



Winter 2013

## T4A income slips

Included with this newsletter is your 2012 T4A (or NR4 if you live outside of Canada). These slips record any taxable benefit you received during the year and are required to complete your income tax return.

The following is general information regarding your T4A:

- ✓ Saskatchewan Pension Plan (SPP) income is taxable to the person named on the T4A.
- ✓ Your January 1, 2013 pension payment was paid to you on December 31, 2012 and is part of the total in Box 16 of your 2012 T4A. Amounts in Box 16 qualify for the Pension Income Credit.
- ✓ Pension payments can be received wherever you live. Tax is withheld using the tax rates provided to us by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the appropriate country. Contact SPP for details. ❖

### SPP pay dates

February 1

March 1

March 28

May 1

May 31

June 28

August 1

August 30

October 1

November 1

November 29

December 31

Missing.....Stanley Davies

If you know this member, please contact our office. ❖

## Protect yourself

Criminals have no regard for the pain, loss or suffering they cause their victims. Unfortunately, seniors are often the target of this maliciousness. The types of fraud are numerous and varied, occurring by mail, telephone or in person. By educating yourself, fraud can be prevented! Listed below are some pointers to help prevent you from becoming a victim.

- ✓ Banks/financial institutions will not phone you to verify your banking or credit card information.
- ✓ Never agree to pay money to claim a prize – no legitimate sweepstakes/lottery will request this.
- ✓ Never call a “1-900” number – the result will be a large charge on your telephone bill.
- ✓ When donating, confirm that the charity is registered and obtain a tax deductible receipt.
- ✓ If you are dealing with a new company, confirm the reputation through legitimate references before committing to anything.
- ✓ When an opportunity presents itself, any pressure to make a quick decision should be resisted.
- ✓ Ask for advice, talk to friends, family and/or advisors or agencies such as the Better Business Bureau. ❖

## What is a power of attorney (POA)

A POA is a legal document that allows someone of your choosing to manage your affairs. Decide whom to appoint, when you wish the POA to take effect and what responsibilities you want to assign. In particular, please ensure it gives your attorney the authority to act on your behalf in pension-related matters such as making changes to your pension and redirecting your pension payments. Once these decisions have been made, setting up a POA can be done quickly and inexpensively. Preparing it with sound legal advice is the best avenue as the POA must be properly worded for your specific needs. Having a POA document on file at SPP allows us to respond promptly to requests from the person named as your attorney. ❖



Reason to notify SPP	Form of contact					
	Letter	Phone	Email	Fax	Submit on Web	Form on Web
<b>Address update:</b> Please provide the effective date of the address or phone number change, your previous address and your account number.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Bank account change:</b> Any changes to your banking information must be provided in writing one month in advance by sending a VOID cheque or Direct Deposit Request form.	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓
<b>Beneficiary change:</b> Refund life annuity (only) allows a beneficiary change or update. The change requires your signature.	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	✓
<b>Non-resident tax:</b> If you are no longer a Canadian resident, send us a letter confirming your residency. The tax withheld from your pension will be based on your country of residence. For more information contact CRA North America (1-800-267-5177) or Collect (1-613-952-3741).	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓
<b>Income tax deduction:</b> To have income tax deducted from your monthly pension, send the request in writing, indicating the amount you wish withheld each month.	✓	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	✓
<b>Death:</b> SPP must be notified immediately upon the member's death to avoid an overpayment.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

If you have any questions regarding changes to your SPP account please contact us.  
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## Pension income credit/splitting

Your SPP pension payments qualify for the pension income credit and for pension income splitting. Your annuity income is shown in Box 16 of your T4A, and you must include this amount as income on line 115 of your return. Regardless of your age, SPP annuity income qualifies for the federal pension income credit on line 314 of your return.

You may be able to jointly elect with your spouse or common-law partner to split the pension income reported on line 115. To make this election, you must both have been residents of Canada on December 31, 2012 and living together. If you elect to split income, you must file a new election Form T1032 each year. The direction and amount of this election can be changed annually.

Pension income splitting is complex and personal. The greater the difference between your incomes and the marginal tax rates, the more significant tax savings will be. For more information, please contact your personal tax advisor or Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281. ❖

## SPP member information

We are committed to providing you with the highest standard of customer service. To enable this continued level of service, we periodically ask you to verify your personal information. If you receive one of these requests, please complete the form, sign and return it to our office. We appreciate your help. ❖

The SPP Benefits Newsletter is issued once a year to provide members with general information about current issues affecting SPP.

If any discrepancy arises between the information contained in this newsletter and the Act, the Act will prevail. ❖

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