

MOVING EXPENSES

You can deduct **eligible moving expenses** if you moved from an old residence to a new residence to:

1. Be closer to a work location, or
2. Carry on a business or
3. Attend classes at a post-secondary education

To qualify, your new home must be **at least 40 kilometres** closer to the new place of work or educational institution.

- **The maximum amount you can deduct is limited to** employment income, business income, and scholarships from the new location.
- Unused moving expenses (if you don't have enough employment income/scholarship income) can be **carried forward** indefinitely

Moving Expenses Eligible for Deduction

1. **Travel Expenses**
 - Vehicle expenses, meals, and accommodation, to move you and members of your household to your new residence.
 - You can choose to use a simplified method of a flat rate of \$17/meal, to a maximum of \$51/day per person and \$0.57 per km in Ontario
 - If you use the detailed method; you claim the actual costs but need to keep receipts of purchases to support amount
2. **Costs of Moving your stuff**
 - Packing, hauling, moving, in-transit storage, and insurance
3. **Meals and temporary accommodation** (place to stay near old or new location) for you and the members of your household for **maximum of 15 days**
 - Can use Detailed method (actual costs supported by receipts) or simplified method (same rates as above)
4. **Cost to cancel lease on your old residence**
5. **Cost to sell old home (you can deduct regardless of if you buy new home or not)**
 - Advertising
 - Legal fees
 - Real-estate commissions
 - Mortgage penalty incurred due to paying off mortgage before maturity

6. **Costs incurred to buy a new home: If you sold or are trying to sell your old home and purchased a new home**, you can deduct the following:
 - Legal fees
 - Land transfer tax

7. **Cost to maintain your old residence (maximum of \$5,000)**
 - If your old property has not yet been sold, and it remains vacant after your move; as long as you made reasonable efforts to sell the home you can claim the following for a total maximum of \$5000.
 - interest;
 - property taxes;
 - insurance premiums; and
 - heat and utilities expenses.

8. **Other expenses:**
 - Changing address on legal documents (driver's licence/health card)
 - Replacing driver's licence
 - Utility connections/disconnections

Moving Expenses Not Eligible for Deduction

1. Travel expenses for house-hunting trips before you move;
2. Loss from sale of old home
3. Meals/accommodation > 15 days
4. Cost of forwarding mail (for example with Canada post)
5. Legal fees, land transfer tax incurred while buying a new home **CANNOT** be deducted if you didn't own a house prior
6. utilities, property tax and mortgage interest charges > \$5000; if you made reasonable efforts to sell old home