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Authorization Process Renewal

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Authorization Process Renewal

Overview

- 1. Background on authorizations
- 2. Third-party responsibilities
- 3. Authorization methods
- 4. Online authorization processes
- 5. New developments
- 6. Challenges and looking forward



Basic facts about CRA authorizations

Tax legislation allows the CRA to share taxpayer information with third-parties with written consent from the taxpayer.

The authorization processes are designed to:

- Facilitate receipt of taxpayer consent;
- Maintaining identification information on the third-party;
- Assist communication to the taxpayer on what they are authorizing the third-party to do/view

 \rightarrow A taxpayer signature is legally required prior to sharing information; however, there is an exception in place for authorizations made using software – by approved EFILErs.



Basic facts about CRA authorizations

- Once the authorization is processed, the CRA can share the taxpayer information online, over the phone, in person, or through other written communications (letters, notices, etc.)
- Representatives for individuals and businesses can be given different levels of authorization, which are progressive:
 - 1. Level 1 allows the representative to "view" or receive information
 - 2. Level 2 also allows the representative to take certain actions
 - Level 3 (business) or Legal Representative (individuals) allows the representative signing authority, additional actions to be taken (includes levels 1 and 2)
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We receive about **4W** new authorization requests from business and individual taxpayers, including trusts and non-residents.



Basic facts about CRA authorizations

No restrictions on who can be designated as a representative for someone else at this time.

Representatives can be given on/offline access to a client's tax information; however, clients have the option to restrict access to offline only.

- Offline access grants representatives authorization to receive information in person, over the phone or through fax, or through written correspondence.
- Representatives of trusts and non residents can be given offline access only.

Authorizations can be **cancelled** or be set to **expire** on a given date.

Authorizing third-party access

	•	Using Represent a Client (RaC)	Using tax software
	•	Using My Account or My Business Account	 Using paper (T1013, letter, braille, etc)
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Representative responsibilities in this process

- 1. Get signed consent. Be in a position to prove it*.
- 2. Provide all required information as accurately as possible (i.e., SINs, BNs, RepIDs, etc.)
- 3. Inform the taxpayer of what they are consenting to, for any of the levels selected.
- 4. Inform the taxpayer of the option to cancel or expire the authorization.
- 5. Inform the taxpayer that the authorization is ongoing, even after they die, unless it is cancelled (i.e., by themselves via expiration dates, the rep, or an executor)

*Failure to do so can lead to privileges being suspended.



Authorization requirements

All authorizations must contain the following information:

Representative information: RepID or GroupID or BN, name, and phone number.

Client information: BN for business or SIN for individual, name and phone number, Trust account number, non-resident account number.

Authorization information: level of authorization.

- For business clients \rightarrow program account(s) for which you are to be authorized.
- Taxpayer signature.



E-authorization for the Represent a Client (RaC) portal

For businesses (April 2014) and individuals (coming February 2020):

- 1. Authorization web form is completed in the RaC portal by the representative.
- 2. A signature page with a **reference number** appears once the form is completed. The authorized individual prints and signs the page. The representative retains the page for 6 years for verification purposes.
- 3. The representative scans the signature page and submits it to the CRA via RaC along with the reference number.
- 4. The CRA will process the request, typically within 1 5 business days.



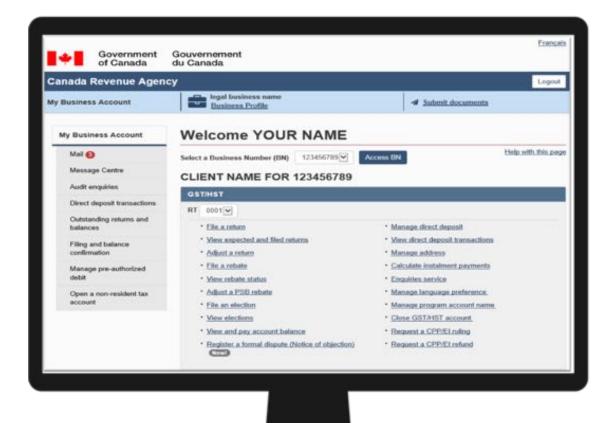
Authorizations e-submitted using software

- 1. Using T1 or T2 EFILE software, the representative completes the authorization and submits it to the CRA.
- 2. The CRA typically processes the request in real time.
- 3. New as of 2020: the representative must keep <u>a signature page</u> with all the information provided in the e-submitted authorization.
- 4. The signature page needs to be signed by the taxpayer and retained by the representative for 6 years.



My Account or My Business Account

- 1. The individual, business owner or delegated authority may complete an authorization web form themselves.
- 2. These requests are processed by the CRA in real time.



Paper authorization

Until February 2020:

- RC59 for offline access
- T1013
- NR95

As of February 2020:

• AUT-01 for offline access only



Online authorizations

- Only includes offline.
- Online access grants representatives authorization to access most information in *My Account* or *My Business Account* through the *Represent a Client* doorway.
- The CRA began accepting the use of esignatures for individual authorizations in October 2018, business authorizations in October 2017.

There are some exceptions:

- Third-parties cannot view address or direct deposit for T1 clients.
- There are fewer things that thirdparties can do at level 2 for T1 clients
- Business clients have more available at level 2, but only level 3 third-parties can update DD.

Online identification

• For legal reasons, the CRA needs to be able to know who is accessing a taxpayer's online information.

 Authorizations that grant online access, which are most commonly submitted through RaC or EFILE software, must be linked to two identifiers:





- The taxpayer's SIN and the representative's SIN (RepID) or
- 2. The business' BN and the representative's SIN (RepID)

Online representative identification number

RepID

- You must register for a RepID with RaC before transacting online for clients.
- After you receive a RepID, you can submit authorization requests with your RepID in order to become a representative.

BN

- For businesses such as accounting firms who want to authorized as a business.
- These businesses can register their BN as a representative through RaC. They can submit a single authorization request with their BN in order to become a representative for their client.
- BN as a rep must have administrators.

GroupID

- Generally used by larger organizations that only want to give online access to a specific group of their employees, without busing their BN as an identifier.
- Needs to have group administrators who can add or delete employee RepIDs from the GroupID without the need to submit a new authorization request every time.

Verification of taxpayer consent

There are a number of ways through which the CRA verified if taxpayer consent has been given for an authorization:

Direct contact with taxpayers

The Letter of Intent (LOI) discontinued between 2016-18.

A process of contacting taxpayers was implemented in October 2016 to confirm that they had provided their consent to a third-party.

Alerts Taxpayers also have the option to receive an alert when a new representative has been authorized to access their information.



Recent enhancements

October 2018

E-signatures for individual authorizations.

May 2019

Extension of authorizations for deceased business clients (sole proprietors). October 2019

Override existing authorizations when using Represent a Client.

February 2020

- Three authorization forms will be combined into one: the T1013, RC59, and NR95 will be combined into the new AUT-01 for offline access only.
- There will be a new e-authorization process for individuals in RaC, similar to the existing business authorization process.
- When submitting the authorization for individuals using software, a new signature page is to be signed by the client (similar to the business authorization process) as the T1013 for online access is being discontinued.
- E-submitting authorizations (using software) on behalf of individuals will no longer be restricted when there is a Returned Mail Flag or a 'care of' address on their account at the time of submission. Barcodes will also be discontinued.
- Authorizations for individuals will no longer be cancelled upon the date of death of the taxpayer.



Appendix A: Authorization request – Signature page

Authorization request – signature page

Reference number:

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- 1. Print this page and have it signed and dated by the authorized person of the business.
- 2. Retain a copy of the signed and dated authorization request in your files for six years from the date that this information is transmitted to the CRA. Do not send us the authorization request by mail or fax unless requested to do so.

RepID:	1AV2C2D
Representative name:	John Smith
Representative phone number:	(613)123-4568
Business number:	987654321
Business name:	Demotax
Business phone number:	(643)123-4567
Certified:	Yes
Level of authorization:	Update and view
Expiry date:	2018-02-28

List of authorization(s):

All program accounts

Certification

By signing and dating this page, you authorize the Canada Revenue Agency to interact with the representative mentioned above

First name: John Last name: Smith

Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

Telephone number: _____

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Appendix B: Revised AUT-01 for February 2020

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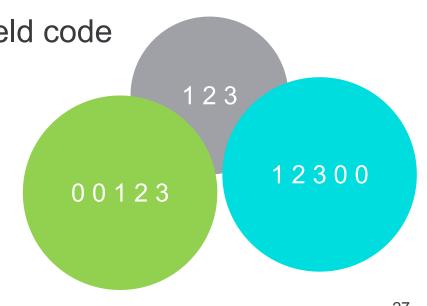
5-Digit Field Codes

2019 tax year:

Field codes to be updated from 3 digits to 5 digits

00 to be added at the beginning or end of existing field code

Improves flow and data capture







Tuition Information

2019 tax year:

Educational institutions required to file T2202 for their students

T2202 will replace the former T2202A and TL11B

• Now includes SIN, type of educational institution and BN, and additional details applicable To be included in Auto-fill





Filing Season Start

2020 tax year:

Auto-fill to open on February 10

EFILE and NETFILE to open February 24





Electronic Signatures

Currently examining regulatory changes under Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act

We plan on consulting the EFILER community in the future about these proposed changes



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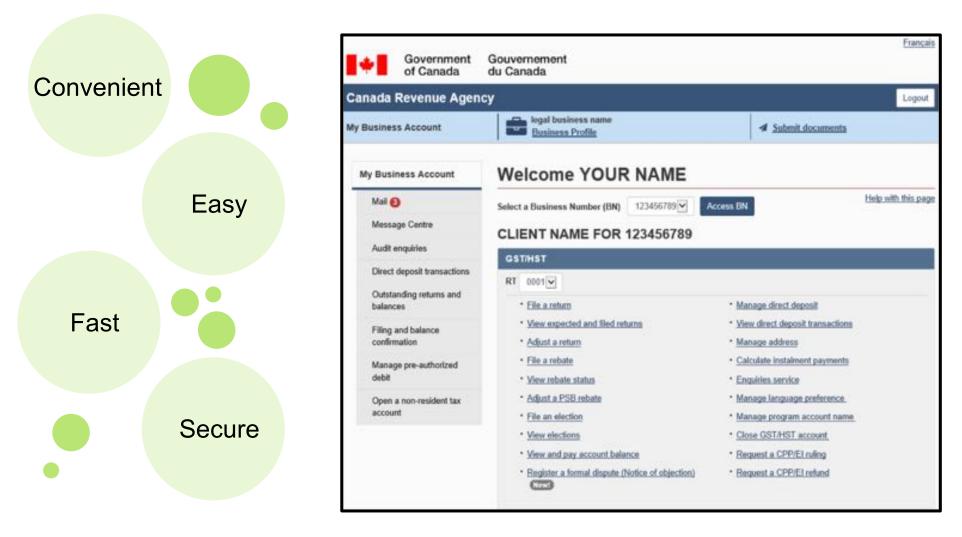
 The Secure Portals Re-engineering (SPR) Project is a long-term project that will improve the functionality, design and infrastructure of some common services within the CRA secure portals (My Account, My Business Account, Represent a Client) to achieve a better online experience for CRA clients.



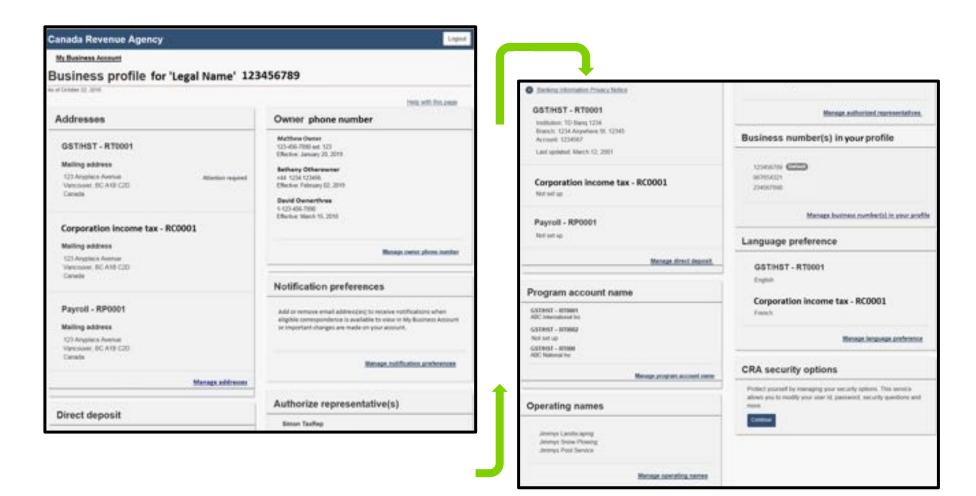
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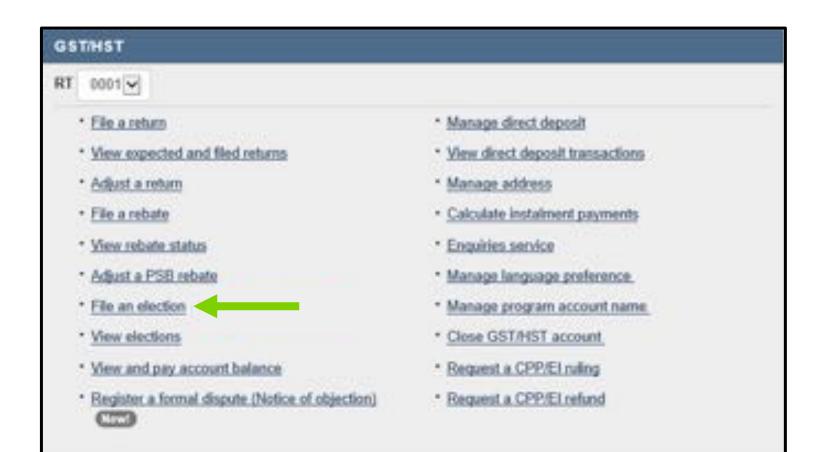
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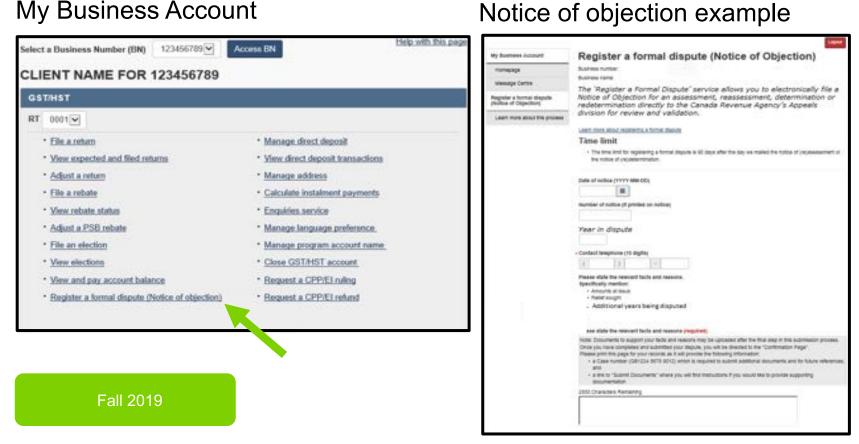




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My Business Account



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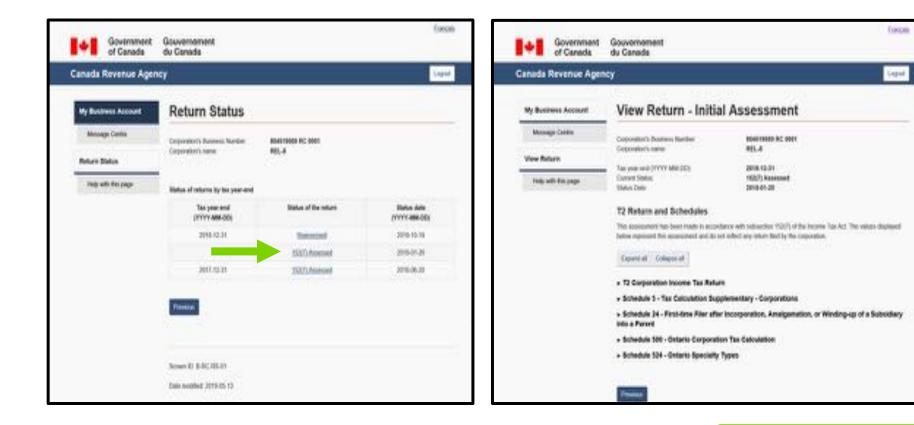


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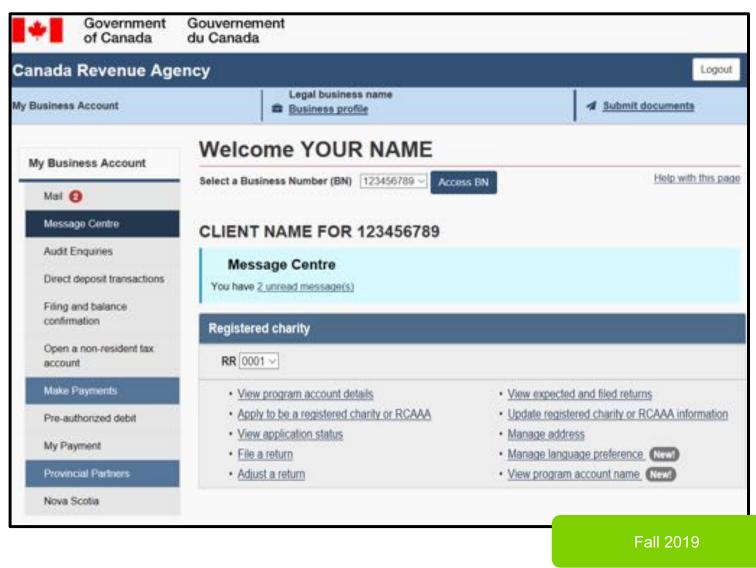
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This is an automated email message. Please do not reply.

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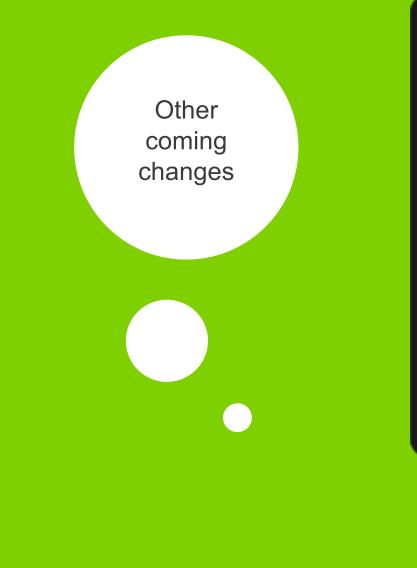


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Email notifications – Security info

Email notifications sent when updates are made to security information

Subject: Canada Revenue Agency – CRA security questions and/or answers changed
Dear Legal Name:
Your CRA security questions and/or answers with the Canada Revenue Agency Login services was recently changed.
If you made this change please disregard this email.
If you did not make this change please call 1-800-959-8281.
If you're calling from outside Canada and the United Stated, call us collect at 613-940- 8495.
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- Email notification:
 - Uncashed cheques initiative
 - Authorized Representatives
 - Submit Docs Acknowledgement MyBA
- File GST524 in My Account and MyBA
- Capital Loss Balances viewable in MyBA

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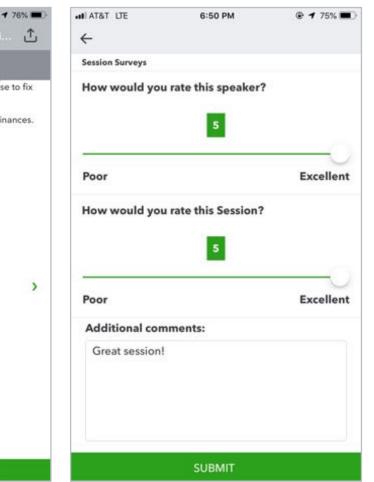
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