

Nova Scotia

Combined federal and provincial personal income tax rates - 2026¹

Taxable income				Nova Scotia				
Lower limit		Upper limit		Basic tax ²	Rate on excess	Marginal rate on		
						Eligible dividend income ³	Other dividend income ³	Capital gains ⁴
\$ -	to	\$ 15,220	⁵	-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
\$ 15,221	to	\$ 16,452	⁵	-	13.79%	6.82%	14.13%	6.90%
\$ 16,453	to	\$ 21,000	⁵	170	27.79%	6.82%	19.85%	13.90%
\$ 21,001	to	\$ 30,995		1,434	22.79%	0.00%	14.10%	11.40%
\$ 30,996	to	\$ 58,523		3,712	28.95%	8.42%	21.18%	14.48%
\$ 58,524	to	\$ 61,991		11,681	35.45%	15.98%	28.66%	17.73%
\$ 61,992	to	\$ 97,417		12,910	37.17%	18.35%	30.64%	18.59%
\$ 97,418	to	\$ 117,045		26,078	38.00%	19.50%	31.59%	19.00%
\$ 117,046	to	\$ 157,124		33,537	43.50%	27.09%	37.92%	21.75%
\$ 157,125	to	\$ 181,440		50,971	47.00%	31.92%	41.94%	23.50%
\$ 181,441	to	\$ 258,482	⁶	62,400	50.29%	36.46%	45.72%	25.15%
\$ 258,483	and up			101,144	54.00%	41.58%	49.99%	27.00%

1. The tax rates reflect budget proposals and news releases to January 15, 2026. Where the tax is determined under the alternative minimum tax provisions (AMT), the above table is not applicable. AMT may be applicable where the tax otherwise payable is less than the tax determined by applying the relevant AMT rate to the individual's taxable income adjusted for certain preference items.
2. The tax determined by the table should be reduced by the applicable federal and provincial tax credits (see chart below), other than the basic personal tax credits, which have been reflected in the calculations (see Note 6 below).
3. The rates apply to the actual amount of taxable dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations. Eligible dividends are those paid by public corporations and private companies out of earnings that have been taxed at the general corporate tax rate (the dividend must be designated by the payor corporation as an eligible dividend). Where the dividend tax credit exceeds the federal and provincial tax otherwise payable on the dividends, the rates do not reflect the value of the excess credit that may be used to offset taxes payable from other sources of income. This assumption is consistent with prior year rates.
4. The rates apply to the actual amount of the capital gain. A capital gains exemption may be available to reduce or eliminate the tax on capital gains from certain qualifying property and qualifying business transfers.
5. Individuals resident in Nova Scotia on December 31, 2026 with taxable income up to \$15,220, pay no provincial income tax as a result of a low-income tax reduction. The low-income tax reduction is clawed back for income in excess of \$15,220 until the reduction is eliminated, resulting in an additional 5% of provincial tax on income between \$15,221 and \$21,000.
6. The federal basic personal amount comprises two elements: the base amount (\$14,829 for 2026) and an additional amount (\$1,623 for 2026). The additional amount is reduced for individuals with net income in excess of \$181,440 and is fully eliminated for individuals with net income in excess of \$258,482. Consequently, the additional amount is clawed back on net income in excess of \$181,440 until the additional tax credit of \$227 is eliminated; this results in additional federal income tax (e.g., 0.29% on ordinary income) on net income between \$181,441 and \$258,482.

A chart of the most common non-refundable tax credits is available on the next page

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Federal and provincial personal tax credits - 2026¹

	Federal credit	Provincial credit
Amount of credits:		
Basic personal credit (see notes 2 and 6) ^{2,3}	\$ 2,076	\$ 1,049
Spousal credit (reduced when spouse's income over \$0 (federal) and \$888 (provincial)) ^{2,3}	2,076	1,049
Equivalent-to-spouse credit (reduced when dependant's income over \$0 (federal) and \$888 (provincial)) ^{2,3}	2,076	1,049
Infirm dependant aged 18 or over (reduced when dependant's income over \$5,953 (provincial))	-	258
Caregiver credit (reduced when the particular person's income exceeds \$20,601 (federal) and \$13,677 (provincial))	1,228	431
Age credit (65 and over) ⁴	1,289	512
Disability credit ⁵	1,448	645
Pension income (maximum)	280	103
Education - per month	-	18
Canada employment credit	210	-
Child fitness and arts credits ⁶	-	44
Credits as a percentage of:		
Tuition fees	14.00%	8.79%
Medical expenses ⁷	14.00%	8.79%
Charitable donations		
- First \$200	14.00%	8.79%
- Remainder ⁸	29% / 33%	21.00%
CPP contributions ⁹	14.00%	8.79%
EI premiums	14.00%	8.79%

1. This table lists the most common non-refundable tax credits; other non-refundable and refundable credits may be available.
2. The federal tax value of the basic personal credit, the spousal credit and the equivalent-to-spouse credit represents the amount available to taxpayers in the highest tax bracket. An additional amount may be available for individuals with net income below \$258,482 (see Note 6 to the chart above).
3. A federal caregiver tax credit of \$384 may be available in respect of a spouse, dependant or child who is dependent on the individual by reason of mental or physical infirmity.
4. The maximum federal age credit of \$1,289 occurs at \$46,432 of net income and declines to nil as net income rises to \$107,819. The maximum provincial age credit of \$512 occurs at \$30,828 of net income and declines to nil as net income rises to \$69,668.
5. A federal supplement of \$844 is available for an individual who is under 18 years of age, reduced by the total child care and attendant care expenses claimed for the individual in excess of \$3,533. A provincial supplement of \$303 is available for an individual who is under 18 years of age, reduced for the total child care and attendant care expenses claimed for the individual in excess of \$2,343.
6. Effective for 2022 and subsequent years, the provincial children's sports and arts refundable tax credit may be available for eligible expenses paid in respect of a child under 19 years of age.
7. The federal credit applies to eligible medical expenses that exceed the lesser of \$2,890 and 3% of net income. The provincial credit applies to eligible medical expenses that exceed the lesser of \$1,637 and 3% of net income.
8. The federal tax credit rate of 33% applies to charitable donations in excess of \$200 to the extent the individual has taxable income in excess of \$258,482; otherwise, a federal tax credit rate of 29% applies.
9. One-half of CPP paid by self-employed individuals is deductible in computing taxable income.