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## RETIREMENT CHECKLIST



## **NEARING RETIREMENT?**

### **Pre-retirement Checklist**

Nearing retirement? This checklist, designed for those who are thinking about or nearing retirement, provides an overview of things to consider to maximize retirement income.

Speak with your financial advisor to determine retirement readiness, including projected income needs and expenses.	Discuss retirement income options with your financial advisor and work with them to define an appropriate withdrawal plan.
Review your employer/company's procedures for retiring employees so you clearly understand continuing benefits and options at retirement.	Discuss health care coverage needs with your financial advisor.
Review Old Age Security (OAS) and Canada/ Quebec Pension Plan (CPP/QPP) entitlements to determine the most beneficial time to apply for these benefits.	Speak with your employer (or others) if you're interested in opportunities for part-time employment or contract work
Work with your financial advisor to understand OAS "clawback" rules and potential impact to retirement income.	If you are a business owner, decide if the business should continue after your retirement and work with financial, accounting and legal advisors to implement an appropriate succession plan.
Are you a member of an employer-sponsored retirement plan (e.g., Registered pension plan, group Retirement Savings Plan, other)? Inquire	

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about options and conditions upon retirement.

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## ENJOYING RETIREMENT?

### Post-retirement Checklist

Enjoying retirement? This checklist, designed for retirees, provides an overview of things to consider to maximize income and preserve wealth in retirement.

Have you considered and/or applied for all the benefits you're entitled to¹, including Old Age Security (OAS), Canada or Quebec Pension Plan		Discuss insurance and long-term care needs with your financial advisor.
(CPP/QPP) and employer-sponsored benefits?		Thinking about part-time or contract work? Consider the opportunities.
Is sufficient "tax at source" being withheld from income to cover year-end tax obligations <sup>2</sup> ?		Review philanthropic goals and consider impactful charitable giving strategies.
Do your pre-retirement estimates for income and expenses align with the realities of your retirement?		Work with your financial and legal advisors to build an appropriate estate plan and ensure that
Are adjustments needed to your investment portfolio to meet short and long-term income and capital requirements?		documentation (e.g. powers of attorney and wi is current and in place.
Are savings being invested tax-efficiently, perhaps in Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs) or Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) <sup>3</sup> ?	as so	k with your financial advisor about when to begin certain benefits one programs (e.g., OAS, C/QPP) provide reductions or increases ending on when benefits begin.
Are you comfortable with your principal residence or does downsizing make sense?	may	withholding tax can improve cash flow, but a tax liability at year-end result. ect to contribution room.

See front side of card for pre-retirement considerations.