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Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Quebec Audits

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Tax Audit or Revenu Québec (MRQ) Tax Audit can be one of the scariest situations a person or business can face. Every year thousands of taxpayers find themselves defending themselves against the overpowering power of the government authorities. Often times the CRA and MRQ have a distinct advantage because the average person doesn't know enough tax law to defend him/her against an audit. The government is known to use questionable audit tactics, garnish your wages, and put liens on your property. And if they think you are intentionally withholding information or revenue, they can drown you with charges of evasion and even fraud.

Things to know about after-assessment reviews:

- Though the vast majority of assessment reviews and audits do not result in an adjustment, the CRA/MRQ can issue a *Notice of Reassessment* if it finds you do not qualify for a credit or deduction.
- Filing electronically does not increase your odds of an after-assessment review. The CRA/MRQ uses the same selection process for paper and electronic returns.
- You don't have to agree with the CRA/MRQ. You can appeal your *Notice of Reassessment* if you disagree with the decision. We will help you prepare a *Notice of Objection* if we believe the CRA/MRQ has made an error. Filing an objection is the first step in the formal process of resolving a dispute. You must file an objection within 90 days of the day the CRA/MRQ mailed your *Notice of Assessment*.
- If you are in error, the CRA/MRQ will charge interest on the additional amount from the deadline date of the tax year.
- Normally, the CRA/MRQ can only go back three years to reassess a prior-year return. However, if an error or omission was made out of neglect, carelessness or willful default, the CRA/MRQ can go back as far as it wishes.
- You can file adjustments to your tax returns already assessed.

How can we help you?

If you have received a letter requesting information, or facing an audit, or just want to avoid one. – This may be of interest to you. Give us a call today.