

Tax Tip
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CRA Introduces – “My Payment”

CRA has announced a new service known as “My Payment” that allows taxpayers to make electronic payments by accessing CRA’s website. The service is provided through Interac[®] which is currently offered by the following financial institutions:

- Bank of Montreal
- Scotia Bank
- TD Canada Trust
- RBC Royal Bank.

This system will should eliminate an issue that happens all too often when taxpayers send a payment by cheque and are eventually assessed a fine or penalty when CRA claims the payment was either late or not received.

According to CRA, their new system offers the following advantages

- immediate payment – no accounting for the time it takes to mail a cheque
- safety and security – the payment is completed through your existing online banking service
- privacy – no personal information is exchanged between the CRA and your financial institution
- simplicity – payments to several CRA accounts can be made in a single transaction

To use this new system, one must follow the following seven steps:

1. Select the My Payment option from the CRA Web site (www.cra.gc.ca/mypayment).
2. Compose your payment by listing the accounts and amounts you will be paying. You will need your account information as provided by the CRA.

3. Select the "Pay now" option and then choose your financial institution. You need to be registered for online banking with your financial institution.
4. Log in to your financial institution's online banking with your usual login ID and password.
5. Choose an account from which to deduct your payment.
6. Confirm the payment. You will be automatically directed to a confirmation page.
7. Print or save a copy of your transaction receipt.