



## General Information

To qualify as the principal residence for a taxation year, the property must be:

- a) a housing unit, a leasehold interest in a housing unit, or a share of the capital stock of a co-operative housing corporation that the trust acquired for the sole purpose of acquiring the right to inhabit a housing unit the corporation owned;
- b) owned by the trust, jointly with another person or otherwise (which includes sole ownership, joint tenancy, tenancy-in-common, and co-ownership (e.g., in Quebec)) at any time in the taxation year;
- c) ordinarily inhabited (i.e., the housing unit) by a specified beneficiary of the trust or by the spouse, former spouse, or child of a specified beneficiary at any time in the calendar year which has ended in the taxation year of the trust; and
- d) designated as the trust's only principal residence for that taxation year.

A person referred to in c) above cannot designate another housing unit or leasehold interest for the years after 1981 except a spouse of the specified beneficiary who, throughout the year, lived apart from the beneficiary, and separated from the beneficiary according to a judicial separation or written separation agreement, or a child of the specified beneficiary who was married or aged 18 or older.

In the case of a specified beneficiary who, throughout the year, was under 18 and unmarried, no other property can be designated for the years after 1981 by his or her mother, father, or any of his or her brothers and sisters unless they were 18 or over or married in the year.

If the trust has made or is making an election under subsection 45(2) or 45(3) of the *Income Tax Act*, it can designate the property to be its principal residence for up to four additional years, even though the housing unit was not ordinarily inhabited during those years by one of the persons mentioned above. If the trust meets certain conditions, the four year limitation can be extended indefinitely for taxation years in which the ordinarily inhabited rule was not met because of a relocation of the place of employment of either a specified beneficiary or spouse of a specified beneficiary. For more information on these elections, get the income tax guide called *Capital Gains*.

If the trust distributed the property to a beneficiary on a section 107(2) rollover basis, in certain circumstances subsection 107(2.01) may allow the trust to elect to have disposed of the property at fair market value immediately before this distribution to use the principal residence exemption. The distribution must have occurred after May 9, 1985, for a spousal trust, or after 1990 for any other personal trust.

If a trust has distributed a property to a beneficiary to satisfy all or any part of the beneficiary's capital interest in the trust, and if the beneficiary disposes of the property after May 9, 1985, to claim the principal residence exemption, the beneficiary is deemed to have owned the property since the trust last acquired it. This deemed-ownership provision does not apply if a post-1971 spousal trust distributed the property to a person other than the spouse when the spouse is alive or on the day the spouse dies if that day was after December 20, 1991.

For more information, see Interpretation Bulletin IT-120, *Principal Residence*, and the chapter called "Principal Residence" in the guide called *Capital Gains*.

## Definitions

**Specified beneficiary** – A specified beneficiary of a trust for the year is a beneficiary who had a beneficial interest in the trust for the calendar year which has ended in the taxation year of the trust, and ordinarily inhabited the housing unit or had a spouse, former spouse, or child who ordinarily inhabited the housing unit in the calendar year which has ended in the taxation year of the trust. Where the housing unit was not ordinarily inhabited by a particular beneficiary of a personal trust or by that beneficiary's spouse, former spouse, or child, that beneficiary can nevertheless still fall within the definition of a "specified beneficiary" of the trust for a particular taxation year of the trust if, in the calendar year ending in the trust's taxation year, that beneficiary had a beneficial interest in the trust and also the trust was entitled to designate the property as its principal residence for the year by reason of a subsection 45(2) or 45(3) election.

**Spouse** – The term spouse applies to either a legally married spouse or a common law spouse. A common law spouse is a person who, at the time, lived and had a relationship with a person of the opposite sex, to whom any of the following applies. He or she:

- is the natural or adoptive parent (legal or in fact) of that person's child;
- has been living with that person for at least 12 continuous months; or
- lived with that person for at least 12 continuous months, and is living with that person again.

The situations above include any period of separation due to a breakdown in the relationship of less than 90 days.

**Information you need to calculate the capital gain**

Note: If the trust was not a resident of Canada during the entire period of ownership of the designated property, contact your tax services office. The period of non-residence may reduce or eliminate the availability of the principal-residence exemption.

Number of taxation years for which the trust designated the property as a principal residence			
• Before 1982 (as per designation on page 1)	.....	_____	1
• After 1981 (as per designation on page 1)	.....	_____	2
Total number of years designated (line 1 <b>plus</b> line 2)	.....	_____	3
Number of taxation years ending after the <b>acquisition date</b> in which the trust owned the property (jointly with another person or otherwise)			
• Before 1982	.....	_____	4
• After 1981	.....	_____	5
Total number of years owned (line 4 <b>plus</b> line 5)	.....	_____	6
Proceeds of disposition or deemed disposition	.....	_____	7
Outlays and expenses related to the disposition	.....	_____	8
Adjusted cost base on the date of disposition (if the trust filed Form 94-115 for this property, do not consider any increase to the adjusted cost base as a result of that election)	.....	_____	9
Adjusted cost base on December 31, 1981	.....	_____	10
Fair market value on December 31, 1981	.....	_____	11
Adjustments made after 1981 (e.g., capital expenditures)	.....	_____	12

**Calculation of the capital gain**

**Part 1**

Proceeds of disposition or deemed disposition (line 7)	.....	_____	13
Adjusted cost base on the date of disposition (line 9)	.....	_____	14
Outlays and expenses (line 8)	.....	_____	15
Line 14 <b>plus</b> line 15	.....	_____	16
<b>Capital gain before principal residence-exemption</b> (line 13 <b>minus</b> line 16)	.....	_____	17
Amount from line 17	.....	_____	18
Line 3 <b>plus</b> 1 (one year is granted by law)	.....	_____	19
<b>Multiply</b> line 18 by line 19	.....	_____	20
Line 6	.....	_____	21
<b>Divide</b> line 20 by line 21	.....	_____	22
<b>Net capital gain from Part 1</b> (line 17 <b>minus</b> line 22; if negative, enter zero)	.....	_____	23

**Part 2**

Complete Part 2 **only** if the property the trust disposed of is one of two or more properties that qualify as principal residences that the trust owned on December 31, 1981, and continuously thereafter until the disposition, by members of a family unit as described in the definition of **principal residence** in section 54 of the *Income Tax Act* (members of a family unit usually include the specified beneficiary, his or her spouse, and any of their children). **In all other cases**, do not complete Part 2.

**A. Pre-1982 gain**

Note: If the trust designated the property as a principal residence for all the years it owned it before 1982, enter zero on line 32.

Fair market value on December 31, 1981 (line 11)	.....	_____	24
Adjusted cost base on December 31, 1981 (line 10)	.....	_____	25
<b>Pre-1982 gain before principal residence exemption</b> (line 24 <b>minus</b> line 25)	.....	_____	26
Amount from line 26	.....	_____	27
Line 1 <b>plus</b> 1 (one year is granted by law)	.....	_____	28
<b>Multiply</b> line 27 by line 28	.....	_____	29
Line 4	.....	_____	30
<b>Divide</b> line 29 by line 30	.....	_____	31
<b>Pre-1982 gain</b> (line 26 <b>minus</b> line 31; if negative, enter zero)	.....	_____	32

**B. Post-1981 gain**

Note: If the trust designated the property as a principal residence for all the years the trust owned it after 1981, enter zero on line 44 and complete D below. If the fair market value of the property on December 31, 1981, exceeds the amount on line 7, enter zero on line 44 and complete C and D below.

Proceeds of disposition or deemed disposition (line 7) .....					33
Fair market value on December 31, 1981 (line 11) .....					34
Adjustments made after 1981 (line 12) .....	+				35
Outlays and expenses (line 8) .....	+				36
<b>Add lines 34 to 36</b> .....	=				37
<b>Post-1981 gain before principal residence exemption (line 33 minus line 37)</b> .....	=				38
Amount from line 38 .....					39
Line 2 .....	x				40
<b>Multiply line 39 by line 40</b> .....	=				41
Line 5 .....	÷				42
<b>Divide line 41 by line 42</b> .....	=				43
<b>Post-1981 gain (line 38 minus line 43; if negative, enter zero)</b> .....	=				44

**C. Post-1981 loss**

Fair market value on December 31, 1981 (line 11) .....					45
Proceeds of disposition or deemed disposition (line 7) .....	-				46
<b>Post-1981 loss (line 45 minus line 46; if negative, enter zero)</b> .....	=				47

**D. Net capital gain from Part 2**

Pre-1982 gain, if any (line 32) .....					48
Post-1981 gain, if any (line 44) .....	+				49
Line 48 <b>plus</b> line 49 .....	=				50
Post-1981 loss, if any (line 47) .....	-				51
<b>Net capital gain from Part 2 (line 50 minus line 51; if negative, enter zero)</b> .....	=				52

**Part 3**

Net capital gain from Part 1 (line 23) .....					53
Net capital gain from Part 2 (line 52) .....					54
<b>Total capital gain (If you completed Part 2, enter the amount from line 53 or line 54, whichever is less; otherwise, enter the amount from line 23 in Part 1)</b> .....					55

**Part 4**

Complete Part 4 **only** if the trust filed Form 94-115 for this property. In all other cases, enter the amount from line 55 above on line 106 of Schedule 1, *Summary of Dispositions of Capital Property*, or line 6 of Form T1055, *Summary of Deemed Realizations*.

Total capital gain before reduction (line 55) .....					56
Reduction as a result of the capital gains election (line 67 of Form T1079-WS) .....	-				57
<b>Capital gain (line 56 minus line 57; if negative, enter zero)</b> .....	=				58

Enter the amount from line 58 above on line 106 of Schedule 1, *Summary of Dispositions of Capital Property*, or line 6 of Form T1055, *Summary of Deemed Realizations*.