

Keeping a close eye on your contribution room

Every contribution you make to a TFSA (Tax-Free Savings Account) over the allowable limit is taxable, so you need to carefully manage all the transactions in your TFSA plan. Find the right information before you add money to your account, especially if you have made any withdrawals.

To determine your unused TFSA contribution room for the current year, calculate the following:

- Add up all your annual limits (since 2009 or since you turned 18)¹
- **SUBTRACT:** All your contributions to date
- **ADD:** All your withdrawals before the current year



TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS:

➔ If you have withdrawn money from your TFSA this year, you must wait until January 1 of next year before paying the amount back into your TFSA.

| | IF YOU HAVE USED ALL YOUR TFSA CONTRIBUTION ROOM, INCLUDING FOR THIS YEAR, SINCE 2009 | IF YOU HAVE NOT USED ALL YOUR TFSA CONTRIBUTION ROOM, INCLUDING FOR THIS YEAR, SINCE 2009 |
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| You have made a withdrawal in previous years (excluding this year). | You may contribute to your TFSA this year, provided you don't exceed the total withdrawn in previous years. | The amount you may pay into your TFSA this year must be no more than: Your total unused TFSA contribution room, including for this year + The amount withdrawn in previous years. |
| You have not made any withdrawals in previous years (excluding this year). | You may not contribute to your TFSA this year. You must wait until January 1 of next year. | The amount you may pay into your TFSA this year must be no more than your total unused TFSA contribution room, including for this year. |

Please contact your advisor if you have any questions. You can also see your allowable TFSA contribution room in [My Account](#) on the Canada Revenue Agency website.

¹ This amount varies every year. Please visit the [Canada Revenue Agency](#) website for more information about this year's contribution room.