



Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2017

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We recently reviewed the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return database for 2017 as part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project. The database covers about 84,181 of the 86,000 registered charities in Canada that had filed their T3010 and were processed into CRA's Charity Listing database by August 2019.

This article provides a snapshot of the registered charity sector based on the 2017 T3010 filings. We have completed Blumbergs' Snapshots of the Canadian Charity Sector for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 as well. Keep in mind that these statistics only relate to registered charities under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and not to the 80,000 -100,000 non-profits which are not registered charities and for which CRA is not permitted to release information. In the 2014 Federal Budget, the previous Conservative government proposed reviewing the transparency requirements for non-profits and hopefully one day we will see greater transparency on the non-profit sector. Here is my most recent [submission to the Federal government](#) calling for greater transparency with non-profits and charities.

The Canadian charity sector is a vital part of Canadian society and economy with revenue of over \$279 billion and expenditures of about \$261 billion.

Please review the caveats at the end about the reliability and usage of T3010 information.

The Sean Blumberg Transparency Project is in memory of my youngest brother Sean Blumberg. Sean was a sweet, kind person, a great brother who helped me on a number of occasions with many tasks including the time consuming and arduous task of reviewing T3010 databases and making them into something useful. As part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project, Blumbergs has been releasing

information on the Canadian charity sector to provide a better understanding of the size, scope, complexity and challenges of the sector.

Some of the highlights of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2017 include:

- 84,181 registered charities filed their T3010 in Canada out of approximately 86,000 charities
- \$279 billion in total revenue for Canadian charities and total expenditures of \$261 billion.
- Government revenue totaled \$184 Billion including from the federal government (\$9 Billion), provincial governments (\$165.4 Billion) and municipal/regional governments (\$9.3 Billion)
- 77,608 identified themselves as active and 4,912 as inactive
- 31,732 made gifts to other charities or qualified donees during their 2017 fiscal year
- Canadian charities spent over \$3.67 billion outside of Canada
- 148 Canadian charities received funds from CIDA/DFATD
- 3,366 identified having contractual relationships with foreign intermediaries, 1,437 charities identified that employees conducted activities outside of Canada and 2,899 had volunteers conducting foreign activities.
- \$2.5 Billion was received by Canadian charities from outside of Canada
- 724 identified carrying on political activities
- \$28.5 million was spent by Canadian charities on political activities
- the most common method of political activity is staff using the website or social media. (see the schedule 7 with information on political activities)
- 45,684 identified having employment expenses while 38,157 did not have any employment expenses
- \$147 Billion was spent by Canadian charities on salaries and other compensation expenditures
- \$18 Billion in official donation receipts were issued by Canadian registered charities

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Registered Charity Information Return

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Section A: Identification

To help you fill out this form, refer to Guide T4033, *Completing the Registered Charity Information Return*. It can be found at cra.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/t4033.

Note: Even if a charity is inactive, an information return must be filed to maintain its registered status.

If you did not receive a barcode label to attach to the return, complete the following:

1. Charity name:

84,181 14,529 registered as of 1967-01-01 and the rest afterwards 49,215 provided email address and 67,572 had public telephone number

2. Return for fiscal period ending:

Year	Month	Day

3. BN/registration number:

84,181 BN numbers R R

4. Web address (if applicable):

33,762

A1 Was the charity in a subordinate position to a parent organization? 1510 Yes No
 If yes, give the name and BN/registration number of the organization. 12,728 67,938

Name:	BN (if applicable)
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A2 Has the charity wound-up, dissolved, or terminated operations? 1570 Yes No
 758 82,209

A3 Is your charity designated as a public foundation or private foundation? 1600 Yes No

If yes, you must complete Schedule 1, *Foundations*. Refer to Form TF725, *Registered Charity Basic Information Sheet*, to confirm the designation. (Form TF725 is part of the return.) 4,949 are A (Public Foundations), 5,583 are B (Private Foundations) and 73,647 are C (Charitable Organizations) These are on the CRA system - not self-declared on each T3010

Section B: Directors/trustees and like officials

B1 All charities must complete Form T1235, *Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet*. Only the public information section of the worksheet is available to the public. Charities subject to the Ontario *Corporations Act* must also complete Form RC232-WS, *Director/Officer Worksheet and Ontario Corporations Information Act Annual Return*. 592,847 directors listed by all charities. Arm's length (467,964) and non-arm's length (86,162). About 38,000 did not list whether arms length or not.

Section C: Programs and general information

C1 Was the charity active during the fiscal period? 1800 Yes No
 If no, explain why in the "Ongoing programs" space below at C2. 77,608 4,912

C2 In the space below, describe all ongoing and new charitable programs the charity carried on this fiscal period to further its purpose(s) (as defined in its governing documents). "Programs" includes all of the charitable activities that the charity carries out on its own through employees or volunteers as well as through qualified donees and intermediaries. The charity may also use this space to describe the contributions of its volunteers in carrying out its activities, for example, number of volunteers and/or hours. Do not include the names of employees or volunteers. Grant-making charities should describe the types of organizations they support. Do not describe fundraising activities in this space.

Do not attach additional sheets of paper or annual reports.

Ongoing programs:	76,450 You can search all ongoing and new programs at www.CharityData.ca
New programs:	13,206

Registered charities may make gifts to qualified donees. Qualified donees are other registered Canadian charities, as well as certain other organizations described in the *Income Tax Act*.

C3 Did the charity make gifts or transfer funds to qualified donees or other organizations? **2000** Yes No
 If **yes**, you must complete Form T1236, *Qualified Donees Worksheet/Amounts Provided to Other Organizations*. 31,732 52,194

C4 Did the charity carry on, fund, or provide any resources through employees, volunteers, agents, joint ventures, contractors, or any other individuals, intermediaries, entities, or means (other than qualified donees) for any activity/program/project outside Canada? **2100** Yes No
 If **yes**, you must complete Schedule 2, *Activities Outside Canada*.

C5 Political Activities

A registered charity may pursue political activities only if the activities are non-partisan, related to its charitable purposes, and limited in extent. A political activity is any activity that explicitly communicates to the public that a law, policy or decision of any level of government inside or outside Canada should be retained, opposed, or changed.

(a) Did the charity carry on any political activities during the fiscal period, including making gifts to qualified donees that were intended for political activities? **2400** Yes No 724 82,669
 If **yes**, you must complete Schedule 7, *Political Activities*.

(b) Total amount spent by the charity on these political activities. **5030** \$ 28,519,401

(c) Of the amount at line 5030, the total amount of gifts made to qualified donees. **5031** \$ 2,685,166

(d) Total amount received from outside Canada that was directed to be spent on political activities. **5032** \$ 665,877
 If you entered an amount on line 5032 you must complete Schedule 7, *Political Activities*, Table 3.

C6 If the charity carried on fundraising activities or engaged third parties to carry on fundraising activities on its behalf, tick all fundraising methods that it used during the fiscal period:

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|---|--|--|
| 2500 <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisements/print/radio/TV commercials 9,546 | 2570 <input type="checkbox"/> Sales 12,656 | 2620 <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/TV solicitations 1,720 |
| 2510 <input type="checkbox"/> Auctions 6,226 | 2575 <input type="checkbox"/> Internet 8,686 | 2630 <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament/sporting events 5,029 |
| 2530 <input type="checkbox"/> Collection plate/boxes 19,959 | 2580 <input type="checkbox"/> Mail campaigns 9,267 | 2640 <input type="checkbox"/> Cause-related marketing 1,316 |
| 2540 <input type="checkbox"/> Door-to-door solicitation 1,274 | 2590 <input type="checkbox"/> Planned-giving programs 4,951 | 2650 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 13,040 |
| 2550 <input type="checkbox"/> Draws/lotteries 7,110 | 2600 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted corporate donations/sponsorships 11,169 | 2660 Specify: _____ |
| 2560 <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising dinners/galas/concerts 18,827 | 2610 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted contacts 10,582 | |

C7 Did the charity pay external fundraisers? **2700** Yes No 1,685 80,937
 If **yes**, you must complete the following lines, and complete Schedule 4, *Confidential Data*, Table 1.

(a) Enter the gross revenue collected by the fundraisers on behalf of the charity. **5450** \$ 469,076,603

(b) Enter the amounts paid to and/or retained by the fundraisers. **5460** \$ 105,558,883

(c) Tick the method of payment to the fundraiser:

2730 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissions 338	2750 <input type="checkbox"/> Finder's fee 15	2770 <input type="checkbox"/> Honoraria 66
2740 <input type="checkbox"/> Bonuses 6	2760 <input type="checkbox"/> Set fee for services 623	2780 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 297
2790 Specify: _____		

(d) Did the fundraiser issue tax receipts on behalf of the charity? **2800** Yes No 1,810 20,828

C8 Did the charity compensate any of its directors/trustees or like officials or persons not at arm's length from the charity for services provided during the fiscal period (other than reimbursement for expenses)? **3200** Yes No 5,630 77,775

C9 Did the charity incur any expenses for compensation of employees during the fiscal period? **3400** Yes No 45,684 38,157
 If **yes**, you must complete Schedule 3, *Compensation*.

C10 Did the charity receive any donations or gifts of any kind valued at \$10,000 or more from any donor that was **not** resident in Canada and was **not** any of the following? **3900** Yes No 1319 69,383

- a Canadian citizen, nor
- employed in Canada, nor
- carrying on a business in Canada, nor
- a person having disposed of taxable Canadian property?

If **yes**, you must complete Schedule 4, *Confidential Data*, Table 2, for each donation of \$10,000 or more.

C11	Did the charity receive any gifts in kind (non-cash gifts) for which it issued tax receipts? If yes , you must complete Schedule 5, <i>Gifts in kind</i> .	4000	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
					14,117 69,383
C12	Did the charity acquire a non-qualifying security?.....	5800	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
					42 83,518
C13	Did the charity allow any of its donors to use any of its property? (except for permissible uses).....	5810	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
					66 83,492
C14	Did the charity issue any of its tax receipts for donations on behalf of another organization?	5820	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
					567 82,976
C15	Did the charity have direct partnership holdings at any time during the fiscal period?.....	5830	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
					169 81,950

Section D: Financial information

Fill out either Section D or Schedule 6, *Detailed financial information*.

Skip this section if any of the following applies to the charity:
 (a) The charity's revenue exceeds \$100,000.
 (b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities is more than \$25,000.
 (c) The charity has permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "See attached financial statements." All relevant fields must be filled out.

D1 Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis? **4020** Accrual Cash

D2 Summary of financial position:

Using the charity's own financial statements, enter the following:

Did the charity own land and/or buildings?	4050	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Total assets (including land and buildings)	4200	\$	
Total liabilities	4350	\$	
Did the charity borrow from, loan to, or invest assets with any non-arm's length persons?.....	4400	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

D3 Revenue:

Did the charity issue tax receipts for gifts?.....	4490	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes , enter the total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity issued tax receipts	4500	\$	
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4505	\$	
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	\$	
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4530	\$	
Did the charity receive any revenue from any level of government in Canada?.....	4565	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes , total amount received	4570	\$	
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government).....	4571	\$	
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4575	\$	
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	4630	\$	
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada).....	4640	\$	
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above	4650	\$	
Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4570, and 4575 to 4650)	4700	\$	

D4 Expenditures:

Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$	
Travel and vehicle expenses	4810	\$	
All other expenditures not already included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees).....	4920	\$	
Total expenditures (excluding gifts to qualified donees) (add lines 4860, 4810, and 4920)	4950	\$	
Of the amount at line 4950:			
(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities	5000	\$	
(b) Total expenditures on management and administration.....	5010	\$	
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees.....	5050	\$	
Total expenditures (add lines 4950 and 5050)	5100	\$	

Section E: Certification

This return **must** be signed by a person who has authority to sign on behalf of the charity. **It is a serious offence under the *Income Tax Act* to provide false or deceptive information.**

I certify that the information given on this form, the basic information sheet, and any attachment is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, complete, and current.

Name (print):		Signature:
Position in charity:	Date:	Telephone number:

Section F: Confidential data

F1 Enter the physical address of the charity and the address in Canada for the charity's books and records. Post office box numbers and rural routes are not sufficient.

	Physical address of the charity	Address for the charity's books and records
Complete street address		
City		
Province or territory and postal code		

F2 Name and address of individual who completed this return.

Name:	
Company name (if applicable):	
Complete street address:	
City, province or territory, and postal code:	
Telephone number:	Is this the same individual who certified in Section E? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Privacy statement

Personal information is collected under the authority of the *Income Tax Act* and is used to establish and validate the identity and contact information of directors, trustees, officers and/or like officials and authorized representatives of the organization. This information will also be used as a basis for the indirect collection of additional personal information from other internal and external sources, which includes social insurance number (SIN), personal tax information, and relevant financial and biographical information, which may be used to assess the overall risk of registration with respect to the obligations of registration as outlined in the Act and the common law. The social insurance number is collected pursuant to subsection 237 of the Act and is used for identification purposes.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will make this form and all attachments available to the public on the Charities Directorate website, except for information or data identified as confidential. Personal information may also be disclosed to the organization in question and/or its authorized representatives and other third parties pursuant to the disclosure provisions under Section 241 of the Act. Personal information may also be shared with other government departments and agencies under information-sharing agreements in accordance with the disclosure provisions under Section 241 of the Act. Incomplete or inaccurate information may result in a range of actions including suspension of tax-receipting privileges, up to and including revocation of registered status.

Information is described in Charities Program CRA PPU 200 and is protected under the *Privacy Act*. Individuals have a right of protection, access to and correction or notation of their personal information. Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding our handling of your information.

Notification to directors and like officials: The CRA strongly encourages the charity to voluntarily inform directors and like officials that their personal information has been collected and disclosed to the CRA for the submission of its annual information return.

I confirm that I have read the Privacy statement above.

Checklist

A charity's complete annual information return includes:

- Form T3010, *Registered Charity Information Return, and all applicable schedules*;
- Form TF725, *Registered Charity Basic Information Sheet*;
- a copy of the charity's financial statements;
- Form T1235, *Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet*;
- Form RC232-WS, *Director/Officer Worksheet and Ontario Corporations Information Act Annual Return*, or Form RC232, *Ontario Corporations Information Act Annual Return* (if applicable);
- Form T1236, *Qualified Donees Worksheet/Amounts Provided to Other Organizations* (if applicable); and
- Form T2081, *Excess Corporate Holdings Worksheet for Private Foundations* (if applicable).

If financial statements are not included, your charity's **registration may be revoked**.

Foundations **Schedule 1**

- 1** Did the foundation acquire control of a corporation? **100** Yes No
68 26,945
- 2** Did the foundation incur any debts other than for current operating expenses, purchasing or selling investments, or in administering charitable activities? **110** Yes No
76 26,600
- For private foundations only:**
- 3** Did the foundation hold any shares, rights to acquire shares, or debts owing to it that meet the definition of a non-qualified investment? **120** Yes No
73 17,427
- 4** Did the foundation own more than 2% of any class of shares of a corporation at any time during the fiscal period? **130** Yes No
If yes, you must complete and attach Form T2081, Excess Corporate Holdings Worksheet.
95 17,341

Activities outside Canada **Schedule 2**

For more information about carrying on activities outside of Canada, go to cra.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/chrts/plcy/cgd/tsd-cnd-eng.html.

- 1** Total expenditures on activities/programs/projects carried on outside Canada, excluding gifts to qualified donees **200** \$ 3,669,926,575
- 2** Were any of the charity's financial resources spent on programs outside of Canada under any kind of an arrangement including a contract, agency agreement, or joint venture to any other individual or organization (excluding gifts to qualified donees)? **210** Yes No
3,366 27,153
- If yes, enter the amounts of the total reported on line 200 transferred to these individuals/organizations as required in the following table:**

Name of individual/organization	Using the country codes at the end of Schedule 2, enter the code where the activities were carried out.	Amount (\$) Show amounts to the nearest Canadian dollar

- 3** Using the list below, enter the country code where the charity itself carried on programs or devoted any of its resources.
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- 4** Are any projects undertaken outside Canada funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)? **220** Yes No
148 26,023
- If yes, what was the total amount the charity spent under this arrangement? **230** \$ 570,683,817**
- 5** Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by employees of the charity? **240** Yes No 24,302
1437
- 6** Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by volunteers of the charity? **250** Yes No 22,831
2,899
- 7** Is the charity exporting goods as part of its charitable activities? **260** Yes No 25,419
442
- If yes, list the items being exported, their value (in Canadian dollars), their destination and the country code.**

Item	Value	Destination (city/region)	Country code

Country codes

AF-Afghanistan	CU-Cuba	KP-North Korea	RO-Romania
AL-Albania	CY-Cyprus	KR-South Korea	RU-Russia
DZ-Algeria	DK-Denmark	KW-Kuwait	RW-Rwanda
AO-Angola	DO-Dominican Republic	KG-Kyrgyzstan	SA-Saudi Arabia
AR-Argentina	EC-Ecuador	LA-Laos	RS-Serbia
AM-Armenia	EG-Egypt	LB-Lebanon	SL-Sierra Leone
AZ-Azerbaijan	SV-El Salvador	LR-Liberia	SG-Singapore
BD-Bangladesh	ET-Ethiopia	MK-Macedonia	SO-Somalia
BY-Belarus	FR-France	MG-Madagascar	ES-Spain
BT-Bhutan	GA-Gabon	MY-Malaysia	LK-Sri Lanka
BO-Bolivia	GM-Gambia	ML-Mali	SD-Sudan
BA-Bosnia and Herzegovina	GE-Georgia	MU-Mauritius	SY-Syrian Arab Republic
BW-Botswana	DE-Germany	MX-Mexico	TJ-Tajikistan
BR-Brazil	GH-Ghana	MN-Mongolia	TZ-United Republic of Tanzania
BN-Brunei Darussalam	GT-Guatemala	ME-Montenegro	TH-Thailand
BG-Bulgaria	GY-Guyana	MZ-Mozambique	TL-Timor-Leste
BI-Burundi	HT-Haiti	MM-Myanmar (Burma)	TR-Turkey
KH-Cambodia	HN-Honduras	NA-Namibia	UG-Uganda
CM-Cameroon	IN-India	NL-Netherlands	UA-Ukraine
CF-Central African Republic	ID-Indonesia	NI-Nicaragua	GB-United Kingdom
TD-Chad	IR-Iran	NE-Niger	US-United States of America
CL-Chile	IQ-Iraq	NG-Nigeria	UY-Uruguay
CN-China	IL-Israel	OM-Oman	UZ-Uzbekistan
CO-Columbia	PS-Israeli Occupied Territories	PK-Pakistan	VE-Venezuela
KM-Comoros	IT-Italy	PA-Panama	VN-Vietnam
CD-Democratic Republic of Congo	JM-Jamaica	PE-Peru	YE-Yemen
CG-Republic of Congo	JP-Japan	PH-Philippines	ZM-Zambia
CR-Costa Rica	JO-Jordan	PL-Poland	ZW-Zimbabwe
CI-Côte d'Ivoire	KZ-Kazakhstan	QA-Qatar	
HR-Croatia	KE-Kenya	RE-Réunion	

Use the following codes for countries not listed above:

QS-Other countries in Africa
 QR-Other countries in Asia and Oceania
 QM-Other countries in Central and South America
 QP-Other countries in Europe
 QO-Other countries in the Middle East
 QN-Other countries in North America

Compensation **Schedule 3**

1 (a) Enter the **number** of permanent, full-time, compensated positions in the fiscal period. This number should represent the number of positions the charity had including both managerial positions and others, and should not include independent contractors. **Do not** enter a dollar amount. **300** 2,006,169 people

(b) For the **ten (10)** highest compensated, permanent, full-time positions enter the **number of positions** that are within each of the following annual compensation categories. **Do not** tick the boxes, use numbers.

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|--|--|--|
| 305 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 – \$39,999 110,704 | 310 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 – \$79,999 74,839 | 315 <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 – \$119,999 20,404 |
| 320 <input type="checkbox"/> \$120,000 – \$159,999 6,510 | 325 <input type="checkbox"/> \$160,000 – \$199,999 2,908 | 330 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 – \$249,999 1,712 |
| 335 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 – \$299,999 1,000 | 340 <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 – \$349,999 704 | 345 <input type="checkbox"/> \$350,000 and over 939 |

2 (a) Enter the **number** of part-time or part-year (for example, seasonal) employees the charity employed during the fiscal period. **370** 2,182,689 people

(b) Total expenditure on compensation for part-time or part-year employees in the fiscal period. **380** \$ 29,436,616,042

3 Total expenditure on all compensation in the fiscal period. **390** \$ 146,964,001,174

Confidential data **Schedule 4**

The information in this schedule is for the CRA's use and may be shared as permitted by law (for example, with certain other government departments and agencies).

1. Information about fundraisers

Enter the name(s) and arm's length status of each external fundraiser.

Name	At arm's length? Yes/No

2. Information about donors not resident in Canada

Complete this schedule to report any gift of any kind valued at \$10,000 or more received from any donor that was **not** resident in Canada and was **not** any of the following:

- a Canadian citizen, nor
- employed in Canada, nor
- carrying on business in Canada, nor
- a person having disposed of taxable Canadian property.

Enter the name of each donor and the value of the gift in the chart below. Tick whether the donor was an organization (for example a business, corporate entity, charity, non-profit organization), a government or an individual.

Name	Value	Organization	Government	Individual
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Gifts in kind **Schedule 5**

1 Tick all types of gifts in kind received for which a tax receipt was issued:

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|--|--|---|
| 500 <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork/wine/jewellery 2,571 | 525 <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological properties 45 | 550 <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly traded securities/ commodities/mutual funds 2,236 |
| 505 <input type="checkbox"/> Building materials 1,239 | 530 <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance policies 631 | 555 <input type="checkbox"/> Books 1274 |
| 510 <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/furniture/food 4,466 | 535 <input type="checkbox"/> Medical equipment/supplies 574 | 560 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 7,326 |
| 515 <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles 444 | 540 <input type="checkbox"/> Privately-held securities 140 | 565 Specify: _____ |
| 520 <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural properties 260 | 545 <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery/equipment/ computers/software 1,901 | |

2 Enter the total amount of tax-receipted gifts in kind. **580** \$ 2,547,835,553

Detailed financial information

Schedule 6

Fill out this schedule if any of the following applies to the charity:

- (a) The charity's revenue exceeds \$100,000.
- (b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities is more than \$25,000.
- (c) The charity has permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

50,518 27,098

Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis? 4020 Accrual Cash

Statement of financial position

Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "see attached financial statements." All relevant fields must be filled out.

Assets:		Liabilities:	
Cash, bank accounts, and short-term investments	4100 \$ 50,896,137,175	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300 \$ 34,101,636,416
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons	4110 \$ 8,873,390,465	Deferred revenue	4310 \$ 80,870,624,709
Amounts receivable from all others	4120 \$ 26,914,671,268	Amounts owing to non-arm's length persons	4320 \$ 10,133,979,113
Investments in non-arm's length persons	4130 \$ 2,727,152,232	Other liabilities	4330 \$ 111,566,200,703
Long-term investments	4140 \$ 108,820,435,878	Total liabilities (add lines 4300 to 4330)....	4350 \$ 236,676,529,157
Inventories	4150 \$ 2,021,571,573		
Land and buildings in Canada	4155 \$ 255,472,585,428		
Other capital assets in Canada	4160 \$ 88,269,915,859		
Capital assets outside Canada	4165 \$ 249,157,930		
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	4166 \$ -124,175,467,164	Amount included in lines 4150, 4155,	
Other assets	4170 \$ 27,433,830,341	4160, 4165 and 4170 not used in	
10 year gifts	4180 \$ 10,716,011,560	charitable activities	4250 \$ 17,287,831,415
Total assets (add lines 4100 to 4170)	4200 \$ 451,805,365,710		

Statement of operations

Revenue:		
Total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity issued tax receipts		4500 \$ 18,059,129,801
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees	5610 \$ 748,742,661	
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4505 \$ 663,502,794	
Total amount received from other registered charities		4510 \$ 7,261,697,412
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)		4530 \$ 3,016,286,761
Total revenue received from federal government		4540 \$ 8,998,734,673
Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments		4550 \$ 165,445,186,987
Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments		4560 \$ 9,328,838,874
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571 \$ 200,326,489	
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)		4575 \$ 2,319,367,314
Total interest and investment income received or earned		4580 \$ 5,378,811,102
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets	4590 \$ 12,994,320,269	
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with brackets)		4600 \$ 1,725,110,956
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings		4610 \$ 3,426,337,185
Total non tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees		4620 \$ 1,739,584,089
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising		4630 \$ 3,051,977,426
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)		4640 \$ 23,120,143,651
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above		4650 \$ 26,923,717,622
Specify type(s) of revenue included in the amount reported at 4650	4655	
Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4560, 4575, 4580, and 4600 to 4650)		4700 \$ 279,809,961,742

Expenditures:

Advertising and promotion	4800	\$ 1,389,558,950
Travel and vehicle expenses.....	4810	\$ 2,445,259,114
Interest and bank charges.....	4820	\$ 2,494,222,612
Licences, memberships, and dues.....	4830	\$ 574,627,148
Office supplies and expenses.....	4840	\$ 3,615,329,569
Occupancy costs	4850	\$ 9,530,474,757
Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$ 5,126,064,441
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	\$ 757,906,498
Total expenditure on all compensation (enter the amount reported at line 390 in Schedule 3, if applicable)	4880	\$ 149,652,235,522
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charitable activities	4890	\$ 1,124,689,571
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	\$ 18,509,287,300
Amortization of capitalized assets.....	4900	\$ 10,756,592,476
Research grants and scholarships as part of charitable activities.....	4910	\$ 3,721,153,076
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees).....	4920	\$ 44,071,477,242
Specify type(s) of expenditures included in the amount reported at 4920.....	4930	
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees (add lines 4800 to 4920).....	4950	\$ 252,466,680,525

Of the amounts at lines 4950 and 5031 (reported at C5 Political Activities (c)):

(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities.....	5000	\$ 200,575,143,591
(b) Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	\$ 21,709,844,709
(c) Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	\$ 2,670,241,641
(d) Total expenditures on political activities, inside or outside Canada, from question C5 (b).....	5030	\$ 28,481,189
(e) Total other expenditures included in line 4950.....	5040	\$ 11,814,076,831
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	\$ 8,979,775,213
Total expenditures (add lines 4950 and 5050)	5100	\$ 261,502,401,129

Other financial information**Permission to accumulate property:**

Only registered charities that have written permission to accumulate should complete this section.

• Enter the amount accumulated for the fiscal period, including income earned on accumulated funds.....	5500	\$ 789,907,376
• Enter the amount disbursed for the fiscal period for the specified purpose.....	5510	\$ 590,150,004

Permission to reduce disbursement quota:

If the charity has received approval to make a reduction to its disbursement quota, enter the amount for the fiscal period	5750	\$ 40,512,744
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Property not used in charitable activities:

Enter the value of property not used for charitable activities or administration during:

• The 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period	5900	\$ 75,716,564,003
• The 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	\$ 81,817,848,911

Political activities

Schedule 7

A registered charity may pursue political activities only if the activities are non-partisan, related to its charitable purposes, and limited in extent. A political activity is any activity that explicitly communicates to the public that a law, policy or decision of any level of government inside or outside Canada should be retained, opposed, or changed.

- 1** Describe the charity's political activities, including gifts to qualified donees intended for political activities, and explain how these relate to its charitable purposes.

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- 2** Identify the way the charity participated in or carried out political activities during the fiscal period.

		Resources used			
		Tick all the boxes that apply			
		Staff	Volunteers	Financial	Property
Media releases and advertisements	700	<input type="checkbox"/> 244	<input type="checkbox"/> 95	<input type="checkbox"/> 92	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
Conferences, workshops, speeches, or lectures	701	<input type="checkbox"/> 249	<input type="checkbox"/> 164	<input type="checkbox"/> 108	<input type="checkbox"/> 16
Publications (printed or electronic)	702	<input type="checkbox"/> 229	<input type="checkbox"/> 114	<input type="checkbox"/> 124	<input type="checkbox"/> 22
Rallies, demonstrations, or public meetings	703	<input type="checkbox"/> 202	<input type="checkbox"/> 169	<input type="checkbox"/> 57	<input type="checkbox"/> 12
Petitions, boycotts (calls to action)	704	<input type="checkbox"/> 167	<input type="checkbox"/> 133	<input type="checkbox"/> 36	<input type="checkbox"/> 16
Letter writing campaign (printed or electronic)	705	<input type="checkbox"/> 223	<input type="checkbox"/> 155	<input type="checkbox"/> 66	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
Internet (website, social media (Twitter, YouTube))	706	<input type="checkbox"/> 313	<input type="checkbox"/> 134	<input type="checkbox"/> 91	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
Gifts to qualified donees for political activities	707	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 41	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Other (specify):	708	<input type="checkbox"/> 73	<input type="checkbox"/> 48	<input type="checkbox"/> 35	<input type="checkbox"/> 7

Funding from outside of Canada for political activities

- 3** If the charity entered an amount on line 5032, complete the fields below. Enter the political activity that the funds were intended to support, the amount received from each country outside Canada, and the corresponding country code (using the codes provided in Schedule 2). For more information on how to complete this table, see Guide T4033.

Political activity	Amount	Country Code
	Total \$640,222.00	

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Further information

Are you interested in more information on Transparency in the charity sector? If so, you might find these links helpful including our Blumbergs' Directory on [Transparency](#):

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2016](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2015](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2014](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2013](#)

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[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2011](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2010](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the BC Charity Sector 2012](#)

[Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2011 - understanding the charity sector through the T3010](#)

[Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2010 -a little more perspective on the sector](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2011](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2012](#)

[Blumbergs' Directory on Transparency Related Articles](#)

[Blumbergs' Directory on Canadian charity statistics](#)

[Comparison of the CRA's Charities Listing and Blumbergs' CharityData.ca](#)

[Dramatic changes to the CRA Charities Listing](#)

[Some questions to add to the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return](#)

[Mark Blumberg's submission to the Standing Committee on Finance on transparency](#)

[Canadian Charities and Free Transparency Tools - look before you donate your time or money](#)

[CRA publishes new web page on "How to get information about a charity"](#)

[New Transparency in Ontario for Non-Profits to be released in next few months](#)

[Finance Memo on Registered Charities - Political Activities, Foreign Funding and Transparency](#)

[Which Canadian Charities Spent Money on "political activities" and how much did they spend](#)

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[So how much do Canadian charities receive from foreign sources according to the T3010 Returns?](#)

[Transparency - What can the Charities Directorate of CRA disclose about registered charities?](#)

[How accurate are the T3010 charity returns when it comes to political activities?](#)

[How to Decide Which Charity to Support](#)

[Community Foundations of Canada 2013 Conference in Winnipeg -some interesting stats](#)

[CRA publishes new web page on “How to get information about a charity”](#)

[CRA releases new T3010 \(13\) for registered charities with fiscal year ends after January 1, 2013](#)

[List of Ontario Non-Profit Corporations finally revealed for the first time](#)

[Who are the Canadian environmental charities?](#)

[Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Municipal Governments in 2012?](#)

[Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Provincial Governments in 2012?](#)

[Which Charities Received the Most Money from the Federal Government – 2012?](#)

[Largest Gifts from Canadian Charities to other Qualified Donees - 2012](#)

[Which Canadian Private Foundations had the largest total expenditures in 2013-2015?](#)

[More from the T3010-13 on political activities](#)

[Latest statistics on “abusive charity gifting tax schemes”](#)

[Some simple and free steps to increase your Canadian registered charity’s transparency](#)

[CRA released it’s 2018 T3010 annual return form for Canadian registered charities](#)

[Corporations Canada has made a giant leap forward in increasing transparency of Federal corporations](#)

[Top Canadian Charity Law Issues by Mark Blumberg – For Charity Village – March 2018](#)

[Key statistics on Canada’s charity and non-profit sector](#)

[CRA Responds to Questions at Blumberg’s Canadian Charity Law Institute on CHAMP](#)

Limitations and Caveats

There are a number of cautions in dealing with the information from the T3010. You can access the CRA Charities Listing database directly on the CRA website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities.html>. As well, Blumbergs also maintains Canada's largest charity information portal at www.charitydata.ca with up to 15 years information on every Canadian registered charity. The portal is free and the aim is to increase transparency in the Canadian charity sector. With CRA removing recently over 10 years' worth of information from the Charities Listing, www.charitydata.ca has far more years available

- 1) The data in this note is based on the 2017 T3010 Registered Charity Information Return filings. Although all charities are supposed to file their T3010 within 6 months of their fiscal year end, some charities file late or do not file at all and then will lose their charitable status. Depending on the data set from CRA, not every charity may have filed their T3010 or been inputted yet.
- 2) Registered charities complete the T3010 and one person signs the form. The T3010 information is not independently verified by CRA when it is posted on the CRA site or placed in the CRA database.
- 3) Although an important legal document, the T3010 is often completed by volunteers or others who may have little understanding of the nuances of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), limited language skills, may not have easy access to the correct information or are in a hurry to file the form to avoid deregistration. In the case of larger institutions, it is typically accountants or finance staff who prepare the T3010. One would expect greater accuracy with the larger institutions. However, as they also tend to be more complicated and involve bigger numbers, the likelihood of a significant inaccuracy in their T3010 filings is great.
- 4) The T3010s are filed with CRA and in many cases needs to be coded by hand at CRA which can also introduce mistakes. Only a small number of T3010s have 2D bar code technology which can eliminate most processing errors on CRA's part. Canadian charities can as of June 2019 electronically file the T3010 under the CRA's Charities IT Modernization Project (CHAMP) which will hopefully reduce errors and speed up the process for T3010 data becoming available.
- 5) In some cases, those completing the T3010 for a charity are deliberately deceptive when completing the T3010. For example, an organization knows that it has substantial fundraising or political expenses but chooses to put them under charitable activities. Or an organization claims pharmaceuticals that it can purchase for \$50,000 are really worth \$50 million.
- 6) Don't rely on any of this information without checking with the charity and appropriate due diligence as required.
- 7) The T3010 is a tax form which is supposed to be completed according to guidance provided by the CRA in [Guide Completing the Registered Charity Information Return \(T-4033\)](#) and also various other CRA guidances and policies. The information inputted may not conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and often the numbers will not match what is in a financial statement.

You can obtain copies of financial statements, whether audited or not, on any registered charity by requesting the financial statements from CRA. These financial statements are filed with CRA but not placed on the CRA website and they can sometimes add further information.

8) Some questions on the T3010 are more prone to error than others. Some questions are complicated, while others are quite straightforward. Some matters are easily quantifiable, like value of official donation receipts, while others require allocation and other subjective measurements. Some questions, like revenue, are answered by almost every charity and if a charity makes a mistake, the likelihood is that such a mistake will not have much impact on the bigger picture. On the other hand, some numbers like political expenditures by Canadian charities are often incorrectly completed and even one or two charities by mistakenly inserting large numbers in this category can distort the picture. With the 2012 numbers, the top 6 organizations listing political expenditures appear to be all mistakes. This seems to have inflated the numbers by about 1000%. You can see my article "[Did the University of Windsor spend \\$285 million on political activities in 2012](#)". For the 2013 political numbers were \$171 million on the T3010. If one reviews the actual organizations, the number is probably about \$26 million. For 2017 the number is 28 million.

9) The T3010 asks certain questions. Many important questions are not asked on the T3010. Relying on the T3010 to make decisions on whether a charity is efficient or worthwhile to support is prone to failure. We have established a website at www.smartgiving.ca which discusses in detail questions donors may want to ask before donating to charity.

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