age 61 or older is reduced by 5% of eliaible work income over \$34,030. Eliaible work income includes salary and business income, but excludes taxable benefits received for a previous employment as well as amounts deducted in computing taxable income, such as the stock option deduction.

Any unused portion of the tax credit may not be carried forward or transferred to the individual's spouse.

- (9) Quebec's 2018 budget introduced a new first-time home buyers non-refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 and worth up to \$750 (\$5,000 x 15%) for a housing unit located in Québec and that is acquired after December 31, 2017. To qualify, the individual or his or her spouse has to intend to inhabit the home as a principal place of residence not later than one year after the time of acquisition and neither the individual nor his or her spouse can have owned and lived in another home in the calendar year of the new home purchase or in any of the four preceding calendar years.
- (10) The credit for union and professional dues is calculated based on the annual fees paid in the year. The portion of professional dues relating to liability insurance is allowed as a deduction from income and therefore not included in calculating the credit amount.
- (11) The tuition credit is calculated based on tuition, professional examination and mandatory ancillary fees paid for the calendar year. Tuition fees qualify for an 8% non-refundable credit for Quebec tax purposes. The student may transfer the unused portion of the tuition credit to either one of his/her parents or grandparents. The portion of this credit that is not transferred will be available for future use by the student.
- (12) Interest paid on student loans is converted into a tax credit at a rate of 20%. Interest not claimed in a particular year may be carried forward indefinitely.
- (13) The medical expense credit is calculated based on qualified medical expenses in excess of 3% of family income. Family income is the total income of both spouses/ partners. Eligible medical expenses and eligible expenses to obtain medical care not provided in the region where an individual lives will continue to be converted into a tax credit at the rate of 20%.
- (14) Charitable donations made by both spouses/partners may be totalled and claimed by either person. The maximum amount of donations that may be claimed in a year is 100% of net income. However, all donations may be carried forward for five years (or 10 years for certain particular donations) if they are not claimed in the year made.

Quebec's tax credit is 20% on the first \$200 of eligible gifts. If the individual taxpayer's income exceeds \$104.766 in 2018, then he/she may be eligible to a 25.75% donation credit on the lessor of eligible gifts made in excess of \$200 and his/her income in excess of \$104,766. All other donations that do not fall into either the 20% or 25.75% category, will receive a 24% tax credit on donations.