



B.C. Back-to-School Tax Credit

Subject to legislative approval, the proposed B.C. back-to-school tax credit is a new non-refundable tax credit for parents of school age children to help with the cost of purchasing school supplies. The credit amount is \$250 for each child, providing a tax benefit of up to \$12.65 for each child. The credit is available for the 2016 to 2018 tax years.

You're eligible to claim the tax credit if you:

- are a resident of B.C. on December 31 of the tax year,
- are a parent of a child who is aged 4 to 16 at the beginning of the tax year, and
- no other individual has claimed the credit for that child.

Claiming the Credit

You claim the credit when you file your T1 Income Tax Return. Enter the amount of the credit you are claiming on the [British Columbia tax form \(BC428\)](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Get [answers to your questions](#) about the B.C. back-to-school tax credit.

Useful Contacts

Contact the [Canada Revenue Agency](#) with questions about your tax credit claims and refunds.

Phone: 1-800-959-8281
(Toll-free in Canada)

Contact us with your general questions about the tax credit.

Phone: 1-877-387-3332
(Toll-free in Canada)

Email: ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca