



27. TAX-FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

This Course Provides:

2 CE Credits Life

2 CE Credits A&S (All Provinces except Alberta)

What Will the Advisor Learn by Taking this Course?

In the 2008 federal Budget, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, announced what he considered will be historical significance in introducing Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA).

Previous to the introduction of TFSAs, saving money could be done either in an RRSP or a non-registered savings account. The newly announced TFSA is a mix between an RRSP and a non-registered account.

The Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) offers Canadians from all walks of life help in saving for their financial goals, both short- and long-term. The plan offers great flexibility; funds grow tax-free, can be withdrawn at any time on a tax-free basis, and can be used for any purpose.

This TFSA course covers:

- An overview and introduction to Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA).
- Who can contribute to a TFSA?
- Resident and non-resident contribution rules.
- Contribution limits and how they are arrived at.
- The process around making withdrawals.
- Reporting requirements to CRA.
- What investments are available for a TFSA?
- Qualified and non-qualified investments.
- What types of TFSAs are there?
- Taxation and TFSAs.
- What happens if a person over-contributes to a TFSA?
- What happens if I transfer my TFSA and under what circumstances?
- What effect are the TFSAs having on the economy?

- TFSA's and seniors. What is the impact of the TFSA on any Government income they are receiving?
- What happens with the TFSA at death?
- CDIC protection and TFSA's.
- Definitions that the advisor should know when discussing TFSA's with their clients and prospects.
- The future of TFSA's and the impact on Canadians.
- A comparison of a TFSA vs. RRSP. What are the pros and cons of each?