



## WHAT IS A FREE TAX CLINIC?

A free tax clinic is a place where eligible people can go to get their tax returns done for free. Free tax clinics are hosted by community organizations across Canada, through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. There are different types of free tax clinics.

**By appointment:** You must fill out the Client Information Form ahead of time. Appointments are only for clients that need help & you must wear a mask and sanitize upon entrance - please contact Charlotte at the office to make arrangements. 250-627-1595 Ext.227

**Drop-off:** During the COVID our office is closed to the public. For drop off you must include a completed Client Information Form, include all documentation that you checked off, put in a sealed envelope and drop off your documents in the mail slot during office hours or evenings if you see the shutter open to the attention of Charlotte Vannier. You must include a copy of your picture identification whether I know you or not. Your information will not be kept on file in the office due to confidentiality reasons. You must provide an email address to send a PDF of your T1's and your slips will be mailed back to you.

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR HELP AT A FREE TAX CLINIC?

You may be eligible for help at a free tax clinic if you have a modest income **and** a simple tax situation. The service is available from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### MODEST INCOME

In general, you have a modest income if based on your family size, your total family income is less than the amount shown in the chart below. CRA's suggested income level is much lower, we changed it to provide this to more members.

SUGGESTED LEVELS OF INCOME	
Family Size	Total Family Income
1 Person	\$52,500
2 Persons	\$80,000
More than 3 Persons	\$80,000 (plus \$2,500 for each additional person)

## SIMPLE TAX SITUATION

In general, your tax situation is simple if you have no income or if your income comes from these sources:

- employment
- pension
- benefits such as Canada Pension Plan, disability, employment insurance, social assistance
- registered retirement savings plans (RRSP's)
- support payments
- scholarships, fellowships, bursaries or grants
- interest (under \$1,000)

Your tax situation **is not** simple if you:

- are self-employed or have employment expenses
- have business or rental income and expenses
- have capital gains or losses
- filed for bankruptcy
- are completing a tax return for a deceased person

## WHERE CAN I FIND A FREE TAX CLINIC?

- Upstairs at the Nisga'a Hall
- Provided only for Nisga'a members and their families