

Peel accountants offering income tax preparation for low-income individuals

Peel Region's Human Services department is partnering with the Certified General Accountants (CGA) of Ontario, Peel Chapter, once again this year to offer free income tax preparation services for low income individuals and families.

CGA of Ontario, Peel Chapter, will be preparing tax returns in March and April as part of Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Advance registration is required.

This service is available to individuals with a gross income (before deductions) of less than \$30,000; single-parent families with a gross income (before deductions) of less than \$35,000; and couples with gross income (before deductions) less than \$40,000.

Income Tax returns with the following types of income and/or expenses do not qualify for volunteer tax assistance as these types of returns are more complex and require additional time to prepare ? rental income (or losses); business income (or losses); foreign income; capital gains (or losses); employment expenses; support payments (paid or received); interest income exceeding \$1,000; returns for deceased individuals; returns for bankrupt individuals; and corporate or trust income tax returns.

This service is available for residents of Ontario only. E-filing is also available at all locations. In the event that e-filing is not available due to technical difficulties, accountants will prepare paper copies of the tax return and clients will be responsible for mailing their completed return to the Canada Revenue Agency. E-filing is not available for those submitting a tax return for the first time.

The program has already started, but sessions are still coming. Once registered, participants will be advised which documents to bring to their appointment.

A session is planned for April 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Region of Peel Human Services Department, 7120 Hurontario St., in Mississauga. Advance sign up is required. Call 905-793-9200, ext. 8427 or sign up in person.

Sessions are scheduled for March 22, April 12 and April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Region of Peel Human Services Department, 10 Peel Centre Dr., in Brampton. Advance sign up is required. Call 905-793-9200, ext. 8203 or sign up in person.

A session is planned for March 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Peel Youth Village, 99 Acorn Place, in Mississauga. Advance sign up is required. Call 905-791-5576, ext. 0.

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program links certified general accountants to taxpayers who need help filing their tax returns. Professional accountants from CGA Peel donate their time to ensure citizens have access to their services.

For more information about Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, including information about other locations and dates in Peel, visit peelregion.ca/erc or cra-arc.gc.ca