




March 4, 2020

**REGISTERED MAIL**

Sol Woo Nam  
Director  
Vancouver Sae-Ro-Na Church  


BN: 864575683RR0001  
File #: 3022045

Dear Sol Woo Nam:

**Subject: Notice of intention to revoke  
Vancouver Sae-Ro-Na Church**

We are writing with respect to our letter dated March 6, 2019 (copy enclosed), in which Vancouver Sae-Ro-Na Church (the Organization) was invited to respond to the findings of the audit conducted by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the period from August 1, 2014, to July 31, 2016, and explain why the registration of the Organization should not be revoked in accordance with subsection 168(1) of the Income Tax Act.

As of this date, we still have not received any response to our letter.

**Conclusion**

The audit by the CRA found that, notwithstanding its agreement to implement corrective measure to remedy non-compliance found in a prior audit, the Organization has continued to not comply with the requirements set out in the Act. In particular, during this audit it was found that the Organization failed to maintain adequate books and records, issued donation receipts in a manner that was not in accordance with the Act and/or its Regulations, and failed to file an Information Return as and when required by the Act. For all of these reasons, and for each reason alone, it is the position of the CRA that the Organization no longer meets the requirements for charitable registration and should be revoked in the manner described in subsection 168(1) of the Act.

For each of the reasons mentioned in our letter dated March 6, 2019, pursuant to subsection 168(1) and 149.1(2) of the Act, we propose to revoke the registration of the Organization. By virtue of subsection 168(2) of the Act, revocation will be effective on the date of publication of the following notice in the Canada Gazette:

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to paragraphs 168(1)(b), 168(1)(c), 168(1)(d), 168(1)(e), and subsection 149.1(2) of the Income Tax Act, that I propose to revoke the registration of the charity listed below and that by

virtue of paragraph 168(2)(b) thereof, the revocation of registration is effective on the date of publication of this notice in the Canada Gazette.

**Business number**  
864575683RR0001

**Name**  
Vancouver Sae-Ro-Na Church  
New Westminster BC

Should the Organization choose to object to this notice of intention to revoke the Organization's registration in accordance with subsection 168(4) of the Act, a written notice of objection, with the reasons for objection and all relevant facts, must be filed within **90 days** from the day this letter was mailed. The notice of objection should be sent to:

Assistant Commissioner  
Appeals Branch  
Canada Revenue Agency  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
250 Albert Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0L5

Should the Organization choose not to file an objection to this notice of intention to revoke with the CRA within this period, a copy of the revocation notice, described above, will be published in the Canada Gazette after the expiration of 90 days from the date this letter was mailed. As such, the Organization's registration will be revoked on the date of publication.

A copy of the relevant provisions of the Act concerning revocation of registration, including appeals from a notice of intention to revoke registration, can be found in Appendix A, attached.

### **Consequences of revocation**

As of the effective date of revocation:

- a) the Organization will no longer be exempt from Part I tax as a registered charity and **will no longer be permitted to issue official donation receipts**. This means that gifts made to the Organization would not be allowable as tax credits to individual donors or as allowable deductions to corporate donors under subsection 118.1(3) and paragraph 110.1(1)(a) of the Act respectively;
- b) by virtue of section 188 of the Act, the Organization will be required to pay a tax within one year from the date of the notice of intention to revoke. This revocation tax is calculated on Form T2046, Tax Return Where Registration of a Charity is Revoked (the Return). The Return must be filed, and the tax paid, on or before the day that is one year from the date of the notice of intention to revoke. The

relevant provisions of the Act concerning the tax applicable to revoked charities can also be found in Appendix A. Form T2046 and the related Guide RC4424, Completing the Tax Return Where Registration of a Charity is Revoked, are available on our website at [canada.ca/charities-giving](http://canada.ca/charities-giving);

- c) the Organization will no longer qualify as a charity for purposes of subsection 123(1) of the Excise Tax Act. As a result, the Organization may be subject to obligations and entitlements under the Excise Tax Act that apply to organizations other than charity. If you have any questions about your Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) obligations and entitlements, please call GST/HST Rulings at 1-888-830-7747 (Quebec) or 1-800-959-8287 (rest of Canada).

Finally, we advise that subsection 150(1) of the Act requires that every corporation (other than a corporation that was a registered charity throughout the year) file a return of income with the Minister in the prescribed form, containing prescribed information, for each taxation year. The return of income must be filed without notice or demand.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Manconi  
Director General  
Charities Directorate

Enclosures

- CRA letter dated March 6, 2019
- Appendix A, Relevant provisions of the Act

c.c.: Chung Jong Kim  
Director





March 6, 2019

**COPY**

Mr. Chung Jong Kim  
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BN: 864575683 RR0001  
File #: 3022045

Dear Chung Jong Kim:

**Subject: Audit of Vancouver Sae-Ro-Na Church**

This letter results from the audit of the Vancouver Sae-Ro-Na Church (the Organization) conducted by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The audit related to the operations of the Organization for the period from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2016.

The Organization was registered as a charitable organization on November 22, 2002, with the following purposes:

- To spread the Word of God and to teach the belief that "God is our Saviour".
- To spread the Word of God to international students who have arrived in Canada and to give them hope for a successful future as they continue their studies.
- To aid the less fortunate both spiritually and financially.
- To help new immigrants adapt to Canadian culture.
- To help other cultures understand the Word of God and to expose our beliefs to others outside of the Korean community.

The Organization was previously audited for the period August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2010, and due to the non-compliance issues identified, a Compliance Agreement was proposed. The Compliance Agreement identified specific areas of non-compliance with the Income Tax Act (the Act) which included providing undue benefits, failure to maintain adequate books and records, and inadequate receipting practices. The Compliance Agreement also indicated that the Organization did not meet the legal requirement as a "charitable organization" due to the make-up of its Board, which has since been satisfactorily addressed as all current board members are at "arm's length". The Compliance Agreement further indicated the corrective measures required to address each area of non-compliance. The Organization indicated its acceptance of the identified areas of non-compliance and the required corrective measures by signing the Compliance Agreement on December 22, 2011.

On November 6, 2017, the Organization was notified of the current audit for the period of August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2016. One of the priorities of this audit was to follow up on

the previous audit to ensure that the required corrective measures had been enacted by the Organization.

On December 6, 2017, CRA met with Mr. Chang Wook Kim, the [REDACTED] of the Organization, and [REDACTED] the accounting representative. The prior audit was discussed and the books and records were reviewed for the period August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016. During the meeting Mr. Kim and [REDACTED] were advised that all non-compliance issues with the provisions of the Income Tax Act and its Regulations identified during the previous audit, with the exception of the composition of the Board, were once again identified as issues for the current audit period.

On August 3, 2018, CRA left messages for Mr. Kim and [REDACTED] in order to request the books and records for the fiscal period ending July 31, 2015. While [REDACTED] returned the call on August 9, 2018, he stated that he is no longer the representative of the Organization and Mr. Kim did not return the call. Therefore, the books and records for the 2015 fiscal period were not provided for CRA to examine.

We have attempted to contact yourself and Sol Woo Nam, a listed director during the audit period, to discuss our audit findings and our proposal to revoke the registered status of the Organization, however, we have been unsuccessful in these attempts.

The specific areas of non-compliance are as follows:

AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE		
	Issue	Reference
1.	Failure to maintain adequate books and records	149.1(2), 230(2), 168(1)(b), 168(1)(e), 188.2(2)(a)
2.	Issuing donation receipts not in accordance with the Act, and/or its Regulations	149.1(2), 168(1)(d), Regulation 3500, 3501(1)
3.	Failure to file an Information Return as and when required by the Act	149.1(2), 149.1(14), 168(1)(c)

This letter describes the areas of non-compliance identified by the CRA relating to the legislative and common law requirements that apply to registered charities, and offers the Organization an opportunity to respond and present additional information. The Organization must comply with the law; if it does not, its registered status may be revoked in the manner described in section 168 of the Act.

## Identified areas of non-compliance

### 1. Failure to maintain adequate books and records

#### Legal Requirement:

Subsection 230(2) of the Act requires that every registered charity maintain adequate books and records, and books of account, at an address in Canada recorded with the Minister. In addition to retaining copies of donation receipts, as explicitly required by subsection 230(2), subsection 230(4) provides that "Every person required by this section to keep records and books of account shall retain:

- (a) the records and books of account referred to in this section in respect of which a period is prescribed, together with every account and voucher necessary to verify the information contained therein, for such period as prescribed; and
- (b) all other records and books of account referred to in this section, together with every account and voucher necessary to verify the information contained therein, until the expiration of six years from the date of the last taxation year to which the records and books of account relate."

The policy of the CRA relating to the maintenance of books and records, and books of account, is based on several judicial determinations, which have held that:

- it is the responsibility of the registered charity to prove that its charitable status should not be revoked;<sup>1</sup>
- a registered charity must maintain, and make available to the CRA at the time of an audit, meaningful books and records, regardless of its size or resources. It is not sufficient to supply the required documentation and records subsequent thereto;<sup>2</sup> and
- the failure to maintain proper books, records and records of account in accordance with the requirements of the Act itself is sufficient reason to revoke an organization's charitable status in the case of material or repeated non-compliance.<sup>3</sup>

The type of information and documents that can be used for accounting books and records can be divided into three categories:

- source documents (invoices, bank statements, etc.)
- books of account (synoptic journal/general ledger)
- accountant's working papers

<sup>1</sup> See *Canadian Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation*, 2002 FCA 72 at paras 26-27, [2002] 2 CTC 93.

<sup>2</sup> *Canadian Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation*, 2002 FCA 72 at para 39, [2002] 2 CTC 93.

<sup>3</sup> See *Prescient Foundation v MNR*, 2013 FCA 120 at para 51, [2013] FCJ no 512.

Audit Findings:

The Organization did not provide its books and records, and records of account, for the fiscal period ending July 31, 2015, therefore our comments are based on the books and records, and other documentation provided for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016.

The documents (official donation receipts, bank records, invoices) provided by the Organization were incomplete and the accounting records (e.g. the summary sheets which totalled offerings, income tax receipts, and expenses) did not provide specific detail (e.g. date, amount, description, etc.) for each individual transaction. Such manual systems are often prone to error and omission. Lastly, there were no working papers prepared by the accounting representative, which reconciled the accounting records to the Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return.

Specifically, in regards to the Organization's revenue, the following deficiencies were noted:

- The total revenue as reported on Line 4700 (\$25,975) of the Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return was based on the value of bank deposits for the fiscal period August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016. The Organization's officials were unable to provide assurance that all income had been deposited, therefore revenue could not be verified.
- The total tax-receipted revenue as reported on Line 4500 (\$25,340) of the Form T3010 did not reconcile with the amount indicated on the tax receipt summary (\$11,340) which was provided for audit purposes, or the value of the physical receipts which were also provided for review, (\$9,890).
- It was unclear how the total value reported on the weekly offering cash counting sheets for the fiscal period ending July 31, 2016, (\$3,795), related to the value of tax-receipted donations or total revenue.

Further, the Organization failed to adequately document its expenses. The total expenses reported on Line 4950 (\$28,356) of the Form T3010 were based on the following amounts listed on the expense summary report prepared by the Organization's official:

- (a) Rent (\$14,343)
- (b) Fellowship / mission (\$12,396)
- (c) Telephone (\$472)
- (d) Education (\$516)
- (e) Office (\$209)
- (f) Accounting (\$420)

The Organization was only able to provide some invoices relating to its expenses. The majority of expenditures did not have a receipt, invoice or other source document and some only had a debit slip to indicate the purpose for the expense. Without the source documents we were unable to determine whether the Organization spent its funds on activities carried out in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

### Personal Expenses

The Organization also provided debit slips for expenditures that appear to be for personal benefit, such as restaurants, children's clothing, and a provincial fine. The Organization also provided a cancelled cheque for \$955.00 that was for the rent of Mr. Chang Wook Kim's personal residence.

The Organization stated that as Mr. Chang Wook Kim did not receive wages for his role as pastor, that it was agreed he could use some of the Organization's funds to pay his personal expenses. The Organization provided a document, which after being translated from Korean states, "At Decon [sic] meeting on July 2016, Church will provide the benefits to pastor, such as rent, telephone, auto expenses (insurance + maintenance) until church has a sufficient cash" which is only signed by the treasurer, Nam Sol Woo. However, there was no contract in place that describes the amounts the Pastor was allowed to use or how often he was allowed to withdraw funds. In addition, the Organization did not retain all of the source documents for the expenditures made for the Pastor's personal expenses. Therefore, we were unable to determine the funds spent on the Pastor's expenses in relation to the funds on its activities carried out in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

As the Organization did not provide complete access to its records for our inspection we wish to inform you that failure to maintain adequate books and records is a sanctionable offense under paragraph 188.2(2)(a) of the Act. However, we are not pursuing sanctions at this time as this is also a revocable offense under paragraph 168(1)(e) of the Act.

It is our position that due to both the inconsistent books and records and the lack of supporting documents that the Organization has failed to comply with, it has contravened section 230(2) of the Act. Therefore, there are grounds for revocation of the charitable status of the Organization under paragraph 168(1)(e) of the Act.

### **2. Issuing donation receipts not in accordance with the Act and/or its Regulations**

#### Legal Requirement:

Pursuant to subsection 118.1(2) of the Act, a registered charity can issue tax receipts for income tax purposes for donations that legally qualify as gifts. The Act requires a registered charity to ensure the information on its official donation receipts is accurate. The requirements for the content of the receipts are listed in Regulation 3501 of the Act. A registered charity could have its registered status revoked under paragraph 168(1)(d) of the Act for issuing tax receipts for gifts otherwise than in accordance with this Act.



Audit Findings:

The audit revealed that the official donation receipts issued by the Organization did not comply with the requirements of Regulation 3501 of the Act. The following issues were noted with respect to the official donation receipts issued in 2016:

- The place or locality where the receipt was issued was not identified.
- The date on which the gift was received was not stated. While the receipt did indicate the tax year (e.g. 2016), this was insufficient given that the Organization's fiscal period end date is July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Official donation receipts should be issued in a sequential order to ensure the accuracy of reporting these amounts and to minimize the potential of error, fraud, or omission. Our review of the receipts issued indicates that two receipts were issued with the same serial number (#1).
- The official donation receipts did not include the complete name and address of the donor.
- The name Canada Revenue Agency and its website address ([www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities)) was not included on the official donation receipts.

The Organization has issued official donation receipts other than in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Under paragraph 168(1)(d), the Minister may, by registered mail, give notice to the registered charity that the Minister proposes to revoke its registration if it issues a receipt otherwise than in accordance with the Act and its Regulations. For this reason alone there may be grounds to revoke the registered status of the Organization.

**3. Failure to file an Information Return as and when required by the Act**

Legal Requirement:

Subsection 149.1(14) of the Act requires every registered charity file a Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return, and the applicable schedules, without notice or demand within six months from the end of each fiscal period. This return must be in prescribed form and contain prescribed information. A charity may also be subject to a \$500 late filing penalty for failing to file its information return as and when required.

Audit Findings:

The Organization was late in filing its Form T3010 for the fiscal period ending July 31, 2016. The required due date for filing the return was January 31, 2017, however, the Form T3010 was not received until April 29, 2017. Further, as of the date of this letter, CRA has not received the Organization's Form T3010 for the fiscal periods ending July 31, 2017 and July 31, 2018 for which the required due dates for filing these returns was January 31, 2018 and January 31, 2019, respectively.

Under paragraph 168(1)(c) of the Act, the Minister may, by registered mail, give notice to the charity that the Minister proposes to revoke its registration because the charity fails to file a Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return as and when required by the Act. For this reason alone there may be grounds to revoke the registered charity status of the Organization.

**The Organization's options:**

**a) Respond**

If the Organization chooses to respond, send written representations and any additional information regarding the findings outlined above **within 30 days** from the date of this letter to the address below. After considering the response, the Director General of the Charities Directorate will decide on the appropriate course of action. The possible actions include:

- no compliance action;
- issuing an educational letter;
- resolving the issues through a Compliance Agreement;
- applying penalties or suspensions or both, as described in sections 188.1 and 188.2 of the Act; or
- issuing a notice of intention to revoke the registration of the Organization in the manner described in subsection 168(1) of the Act.


**b) Do not respond**

The Organization may choose not to respond. In that case, the Director General of the Charities Directorate may issue a notice of intention to revoke the registration of the Organization in the manner described in subsection 168(1) of the Act.

If the Organization appoints a third party to represent it in this matter, send us a written request with the individual's name, the individual's contact information, and explicit authorization that the individual can discuss the file with us.

If you have any questions or require further information or clarification, do not hesitate to contact me at the numbers indicated below. My team leader, (Sherri Davis), may also be reached at 250-363-3128.

Yours sincerely,



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Pacific Region Charity Audit  
Vancouver Island and North Tax Services Office

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c.c.: Sol Woo Nam, Director,



**Qualified Donees**

**149.1 (1) Definitions**

**charitable foundation** means a corporation or trust that is constituted and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, no part of the income of which is payable to, or is otherwise available for, the personal benefit of any proprietor, member, shareholder, trustee or settlor thereof, and that is not a charitable organization

**charitable organization**, at any particular time, means an organization, whether or not incorporated,

(a) constituted and operated exclusively for charitable purposes,

(a.1) all the resources of which are devoted to charitable activities carried on by the organization itself,

(b) no part of the income of which is payable to, or is otherwise available for, the personal benefit of any proprietor, member, shareholder, trustee or settlor thereof,

(c) more than 50% of the directors, trustees, officers or like officials of which deal at arm's length with each other and with

(i) each of the other directors, trustees, officers and like officials of the organization,

(ii) each person described by subparagraph (d)(i) or (ii), and

(iii) each member of a group of persons (other than Her Majesty in right of Canada or of a province, a municipality, another registered charity that is not a private foundation, and any club, society or association described in paragraph 149(1)(l)) who do not deal with each other at arm's length, if the group would, if it were a person, be a person described by subparagraph (d)(i), and

(d) that is not, at the particular time, and would not at the particular time be, if the organization were a corporation, controlled directly or indirectly in any manner whatever

(i) by a person (other than Her Majesty in right of Canada or of a province, a municipality, another registered charity that is not a private foundation, and any club, society or association described in paragraph 149(1)(l)),

(A) who immediately after the particular time, has contributed to the organization amounts that are, in total, greater than 50% of the capital of the organization immediately after the particular time, and

(B) who immediately after the person's last contribution at or before the particular time, had contributed to the organization amounts that were, in total, greater than 50% of the capital of the organization immediately after the making of that last contribution, or

(ii) by a person, or by a group of persons that do not deal at arm's length with each other, if the person or any member of the group does not deal at arm's length with a person described in subparagraph (i)

**qualified donee**, at any time, means a person that is

(a) registered by the Minister and that is

a housing corporation resident in Canada and exempt from tax under this Part because of paragraph 149(1)(i) that has applied for registration,

(ii) a municipality in Canada,

a municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada that has applied for registration,

(iv) a university outside Canada, the student body of which ordinarily includes students from Canada, that has applied for registration, or

(v) a foreign charity that has applied to the Minister for registration under subsection (26),

(b) a registered charity,

(c) a registered Canadian amateur athletic association, or

(d) Her Majesty in right of Canada or a province, the United Nations or an agency of the United Nations

#### **149.1 (2) Revocation of registration of charitable organization**

The Minister may, in the manner described in section 168, revoke the registration of a charitable organization for any reason described in subsection 168(1) or where the organization

(a) carries on a business that is not a related business of that charity;

(b) fails to expend in any taxation year, on charitable activities carried on by it and by way of gifts made by it to qualified donees, amounts the total of which is at least equal to the organization's disbursement quota for that year; or

(c) makes a disbursement by way of a gift, other than a gift made

(i) in the course of charitable activities carried on by it, or

(ii) to a donee that is a qualified donee at the time of the gift.

### **149.1 (3) Revocation of registration of public foundation**

The Minister may, in the manner described in section 168, revoke the registration of a public foundation for any reason described in subsection 168(1) or where the foundation

- (a) carries on a business that is not a related business of that charity;
- (b) fails to expend in any taxation year, on charitable activities carried on by it and by way of gifts made by it to qualified donees, amounts the total of which is at least equal to the foundation's disbursement quota for that year;
  - (b.1) makes a disbursement by way of a gift, other than a gift made
    - (i) in the course of charitable activities carried on by it, or
    - (ii) to a donee that is a qualified donee at the time of the gift;
- (c) since June 1, 1950, acquired control of any corporation;
- (d) since June 1, 1950, incurred debts, other than debts for current operating expenses, debts incurred in connection with the purchase and sale of investments and debts incurred in the course of administering charitable activities; or
- (e) at any time within the 24 month period preceding the day on which notice is given to the foundation by the Minister pursuant to subsection 168(1) and at a time when the foundation was a private foundation, took any action or failed to expend amounts such that the Minister was entitled, pursuant to subsection 149.1(4), to revoke its registration as a private foundation.

### **149.1 (4) Revocation of registration of private foundation**

The Minister may, in the manner described in section 168, revoke the registration of a private foundation for any reason described in subsection 168(1) or where the foundation

- (a) carries on any business;
- (b) fails to expend in any taxation year, on charitable activities carried on by it and by way of gifts made by it to qualified donees, amounts the total of which is at least equal to the foundation's disbursement quota for that year;
  - (b.1) makes a disbursement by way of a gift, other than a gift made
    - (i) in the course of charitable activities carried on by it, or
    - (ii) to a donee that is a qualified donee at the time of the gift;
- (c) has, in respect of a class of shares of the capital stock of a corporation, a divestment obligation percentage at the end of any taxation year;
- (d) since June 1, 1950, incurred debts, other than debts for current operating expenses, debts incurred in connection with the purchase and sale of investments and debts incurred in the course of administering charitable activities.

#### **149.1 (4.1) Revocation of registration of registered charity**

The Minister may, in the manner described in section 168, revoke the registration

- (a) of a registered charity, if it has entered into a transaction (including a gift to another registered charity) and it may reasonably be considered that a purpose of the transaction was to avoid or unduly delay the expenditure of amounts on charitable activities;
- (b) of a registered charity, if it may reasonably be considered that a purpose of entering into a transaction (including the acceptance of a gift) with another registered charity to which paragraph (a) applies was to assist the other registered charity in avoiding or unduly delaying the expenditure of amounts on charitable activities;
- (c) of a registered charity, if a false statement, within the meaning assigned by subsection 163.2(1), was made in circumstances amounting to culpable conduct, within the meaning assigned by that subsection, in the furnishing of information for the purpose of obtaining registration of the charity;
- (d) of a registered charity, if it has in a taxation year received a gift of property (other than a designated gift) from another registered charity with which it does not deal at arm's length and it has expended, before the end of the next taxation year, in addition to its disbursement quota for each of those taxation years, an amount that is less than the fair market value of the property, on charitable activities carried on by it or by way of gifts made to qualified donees with which it deals at arm's length;
- (e) of a registered charity, if an ineligible individual is a director, trustee, officer or like official of the charity, or controls or manages the charity, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatever; and
- (f) of a registered charity, if it accepts a gift from a foreign state, as defined in section 2 of the *State Immunity Act*, that is set out on the list referred to in subsection 6.1(2) of that Act.

#### **Revocation of Registration of Certain Organizations and Associations**

##### **168(1) Notice of intention to revoke registration**

The Minister may, by registered mail, give notice to a person described in any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition "*qualified donee*" in subsection 149.1(1) that the Minister proposes to revoke its registration if the person

- (a) applies to the Minister in writing for revocation of its registration;
- (b) ceases to comply with the requirements of this Act for its registration;
- (c) in the case of a registered charity or registered Canadian amateur athletic association, fails to file an information return as and when required under this Act or a regulation;
- (d) issues a receipt for a gift otherwise than in accordance with this Act and the regulations or that contains false information;
- (e) fails to comply with or contravenes any of sections 230 to 231.5; or

(f) in the case of a registered Canadian amateur athletic association, accepts a gift the granting of which was expressly or implicitly conditional on the association making a gift to another person, club, society or association.

#### **168 (2) Revocation of Registration**

Where the Minister gives notice under subsection 168(1) to a registered charity or to a registered Canadian amateur athletic association,

(a) if the charity or association has applied to the Minister in writing for the revocation of its registration, the Minister shall, forthwith after the mailing of the notice, publish a copy of the notice in the Canada Gazette, and

(b) in any other case, the Minister may, after the expiration of 30 days from the day of mailing of the notice, or after the expiration of such extended period from the day of mailing of the notice as the Federal Court of Appeal or a judge of that Court, on application made at any time before the determination of any appeal pursuant to subsection 172(3) from the giving of the notice, may fix or allow, publish a copy of the notice in the Canada Gazette,

and on that publication of a copy of the notice, the registration of the charity or association is revoked.

#### **168 (4) Objection to proposal or designation**

A person may, on or before the day that is 90 days after the day on which the notice was mailed, serve on the Minister a written notice of objection in the manner authorized by the Minister, setting out the reasons for the objection and all the relevant facts, and the provisions of subsections 165(1), (1.1) and (3) to (7) and sections 166, 166.1 and 166.2 apply, with any modifications that the circumstances require, as if the notice were a notice of assessment made under section 152, if

(a) in the case of a person that is or was registered as a registered charity or is an applicant for such registration, it objects to a notice under any of subsections (1) and 149.1(2) to (4.1), (6.3), (22) and (23);

(b) in the case of a person that is or was registered as a registered Canadian amateur athletic association or is an applicant for such registration, it objects to a notice under any of subsections (1) and 149.1(4.2) and (22); or

(c) in the case of a person described in any of subparagraphs (a)(i) to (v) of the definition “qualified donee” in subsection 149.1(1), that is or was registered by the Minister as a qualified donee or is an applicant for such registration, it objects to a notice under any of subsections (1) and 149.1(4.3) and (22).



### **172 (3) Appeal from refusal to register, revocation of registration, etc.**

Where the Minister

(a) confirms a proposal or decision in respect of which a notice was issued under any of subsections 149.1(4.2) and (22) and 168(1) by the Minister, to a person that is or was registered as a registered Canadian amateur athletic association or is an applicant for registration as a registered Canadian amateur athletic association, or does not confirm or vacate that proposal or decision within 90 days after service of a notice of objection by the person under subsection 168(4) in respect of that proposal or decision,

(a.1) confirms a proposal, decision or designation in respect of which a notice was issued by the Minister to a person that is or was registered as a registered charity, or is an applicant for registration as a registered charity, under any of subsections 149.1(2) to (4.1), (6.3), (22) and (23) and 168(1), or does not confirm or vacate that proposal, decision or designation within 90 days after service of a notice of objection by the person under subsection 168(4) in respect of that proposal, decision or designation,

(a.2) confirms a proposal or decision in respect of which a notice was issued under any of subsections 149.1(4.3), (22) and 168(1) by the Minister, to a person that is a person described in any of subparagraphs (a)(i) to (v) of the definition "qualified donee" in subsection 149.1(1) that is or was registered by the Minister as a qualified donee or is an applicant for such registration, or does not confirm or vacate that proposal or decision within 90 days after service of a notice of objection by the person under subsection 168(4) in respect of that proposal or decision,

(b) refuses to accept for registration for the purposes of this Act any retirement savings plan,

(c) refuses to accept for registration for the purposes of this Act any profit sharing plan or revokes the registration of such a plan,

(d) [Repealed, 2011, c. 24, s. 54]

(e) refuses to accept for registration for the purposes of this Act an education savings plan,

(e.1) sends notice under subsection 146.1(12.1) to a promoter that the Minister proposes to revoke the registration of an education savings plan,

(f) refuses to register for the purposes of this Act any pension plan or gives notice under subsection 147.1(11) to the administrator of a registered pension plan that the Minister proposes to revoke its registration,

(f.1) refuses to accept an amendment to a registered pension plan,

(g) refuses to accept for registration for the purposes of this Act any retirement income fund,

(h) refuses to accept for registration for the purposes of this Act any pooled pension plan or gives notice under subsection 147.5(24) to the administrator of a pooled registered pension plan that the Minister proposes to revoke its registration, or

(i) refuses to accept an amendment to a pooled registered pension plan,

the person described in paragraph (a), (a.1) or (a.2), the applicant in a case described in paragraph (b), (e) or (g), a trustee under the plan or an employer of employees who are

beneficiaries under the plan, in a case described in paragraph (c), the promoter in a case described in paragraph (e.1), the administrator of the plan or an employer who participates in the plan, in a case described in paragraph (f) or (f.1), or the administrator of the plan in a case described in paragraph (h) or (i), may appeal from the Minister's decision, or from the giving of the notice by the Minister, to the Federal Court of Appeal.

### **180 (1) Appeals to Federal Court of Appeal**

An appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal pursuant to subsection 172(3) may be instituted by filing a notice of appeal in the Court within 30 days from

(a) the day on which the Minister notifies a person under subsection 165(3) of the Minister's action in respect of a notice of objection filed under subsection 168(4),

(b) [Repealed, 2011, c. 24, s. 55]

(c) the mailing of notice to the administrator of the registered pension plan under subsection 147.1(11),

(c.1) the sending of a notice to a promoter of a registered education savings plan under subsection 146.1(12.1),

(c.2) the mailing of notice to the administrator of the pooled registered pension plan under subsection 147.5(24), or

(d) the time the decision of the Minister to refuse the application for acceptance of the amendment to the registered pension plan or pooled registered pension plan was mailed, or otherwise communicated in writing, by the Minister to any person,

as the case may be, or within such further time as the Court of Appeal or a judge thereof may, either before or after the expiration of those 30 days, fix or allow.

### **Tax and Penalties in Respect of Qualified Donees**

#### **188 (1) Deemed year-end on notice of revocation**

If on a particular day the Minister issues a notice of intention to revoke the registration of a taxpayer as a registered charity under any of subsections 149.1(2) to (4.1) and 168(1) or it is determined, under subsection 7(1) of the *Charities Registration (Security Information) Act*, that a certificate served in respect of the charity under subsection 5(1) of that Act is reasonable on the basis of information and evidence available,

(a) the taxation year of the charity that would otherwise have included that day is deemed to end at the end of that day;

(b) a new taxation year of the charity is deemed to begin immediately after that day; and

(c) for the purpose of determining the charity's fiscal period after that day, the charity is deemed not to have established a fiscal period before that day.

**188(1.1) Revocation tax**

A charity referred to in subsection (1) is liable to a tax, for its taxation year that is deemed to have ended, equal to the amount determined by the formula

$$A - B$$

where

A is the total of all amounts, each of which is

- (a) the fair market value of a property of the charity at the end of that taxation year,
- (b) the amount of an appropriation (within the meaning assigned by subsection (2)) in respect of a property transferred to another person in the 120-day period that ended at the end of that taxation year, or
- (c) the income of the charity for its winding-up period, including gifts received by the charity in that period from any source and any income that would be computed under section 3 as if that period were a taxation year; and

B is the total of all amounts (other than the amount of an expenditure in respect of which a deduction has been made in computing income for the winding-up period under paragraph (c) of the description of A), each of which is

- (a) a debt of the charity that is outstanding at the end of that taxation year,
- (b) an expenditure made by the charity during the winding-up period on charitable activities carried on by it, or
- (c) an amount in respect of a property transferred by the charity during the winding-up period and not later than the latter of one year from the end of the taxation year and the day, if any, referred to in paragraph (1.2)(c), to a person that was at the time of the transfer an eligible donee in respect of the charity, equal to the amount, if any, by which the fair market value of the property, when transferred, exceeds the consideration given by the person for the transfer.

### **188 (1.2) Winding-up period**

In this Part, the winding-up period of a charity is the period that begins immediately after the day on which the Minister issues a notice of intention to revoke the registration of a taxpayer as a registered charity under any of subsections 149.1(2) to (4.1) and 168(1) (or, if earlier, immediately after the day on which it is determined, under subsection 7(1) of the Charities Registration (Security Information) Act, that a certificate served in respect of the charity under subsection 5(1) of that Act is reasonable on the basis of information and evidence available), and that ends on the day that is the latest of

- (a) the day, if any, on which the charity files a return under subsection 189(6.1) for the taxation year deemed by subsection (1) to have ended, but not later than the day on which the charity is required to file that return,
- (b) the day on which the Minister last issues a notice of assessment of tax payable under subsection (1.1) for that taxation year by the charity, and
- (c) if the charity has filed a notice of objection or appeal in respect of that assessment, the day on which the Minister may take a collection action under section 225.1 in respect of that tax payable.

### **188 (1.3) Eligible donee**

In this Part, an eligible donee in respect of a particular charity is

- (a) a registered charity
  - (i) of which more than 50% of the members of the board of directors or trustees of the registered charity deal at arm's length with each member of the board of directors or trustees of the particular charity,
  - (ii) that is not the subject of a suspension under subsection 188.2(1),
  - (iii) that has no unpaid liabilities under this Act or under the Excise Tax Act,
  - (iv) that has filed all information returns required by subsection 149.1(14), and
  - (v) that is not the subject of a certificate under subsection 5(1) of the Charities Registration (Security Information) Act or, if it is the subject of such a certificate, the certificate has been determined under subsection 7(1) of that Act not to be reasonable; or
- (b) a municipality in Canada that is approved by the Minister in respect of a transfer of property from the particular charity.

## **188 (2) Shared liability – revocation tax**

A person who, after the time that is 120 days before the end of the taxation year of a charity that is deemed by subsection (1) to have ended, receives property from the charity, is jointly and severally, or solidarily, liable with the charity for the tax payable under subsection (1.1) by the charity for that taxation year for an amount not exceeding the total of all appropriations, each of which is the amount by which the fair market value of such a property at the time it was so received by the person exceeds the consideration given by the person in respect of the property.

## **188 (2.1) Non-application of revocation tax**

Subsections (1) and (1.1) do not apply to a charity in respect of a notice of intention to revoke given under any of subsections 149.1(2) to (4.1) and 168(1) if the Minister abandons the intention and so notifies the charity or if

(a) within the one-year period that begins immediately after the taxation year of the charity otherwise deemed by subsection (1) to have ended, the Minister has registered the charity as a charitable organization, private foundation or public foundation; and

(b) the charity has, before the time that the Minister has so registered the charity,

(i) paid all amounts, each of which is an amount for which the charity is liable under this Act (other than subsection (1.1)) or the Excise Tax Act in respect of taxes, penalties and interest, and

(ii) filed all information returns required by or under this Act to be filed on or before that time.

## **188 (3) Transfer of property tax**

Where, as a result of a transaction or series of transactions, property owned by a registered charity that is a charitable foundation and having a net value greater than 50% of the net asset amount of the charitable foundation immediately before the transaction or series of transactions, as the case may be, is transferred before the end of a taxation year, directly or indirectly, to one or more charitable organizations and it may reasonably be considered that the main purpose of the transfer is to effect a reduction in the disbursement quota of the foundation, the foundation shall pay a tax under this Part for the year equal to the amount by which 25% of the net value of that property determined as of the day of its transfer exceeds the total of all amounts each of which is its tax payable under this subsection for a preceding taxation year in respect of the transaction or series of transactions.

## **188 (3.1) Non-application of subsection (3)**

Subsection (3) does not apply to a transfer that is a gift to which subsection 188.1(11) or (12) applies.

#### **188 (4) Joint and several, or solidary, liability – tax transfer**

If property has been transferred to a charitable organization in circumstances described in subsection (3) and it may reasonably be considered that the organization acted in concert with a charitable foundation for the purpose of reducing the disbursement quota of the foundation, the organization is jointly and severally, or solidarily, liable with the foundation for the tax imposed on the foundation by that subsection in an amount not exceeding the net value of the property.

#### **188 (5) Definitions – In this section,**

*net asset amount* of a charitable foundation at any time means the amount determined by the formula

$$A - B$$

where

**A** is the fair market value at that time of all the property owned by the foundation at that time, and

**B** is the total of all amounts each of which is the amount of a debt owing by or any other obligation of the foundation at that time;

*net value* of property owned by a charitable foundation, as of the day of its transfer, means the amount determined by the formula

$$A - B$$

where

**A** is the fair market value of the property on that day, and

**B** is the amount of any consideration given to the foundation for the transfer.

#### **189 (6) Taxpayer to file return and pay tax**

Every taxpayer who is liable to pay tax under this Part (except a charity that is liable to pay tax under section 188(1)) for a taxation year shall, on or before the day on or before which the taxpayer is, or would be if tax were payable by the taxpayer under Part I for the year, required to file a return of income or an information return under Part I for the year,

(a) file with the Minister a return for the year in prescribed form and containing prescribed information, without notice or demand therefor;

(b) estimate in the return the amount of tax payable by the taxpayer under this Part for the year; and

(c) pay to the Receiver General the amount of tax payable by the taxpayer under this Part for the year

#### **189 (6.1) Revoked charity to file returns**

Every taxpayer who is liable to pay tax under subsection 188(1.1) for a taxation year shall, on or before the day that is one year from the end of the taxation year, and without notice or demand,

(a) file with the Minister

(i) a return for the taxation year, in prescribed form and containing prescribed information, and

(ii) both an information return and a public information return for the taxation year, each in the form prescribed for the purpose of subsection 149.1(14); and

(b) estimate in the return referred to in subparagraph (a)(i) the amount of tax payable by the taxpayer under subsection 188(1.1) for the taxation year; and

(c) pay to the Receiver General the amount of tax payable by the taxpayer under subsection 188(1.1) for the taxation year.

#### **189 (6.2) Reduction of revocation tax liability**

If the Minister has, during the one-year period beginning immediately after the end of a taxation year of a person, assessed the person in respect of the person's liability for tax under subsection 188(1.1) for that taxation year, has not after that period reassessed the tax liability of the person, and that liability exceeds \$1,000, that liability is, at any particular time, reduced by the total of

(a) the amount, if any, by which

(i) the total of all amounts, each of which is an expenditure made by the charity, on charitable activities carried on by it, before the particular time and during the period (referred to in this subsection as the "post-assessment period") that begins immediately after a notice of the latest such assessment was sent and ends at the end of the one-year period

exceeds

(ii) the income of the charity for the post-assessment period, including gifts received by the charity in that period from any source and any income that would be computed under section 3 if that period were a taxation year, and

(b) all amounts, each of which is an amount, in respect of a property transferred by the charity before the particular time and during the post-assessment period to a person that was at the time of the transfer an eligible donee in respect of the charity, equal to the amount, if any, by which the fair market value of the property, when transferred, exceeds the consideration given by the person for the transfer.

### **189 (6.3) Reduction of liability for penalties**

If the Minister has assessed a particular person in respect of the particular person's liability for penalties under section 188.1 for a taxation year, and that liability exceeds \$1,000, that liability is, at any particular time, reduced by the total of all amounts, each of which is an amount, in respect of a property transferred by the particular person after the day on which the Minister first assessed that liability and before the particular time to another person that was at the time of the transfer an eligible donee described in paragraph 188(1.3)(a) in respect of the particular person, equal to the amount, if any, by which the fair market value of the property, when transferred, exceeds the total of

(a) the consideration given by the other person for the transfer, and

(b) the part of the amount in respect of the transfer that has resulted in a reduction of an amount otherwise payable under subsection 188(1.1).

### **189 (7) Minister may assess**

Without limiting the authority of the Minister to revoke the registration of a registered charity or registered Canadian amateur athletic association, the Minister may also at any time assess a taxpayer in respect of any amount that a taxpayer is liable to pay under this Part.