

News Release

July goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit payments

Ottawa, July 4, 2003... The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) is issuing the July goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit payments today. Individuals who have their GST/HST credit payments deposited directly into their accounts at their financial institutions can expect to receive their payments today.

Individuals who receive their GST/HST credit cheques by mail can expect to receive them within the next 10 working days. If they have not received their cheques by July 18, they should contact the GST/HST Credit Enquiries service at **1-800-959-1953**. This service is available from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on weekdays.

GST/HST credit recipients will see a slight increase in their GST/HST credit payments as a result of the indexing of these amounts. The CCRA expects to issue GST/HST credit payments totaling more than \$646 million to more than 7.6 million individuals across Canada this quarter.

Payments under the Saskatchewan Sales Tax Credit (SSTC) program are also included with the July 2003 GST/HST credit payments.

To receive GST/HST credit quarterly payments, people must file their 2002 income tax and benefit return and complete the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit application area on the first page of the return.

Individuals who move must inform the CCRA immediately to ensure that payments of their GST/HST credit are not disrupted, even if they use direct deposit and their bank account does not change. The CCRA's Address Changes Online service makes a change of address easier. This service is available at **www.ccra.gc.ca/newaddress**.

General information regarding the GST/HST credit can be obtained through the CCRA's automated Tax Information Phone Service (T.I.P.S.) at **1-800-267-6999**, or on the CCRA Web site at **www.ccra.gc.ca/benefits**.

A fact sheet with more information on the GST/HST credit is available on our site.

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