



Other Tax Rates

Automobiles—Deductions and Benefits

	2020	2021
Deduction limits¹		
Maximum cost for capital cost allowance purposes ²	\$30,000	\$30,000
Maximum deductible monthly lease payment ³	\$800	\$800
Maximum deductible monthly interest cost on automobile loans ⁴	\$300	\$300
Maximum deductible allowances paid to employees⁵		
First 5,000 employment-related kilometres	59¢	59¢
Each additional employment-related kilometre	53¢	53¢
Taxable benefits		
Standby charge benefit⁶		
Employer-owned automobile	2% per month of original cost	
Employer-leased automobile	2/3 of monthly lease cost	
Operating cost benefit per kilometre of personal use ⁶	28¢	27¢
Allowances⁷		
	Taxable with certain exceptions	

Notes

- When a motor vehicle is purchased or leased for the purpose of earning income, certain expenses may be deducted. The more common types of motor vehicle expenses include fuel, insurance, maintenance and repairs, licence and registration fees, capital cost allowance, lease payments, and interest. The expenses also include all applicable federal and provincial sales taxes (GST, HST, PST and QST) to the extent the taxpayer is not a sales tax registrant and does not claim an input tax credit (input tax refund in Quebec) for the taxes paid.
- The maximum amounts shown in the table are determined before all applicable sales taxes, and are based on the automobile's year of purchase.
 Each automobile with a cost in excess of the limit is allocated to a separate capital cost allowance (CCA) Class 10.1. The maximum capital cost of each automobile that may be included in Class 10.1 is \$30,000 plus all applicable federal and provincial sales taxes. A Class 10.1 automobile is not subject to the normal recapture or terminal loss rules, and is eligible for a 15% CCA claim in the year of disposition.
 Motor vehicles having a cost equal to or less than the limit are included in Class 10. The normal rules for recapture, terminal loss and CCA apply to these vehicles.
 The CCA rate for both classes is 30% declining balance (15% in the year of acquisition).
 For motor vehicles acquired after November 20, 2018, the CCA rate in the year of acquisition is increased to 45% (from 15%). The accelerated deduction will be gradually phased out starting in 2024 and will not apply to motor vehicles available for use after 2027.
 The federal government introduced a temporary enhanced first-year CCA rate of 100% for eligible zero-emission vehicles purchased on or after March 19, 2019. A new class 54 was created for zero-emission passenger vehicles that would otherwise be included in Class 10 or 10.1 and the maximum CCA deductible in respect of each vehicle is \$55,000 plus applicable sales tax. A new class 55 was created for zero-emission vehicles that would otherwise be included in Class 16. The enhanced CCA rate will be gradually phased out for zero-emission vehicles that become available for use after 2023 and will not apply to zero-emission vehicles that become available for use after 2027.

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The federal government introduced a new class 56 to provide a temporary enhanced first-year CCA rate of 100% for qualifying zero-emission off-road automotive vehicles purchased on or after March 2, 2020. The enhanced CCA rate will be gradually phased out for qualifying zero-emission off-road automotive vehicles that become available for use after 2023 but before 2028.

The 2021 federal budget provides immediate expensing of certain properties acquired by a Canadian-controlled private corporation (CCPC) that would otherwise qualify for CCA, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million per taxation year. Eligible property includes any capital property subject to the CCA rules, except for property that would be included in Classes 1 to 6, 14.1, 17, 47, 49 and 51. Immediate expensing applies to eligible property acquired on or after April 19, 2021 and available for use before 2024.

- (3) The maximum amounts shown in the table are determined before all applicable sales taxes, and are based on the year the lease was entered into.

In general, the maximum deductible monthly lease charge is computed, as the lesser of:

- The actual lease payments paid or incurred in the year (including insurance, maintenance and taxes if they are part of the actual lease payment)
- The prescribed monthly rate, or
- The annual lease limit, which is equal to the monthly pre-tax lease cost multiplied by the ratio of

CCA cost limit

85% x greater of the prescribed limit and the manufacturer's suggested list price

- (4) The maximum deductible monthly interest cost is based on the automobile's year of purchase.
- (5) For the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon, the tax-exempt allowance is set 4 cents higher (in 2021, 63 cents for the first 5,000 kilometres and 57 cents for each additional kilometre).
- (6) When an employee uses an employer-provided automobile for personal use, the employee must generally include a standby charge and operating expense benefit in income.

Generally, the standby charge can be reduced when the automobile is used for business purposes more than 50% of the time and the employee does not exceed 1,667 km per month for personal use. If an employee's use of the automobile is primarily for business purposes, the employee may also elect to calculate their operating expense benefit as an amount equal to 50% of the standby charge, rather than use the per-kilometre prescribed rate (27 cents per kilometre in 2021 and 28 cents in 2020). Operating expenses include items such as gasoline and oil, maintenance charges and licences and insurance. Operating expenses do not include items such as interest, lease costs for a leased automobile or parking costs. For taxpayers who are employed principally in selling or leasing automobiles, a reduced rate of 24 cents per kilometre in 2021 and 25 cents in 2020 applies.

The federal government announced that employees will be able to use their 2019 automobile usage to determine whether their employer-provided automobile is eligible for the reduced standby charge in 2020 and 2021. The federal government also announced that employees will be able to use 2019 automobile usage to determine if they are eligible to calculate their operating cost benefit as 50% of the standby charge in 2020 and 2021.

- (7) An "allowance" is generally defined as an amount paid for which the employee does not have to account (by providing receipts, vouchers, etc.) to the employer for its actual use. This can be contrasted to a "reimbursement" for which the employee must usually provide the employer with receipts and that the employer repays to the employee on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

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