

CLAIMING THE LABOUR MOBILITY TAX DEDUCTION FOR TRADESPEOPLE

Canada's Building Trades Unions is proud of securing tax fairness for skilled trades workers through the Labour Mobility Tax Deduction for Tradespeople (LMD). When you file your 2022 Income Tax Return, under this new provision you can claim up to \$4,000 per year in eligible travel and temporary relocation expenses to eligible tradespersons and apprentices from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of this deduction, an eligible individual would be a tradesperson or an apprentice who:

- Makes a temporary relocation that enables them to obtain or maintain employment
- The duties performed by the taxpayer are of a temporary nature in a construction activity at a particular work location
- Ordinarily resided prior to the relocation at a residence in Canada, and during the period of the relocation, at temporary lodging in Canada near that work location.
- The temporary lodging must be at least 150 kilometres closer than the ordinary residence to the particular work location;
- The particular work location must be located in Canada, and;
- The temporary relocation must be for a minimum duration of 36 hours.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

You have to keep records for each year you claim eligible temporary relocation expenses. As applicable these records could include the following:

- a daily record of your expenses, together with your receipts and any cancelled cheques
- any ticket stubs for travel
- invoices
- tenancy agreements
- any monthly credit card statements
- a record of the number of kilometres driven during the tax year relating to your temporary relocation

You do not need to send your records or receipts with your income tax and benefit return but keep them in case the CRA asks to see them. If you do not keep the necessary information, the CRA may reduce your claim. For answers to FAQs, visit buildingtrades.ca.

CLAIMING IT ON YOUR TAXES

The LMD can be claimed on your income tax and benefit return and will reduce your employment income. It can be calculated on [Form T777](#), Statement of Employment Expenses, which you can find [here](#).

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