

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

Ottawa, Ontario, October 5, 2007... The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is issuing the October 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 recipients have not received their cheques by October 22, 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 are reminded to inform the CRA of any changes in their family situation as soon as possible. The changes listed below can affect the amount of GST/HST credit that they receive:

- birth of a child or a child starting to live with someone else;
- change in marital status;
- moving from one province to another, which could entitle a person to a provincial benefit administered by the CRA;
- becoming a resident of Canada; and/or
- death of the individual.

The CRA is issuing GST/HST credit payments in excess of \$821 million to more than 8.3 million individuals across Canada this quarter.

Payments under the Saskatchewan Sales Tax Credit (SSTC), the Newfoundland Harmonized Sales Tax Credit (NHSTC) and the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors' Benefit (NLSB) programs are also included with the October 2007 GST/HST credit payments.

To receive the October GST/HST credit payments, people must have filed their 2006 income tax and benefit return and completed 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 CRA 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 CRA's **Change my address** online service makes a change of address easier. This service is available at www.cra.gc.ca/myaccount.



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

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