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Client UPDATE

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Areas Affected by 2014 Proposed Federal Budget Changes

- 1) Estate Planning:
 - Taxation of Trusts & Estates
 - Estate Donations
- 2) Charities & Non-Profit Organizations:
 - Reducing administrative burden on charities
 - Taxing incidental revenue
 - What constitutes an NPO
- 3) Other Matters:
 - Non-Resident Trusts
 - Remittance Thresholds for Employer Source Deductions
 - Kiddie Tax – Split Income

Call us for details if any of the above proposed changes might apply to you!

It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling.

Manufacturers Take Note

Good news for manufacturers! The temporary 50% straight-line accelerated capital cost allowance rate for new investment in manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment has been extended to include investment undertaken in 2014 and 2015. This measure will help you make the capital investments needed to improve productivity and create jobs.

Ask a question or arrange for a no-charge initial consultation at
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Say "YES" to Direct Deposit

The Government of Canada will increase the use of direct deposit by slowly phasing out federal government cheques by April 2016. Don't let your business fall behind – sign up for direct deposit today to ensure you keep getting those HST refunds!

Call us today so that we can fill out Form **RC366** on your behalf.

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'"
"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?"
"Well, It's Not Unusual."

Are you or a loved one eligible for the \$12,000 HST Home Care Refund?

You or your loved one may qualify for a rebate on the HST paid for privately obtained home care services.

If you or a member of your family are receiving as little as 1 to 2 hours of home care services subsidized by CCAC, you may qualify for the HST exemption for additional privately obtained home care services.

This could potentially add up to a significant refund. E-mail or call us to see if you qualify!

Effective January 1, 2013, the Ontario government has changed the law to expand WSIB coverage in the construction sector. Independent operators, sole proprietors, partners in partnerships, and executive officers in corporations must now be registered for WSIB.



- FAQ's -

Q – What happens when a Home Buyers Plan (HBP) participant dies?

A – The legal representative of the estate must include the deceased participant's HBP balance in his income for the year of death.

Q – What happens if the deceased HBP participant has a surviving spouse?

A – The surviving spouse has the choice to continue to make the repayments instead of including the unpaid balance on the return of his/her deceased spouse.

Q – Married men revealed that they do what twice as often as single men?

A – Change their underwear.

Q – For out-of-province business transactions, what are the HST rules for tax payable or charged?

A – If your Ontario company buys from Alberta, you will be charged 13% HST. If you sell to Alberta, you only charge them 5% HST. The HST rate is determined by where the CUSTOMER resides.

Q – If I am receiving the GIS benefit, am I still able to work without losing the benefit?

A – Yes, but the GIS benefit will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 of income received. There is, however, a \$3500 exemption before your benefit is reduced.

Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injections?

WHO WE ARE -

Gary A. Freedman + Associates, Chartered Accountant is a firm which provides personalized, professional advice in all areas of accounting and tax planning.

Known for his approachability, Gary has been committed to his clients for more than 20 years, and has built his practice by listening to their needs. With his warm and caring personality, clients know that with Gary, what they see is what they get!

The firm's client base consists of small business owners, builders, manufacturers, sub-contractors, daycares, professionals, high tech companies, and registered charities and not-for-profits.

We offer a full range of professional accounting services:

- Accounting & Auditing
- Personal & Corporate Tax Planning & Tax Returns
- Family Trusts
- Bookkeeping, Payroll, WSIB
- QuickBooks Training

Transitional Relief

CRA has announced new transitional relief for Canadians who must comply with Form T1135 information reporting requirements for foreign property with a cost of over \$100K. This relief, which applies only for the 2013 taxation year, is intended to assist taxpayers in transitioning to the more onerous reporting requirements of Form T1135, and responds to concerns raised by taxpayers.

CRA has also extended the 2013 filing deadline for Form T1135 to July 31, 2014.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

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Snowbird?

There is about to be a dramatic change in the way that the residency of individuals who split their time between the U.S. and Canada is determined. The goal is to make Canadians live up to the rule against spending more than six months in the U.S.

There will be serious consequences for those who do not comply with this rule.

For example, if you lose your resident status, you lose your entitlement to provincial health care.

If you lose your resident status, you are subject to departure tax. Without resident status, you are deemed to have disposed of your assets and must recognize the deemed gain on those assets, and pay tax on that gain.

The criteria for disqualification vary between provinces. In Ontario, your status is lost if you are away for more than seven months in a year, while in Quebec, status is lost if you are away for more than six months.

Why don't sheep shrink in the rain?

Home Purchasers

If you acquired a home in 2013, you may qualify for a federal tax credit of \$750 if neither you nor your spouse/partner owned a residence from January 1, 2009 to the date you purchased your new home.



QuickBooks Tips

Do you have sister companies?

If so, you can work on two different companies at the same time in QuickBooks.

For those users of QuickBooks Accountant, QuickBooks Pro, and QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions who maintain data in multiple QuickBooks data files, it is now possible to work in two data files simultaneously. When doing so, one of the files will be designated the primary file and the other file will be designated the secondary file.

To work with two data files simultaneously, from the File menu, select Open Second Company and then choose the data file you wish to designate as the secondary file.

Mother Taught Me

- My mother taught me RELIGION - "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- My mother taught me IRONY - "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
- My Mother taught me HUMOUR - "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- My Mother taught me LOGIC - "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

What can I pay from my Family Trust?

If supported by receipts, you may be reimbursed for some expenses spent on minor children. These include gifts, vacations, tuition/private lessons, summer camp and clothing (beyond necessities).

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