



Blumbergs' Snapshot of the British Columbia Charity Sector 2023

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Blumbergs Professional Corporation recently reviewed the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return database for 2023 as part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project. The database covers about 12,021 BC registered charities of the approximately 86,000 registered charities in Canada that had filed their T3010 and were processed into CRA's Charity Listing database by February 2025.

This article provides a snapshot of the registered charity sector in British Columbia taken from a subset of the 2023 T3010 filings. We have completed Blumbergs' Snapshots of the Canadian Charity Sector for 2010 – 2022 as well. Keep in mind that these statistics only relate to registered charities under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and not to the 80,000 -100,000 non-profits across Canada which are not registered charities and for which CRA is not permitted to release information.

The amount of easily accessible data on the registered charity sector is lacking. The T3010 form asks for very little information from charities. It is unfortunate but when you look at other countries such as the US and UK there is far more publicly available information on individual charities. In this world of greater expectation of transparency, the charity sector has fallen far behind and this could result in a reduction of public trust in charities. Here is my most recent [submission to the Federal government](#) calling for greater transparency with non-profits and charities.

	British Columbia 2023	British Columbia 2022	British Columbia 2021	British Columbia 2018	Canada 2023
Number of registered charities in British Columbia	12,021	12,065	12,040	12,118	83,536
British Columbia charities identified themselves as active	11,312	11,553	11,159	11,361	78,598
British Columbia charities identified themselves as inactive	448	505	597	498	3,429
British Columbia charities that made gifts to other charities or qualified donees	4,498	4,596	4,469	4,713	29,814
Total revenue for British Columbia charities	\$55.8 billion	\$51.6 billion	\$49 billion	\$40 billion	\$393 billion
Total expenditures of British Columbia charities	\$52.7 billion	\$49.1 billion	\$45.2 billion	\$36 billion	\$354 billion
British Columbia charities who funded projects outside of Canada	930	953	530	581	5,089
Amount spent by British Columbia charities outside of Canada	\$289.8 million	\$244 million	\$208.3 million	\$285 million	\$5.3 billion
British Columbia charities received	11	14	13	15	139

funds from Global Affairs Canada					
British Columbia charities that had employment expenses	6,084	6,277	6,084	6,242	83,536
British Columbia charities that did not have any employment expenses	5,877	6,041	5,907	5,802	78,598
Amount spent by British Columbia charities on salaries and other compensation	\$28.9 billion	\$26.3 billion	\$24.8 billion	\$20 billion	3,429
Value of official donation receipts issued by British Columbia charities	\$3.5 billion	\$3.9 billion	\$3.4 billion	\$2.8 billion	29,814

The Canadian charity sector is a vital part of Canadian society and economy with revenue of over \$393 billion and expenditures of about \$354 billion.

Please review the caveats at the end about the reliability and usage of T3010 information.

The Sean Blumberg Transparency Project is in memory of my youngest brother Sean Blumberg. Sean was a sweet, kind person, a great brother who helped me on a number of occasions with many tasks including the time consuming and arduous task of reviewing T3010 databases and making them into something useful. As part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project, Blumbergs has been releasing information on the Canadian charity sector to provide a better understanding of the size, scope, complexity, and challenges of the sector.

In 2023, 83,540 of approximately 86,000 Canadian registered charities completed their T3010 returns. There were, however, 2 different T3010 returns from which a charity had to select depending on their year-end.

Charities with **fiscal periods ending on or after December 31, 2023**, filed their T3010 using T3010 Version 24. Approximately 48,418 charities have a December 31 year-end. [Fillable PDF \(t3010-fill-24e.pdf\)](#). This version had quite a few extra questions that we discuss [here](#) and [here](#). This is the version in which we have displayed the data.

Charities with **fiscal periods ending on or before December 30, 2023**, filed their T3010 using Version 23. [Fillable PDF \(t3010-fill-23e.pdf\)](#)

When you look at the snapshot, realize that many of the charities did not need to complete those extra questions. Also, for the 2024 data that will be available next year, all charities will have to complete those questions. So, consider the information on the new questions to be preliminary and only completed by a subset of registered charities.

Some of the highlights of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the British Columbia Charity Sector 2023 include:

- 12,021 registered charities filed their T3010 out of approximately 86,000 charities in Canada.
- \$55.8 billion in total revenue for British Columbia charities.
- Total expenditures of \$52.7 billion.
- \$37.5 billion, including from the federal government (\$1.5 billion), provincial government (\$35.4 billion), and municipal/regional government (\$594.8 million), making up approximately 67.2% of the revenue of the whole charity sector in British Columbia.
- 11,312 charities identified as active, and 4,498 as inactive.
- 4,498 made gifts to other charities or qualified donees during their 2023 fiscal year.
- British Columbia charities spent \$289 million outside of Canada.
- 11 British Columbia charities received funds from Global Affairs Canada.
- 540 charities identified having contractual relationships with foreign intermediaries, 264 charities identified that employees conducted activities outside of Canada, and 434 had volunteers conducting foreign activities.
- \$1.0 billion was received by British Columbia charities from outside of Canada.
- 6,084 charities identified having employment expenses, while 5,877 did not have any employment expenses.
- \$28.9 billion was spent by British Columbia charities on salaries and other compensation expenditures.
- \$3.5 billion in official donation receipts were issued by British Columbia registered charities.



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Registered Charity Information Return

Section A: Identification

- To help you fill out this form, refer to Guide T4033, Completing the Registered Charity Information Return. It can be found at canada.ca/cra-forms.

Note: Even if a charity is inactive, an information return must be filed to maintain its registered status.

Complete the following:

1. Charity name:

12,021 Registered Charities in the Database

9,356 Provided Phone Numbers
7,892 Provided Emails

2. Return for fiscal period ending:

Year	Month	Day

3. BN/registration number:

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4. Web address (if applicable):

6,014 Provided Websites

- A1** Was the charity in a subordinate position to a head body? 1510 ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, give the name and BN/registration number of the organization.

Name

BN (9 digits, 2 letters, 4 digits. Example: 123456789RR0001)

- A2** Has the charity wound-up, dissolved, or terminated operations? 1570 ☐ Yes ☐ No
102 11,853

- A3** Is the charity designated as a public foundation or private foundation? 1600 ☐ Yes ☐ No
1,701 10,225
If yes, you must complete Schedule 1, Foundations. To confirm the charity's designation, go to canada.ca/charities-list and refer to the charity's detail page.

Section B: Directors/trustees and like officials

- B1** All charities must complete Form T1235, Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet. Only the public information section of the worksheet is available to the public. 82,184 directors listed by all charities. Arm's length 69,985 and non-arm's length 9,441.

2,758 did not list whether arm's length or not.

For charities subject to the Ontario Corporations Act.

As of May 15, 2021, the Canada Revenue Agency no longer collects this information on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. For more information on filing an Ontario annual information return, visit ontario.ca/businessregistry.

Note: If you would like these individuals to have the authority to communicate with the CRA on behalf of your charity, their name must also appear as an owner for your Business Number (BN). For more information, go to canada.ca/charities-giving, select "Operating a registered charity," then "Making a change to your organization" and see "Change director."

Section C: Programs and general information

- C1** Was the charity active during the fiscal period? 1800 ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, explain why in the "Ongoing programs" space below at C2. 11,312 448

- C2** Describe all ongoing and new charitable programs during this fiscal period that furthered the charity's purpose(s) (as defined in its governing documents). "Programs" includes:

(1) charitable activities that the charity carries out on its own through employees, volunteers, or intermediaries, and

(2) qualifying disbursements that the charity makes through gifts to qualified donees or grants to non-qualified donees (grantees).

Charities making qualifying disbursements should describe the types of organizations they support. The charity may also use this space to describe the contributions of its volunteers in carrying out its activities, for example, number of volunteers and/or hours.

Do not include the names of employees or volunteers.

Do not describe fundraising activities in this space.

Do not attach additional sheets of paper or annual reports.

Ongoing programs

11,393

New programs

2,341

Registered charities may make gifts to qualified donees. Qualified donees are other registered Canadian charities, as well as certain other organizations described in the Income Tax Act.

C3 Did the charity make gifts or transfer funds to qualified donees or other organizations, excluding grants to non-qualified donees? **2000** ☐ Yes ☐ No
4,498 7,452
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Form T1236, Qualified donees worksheet/Amounts provided to other organizations.

C4 Did the charity carry on, fund, or provide any resources through employees, volunteers, agents, joint ventures, contractors, or any other individuals, intermediaries, entities, or means (excluding qualifying disbursements) for any activity/program/project outside Canada? **2100** ☐ Yes ☐ No
930 10,991
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 2, Activities outside Canada.

C5 Public policy dialogue and development activities
This question has been removed.

C6 If the charity carried on fundraising activities or engaged third parties to carry on fundraising activities on its behalf, select all fundraising methods that it used during the fiscal period:

2500 <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisements/print/radio/ TV commercials 1,422	2570 <input type="checkbox"/> Sales 1,700	2620 <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone/TV solicitations 208
2510 <input type="checkbox"/> Auctions 826	2575 <input type="checkbox"/> Internet 2,624	2630 <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament/sporting events 375
2530 <input type="checkbox"/> Collection plate/boxes 2,791	2580 <input type="checkbox"/> Mail campaigns 1,229	2640 <input type="checkbox"/> Cause-related marketing 362
2540 <input type="checkbox"/> Door-to-door solicitation 68	2590 <input type="checkbox"/> Planned-giving programs 923	2650 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 1,711
2550 <input type="checkbox"/> Draws/lotteries 722	2600 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted corporate donations/sponsorships 1,762	2660 Specify: _____
2560 <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising dinners/galas/concerts 1,653	2610 <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted contacts 2,078	

C7 Did the charity pay external fundraisers? **2700** ☐ Yes ☐ No
285 11,563
If **yes**, you **must** complete the following lines, and complete Schedule 4, Confidential data, Table 1.
(a) Enter the gross revenue collected by the fundraisers on behalf of the charity. **5450** \$ 25,820,816
(b) Enter the amounts paid to and/or retained by the fundraisers. **5460** \$ 8,501,837
(c) Select the method of payment to the fundraiser:

2730 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissions 99	2750 <input type="checkbox"/> Finder's fee 1	2770 <input type="checkbox"/> Honoraria 4
2740 <input type="checkbox"/> Bonuses 0	2760 <input type="checkbox"/> Set fee for services 137	2780 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 40
2790 Specify: _____		

(d) Did the fundraiser issue tax receipts on behalf of the charity? **2800** ☐ Yes ☐ No
172 100

C8 Did the charity compensate any of its directors/trustees or like officials or persons not at arm's length from the charity for services provided during the fiscal period (other than reimbursement for expenses)? **3200** ☐ Yes ☐ No
953 10,935

C9 Did the charity incur any expenses for compensation of employees during the fiscal period? **3400** ☐ Yes ☐ No
6,084 5,877
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 3, Compensation.

C10 Did the charity receive any donations or gifts of any kind valued at \$10,000 or more from any donor that was **not** resident in Canada and was **not** any of the following: **3900** ☐ Yes ☐ No
275 11,649
• a Canadian citizen, nor
• employed in Canada, nor
• carrying on a business in Canada, nor
• a person having disposed of taxable Canadian property?
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 4, Confidential data, Table 2, for each donation of \$10,000 or more.

C11 Did the charity receive any non-cash gifts for which it issued tax receipts? **4000** ☐ Yes ☐ No
1,915 10,009
Important: If **yes**, you **must** complete Schedule 5, Non-cash gifts.

C12 Did the charity acquire a non-qualifying security? **5800** ☐ Yes ☐ No
9 11,914

C13 Did the charity allow any of its donors to use any of its property? (except for permissible uses) **5810** ☐ Yes ☐ No
9 11,914

C14 Did the charity issue any of its tax receipts for donations on behalf of another organization? **5820** ☐ Yes ☐ No
57 11,864

C15 Did the charity have direct partnership holdings at any time during the fiscal period? **5830** ☐ Yes ☐ No
56 11,844

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Registered charities may make grants to non-qualified donees (grantees) as described in the Income Tax Act.

C16	Did the charity make qualifying disbursements by way of grants to non-qualified donees (grantees) in the fiscal period?	5840	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes , you must complete lines 5841, 5842 and 5843.		316	9,641
	Did the charity make grants to any grantees totalling more than \$5,000 in the fiscal period?	5841	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes , you must complete Form T1441, Qualifying Disbursements: Grants to Non-Qualified Donees (Grantees).		147	166
	Enter the number of grantees that received grants totalling \$5,000 or less in the fiscal period.....	5842	2,851	
	Enter the total amount paid to grantees that received grants totalling \$5,000 or less in the fiscal period	5843	\$ 2,759,738	
C17	In the 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period, did the average value of your charity's property (cash, investments, capital property or other assets) not used directly in its charitable activities or administration:			
	(a) exceed \$100,000, if the charity is designated as a charitable organization; or	5850	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	(b) exceed \$25,000, if the charity is designated as a public or private foundation?.....		1,122	5,194
	If yes , you must complete Schedule 8 – Disbursement quota			
C18	Did the charity hold any donor advised funds (DAF) during the fiscal period?	5860	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes , provide the following:		69	5,801
	(a) Total number of accounts held at the end of the fiscal period	5861	3,238	
	(b) Total value of all accounts held at the end of the fiscal period.....	5862	\$ 1,869,590,958	
	(c) Total value of donations to DAF accounts received during the fiscal period	5863	\$ 350,158,319	
	(d) Total value of qualifying disbursements from DAFs during the fiscal period	5864	\$ 198,718,535	

Section D: Financial information

Fill out either Section D or Schedule 6, Detailed financial information.

If **any** of the following applies to the charity, complete Schedule 6 instead of Section D:

- (a) The charity's revenue exceeds \$100,000.
- (b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities was more than \$25,000.
- (c) The charity had permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "See attached financial statements." All relevant fields must be filled out.

D1	Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis?	4020	<input type="checkbox"/> Accrual	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
			7,720	3,125
D2	Summary of financial position:			
	Using the charity's own financial statements, enter the following:			
	Did the charity own land and/or buildings?	4050	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
			582	3,234
	Total assets (including land and buildings)	4200	\$ 91,669,786,660	
	Total liabilities	4350	\$ 47,978,653,685	
	Did the charity borrow from, loan to, or invest assets with any non-arm's length persons?	4400	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
			127	3,614
D3	Revenue:			
	Did the charity issue tax receipts for gifts?	4490	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
			2,612	1,279
	If yes , enter the total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issued or will issue tax receipts	4500	\$ 3,487,989,032	
	Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	\$ 2,381,398,824	
	Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4530	\$ 575,906,542	
	Did the charity receive any revenue from any level of government in Canada?	4565	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
			746	2,942
	If yes , total amount received	4570	\$ 26,942,923	
	Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	\$ 13,127,514	
	Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4575	\$ 384,254,742	
	Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	4630	\$ 373,271,059	
	Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)	4640	\$ 4,301,267,826	
	Other revenue not already included in the amounts above	4650	\$ 3,829,901,499	
	Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4570, and 4575 to 4650)	4700	\$ 55,822,060,990	
D4	Expenditures:			
	Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$ 1,140,918,695	
	Travel and vehicle expenses	4810	\$ 396,158,265	
	All other expenditures not already included in the amounts above (excluding qualifying disbursements)	4920	\$ 10,304,615,633	
	Total expenditures (excluding qualifying disbursements) (add lines 4860, 4810, and 4920)	4950	\$ 51,545,266,509	
	Of the amount at line 4950:			
	(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities	5000	\$ 42,661,010,939	
	(b) Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	\$ 4,030,728,501	
	Total amount of grants made to all non-qualified donees (grantees)	5045	\$ 34,107,364	
	Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	\$ 1,791,370,919	
	Total expenditures (add lines 4950, 5045, and 5050)	5100	\$ 52,732,742,377	

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Section E: Certification

This return **must** be signed by a person who has authority to sign on behalf of the charity. It is a serious offence under the Income Tax Act to provide false or deceptive information.

I certify that the information given on this annual return and any attachment is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, complete, and current.

Name (print)		Signature
Position in charity	Date	Phone number

Section F: Confidential data

F1 Enter the physical address of the charity and the address in Canada for the charity's books and records. Post office box numbers and rural routes are not sufficient.

	Physical address of the charity	Address for the charity's books and records
Complete street address		
City		
Province or territory and postal code		

F2 Name and address of individual who completed this return.

Name	
Company name (if applicable)	
Complete street address	
City, province or territory, and postal code	
Phone number	Is this the same individual who certified in Section E above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Privacy statement

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Income Tax Act and is used to establish and validate the identity and contact information of directors, trustees, officers, like officials, and authorized representatives of the organization. This information will also be used as a basis for the indirect collection of additional personal information from other internal and external sources, which includes personal tax information, and relevant financial and biographical information. Personal information will be used to assess the risk of registration with respect to the obligations and requirements as outlined in the Act and the common law. The social insurance number (SIN) is collected under subsection 237 of the Act and is used for identification purposes.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will make the information on this annual information return available to the public on the Charities Directorate website, except for information identified as confidential. Personal information may also be disclosed under information-sharing agreements and in accordance with section 241 of the Act. Incomplete or inaccurate information may result in compliance measures including revocation of registered status.

Personal information is described in personal information bank CRA PPU 200 and is protected under the Privacy Act. Individuals have a right of protection, access to and correction or notation of their personal information. You are entitled to complain to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding our handling of your information.

Notification to directors and like officials: The CRA strongly encourages the organization to voluntarily inform its directors and like officials that it has collected and disclosed their personal information to the CRA.

☐ I confirm that I have read the Privacy statement above.

Checklist

A charity's complete annual information return includes:

- Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return, and all applicable schedules
- a copy of the charity's financial statements
- Form T1235, Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet
- Form T1236, Qualified donees worksheet/Amounts provided to other organizations (if applicable)
- Form T2081, Excess Corporate Holdings Worksheet for Private Foundations (if applicable)
- Form T1441, Qualifying Disbursements: Grants to Non-Qualified Donees (Grantees) (if applicable)

If financial statements are not included, the charity's **registration may be revoked**.

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Foundations	Schedule 1
1 Did the foundation acquire control of a corporation?.....	100 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 1,648
2 Did the foundation incur any debts other than for current operating expenses, purchasing or selling investments, or in administering charitable activities?.....	110 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4 1,642
3 (a) What was the total value of all restricted funds held at the end of the fiscal period?.....	111 \$ 2,595,147,460
(b) Of that amount, what amount was the foundation not permitted to spend due to a funder's written trust or direction?	112 \$ 1,691,730,740

For private foundations only:

4 Did the foundation hold any shares, rights to acquire shares, or debts owing to it that meet the definition of a non-qualified investment?.....	120 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 12 1,165
5 Did the foundation own more than 2% of any class of shares of a corporation at any time during the fiscal period?	130 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 12 1,167

If yes, you must complete and attach Form T2081, Excess Corporate Holdings Worksheet for Private Foundations.

Activities outside Canada	Schedule 2
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Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C4.

For more information, go to canada.ca/charities-giving and see Guidance CG-002, Canadian registered charities carrying on activities outside Canada.

1 Total expenditures on activities/programs/projects carried on outside Canada, excluding qualifying disbursements	200 \$ 289,763,686
2 Were any of the charity's financial resources spent on programs outside of Canada under any kind of an arrangement including a contract, agency agreement, or joint venture to any other individual or organization (excluding qualifying disbursements)?.....	210 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 540 375

If yes, provide details of the amount reported in question 1 on line 200, that the charity transferred to these individuals or organizations in the following table:

Name of individual/organization	Country code where the activities were carried out (see list at the end of Schedule 2)	Amount (\$) Show amounts to the nearest Canadian dollar

Important: If you entered information in the table above, you **must** answer **yes** in line 210.

3 Using the table below, enter the countries outside Canada where the charity itself carried on programs or devoted any of its resources.

4 Were any projects undertaken outside Canada funded by Global Affairs Canada?.....	220 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 11 900
If yes, what was the total amount the charity spent under this arrangement?	230 \$ 10,311,789
5 Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by employees of the charity?.....	240 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 264 645
6 Were any of the charity's activities outside of Canada carried out by volunteers of the charity?	250 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 434 478
7 Did the charity export goods as part of its charitable activities?	260 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 52 853

If yes, list the items exported, their destination, the country code, and their value.

Item exported	Destination (city/region)	Country code	Value (CAN \$)

Country codes

AF-Afghanistan	CU-Cuba	KP-North Korea	RO-Romania
AL-Albania	CY-Cyprus	KR-South Korea	RU-Russia
DZ-Algeria	DK-Denmark	KW-Kuwait	RW-Rwanda
AO-Angola	DO-Dominican Republic	KG-Kyrgyzstan	SA-Saudi Arabia
AR-Argentina	EC-Ecuador	LA-Laos	RS-Serbia
AM-Armenia	EG-Egypt	LB-Lebanon	SL-Sierra Leone
AZ-Azerbaijan	SV-El Salvador	LR-Liberia	SG-Singapore
BD-Bangladesh	ET-Ethiopia	MK-Macedonia	SO-Somalia
BY-Belarus	FR-France	MG-Madagascar	ES-Spain
BT-Bhutan	GA-Gabon	MY-Malaysia	LK-Sri Lanka
BO-Bolivia	GM-Gambia	ML-Mali	SD-Sudan
BA-Bosnia and Herzegovina	GE-Georgia	MU-Mauritius	SY-Syrian Arab Republic
BW-Botswana	DE-Germany	MX-Mexico	TJ-Tajikistan
BR-Brazil	GH-Ghana	MN-Mongolia	TZ-United Republic of Tanzania
BN-Brunei Darussalam	GT-Guatemala	ME-Montenegro	TH-Thailand
BG-Bulgaria	GY-Guyana	MZ-Mozambique	TL-Timor-Leste
BI-Burundi	HT-Haiti	MM-Myanmar (Burma)	TR-Turkey
KH-Cambodia	HN-Honduras	NA-Namibia	UG-Uganda
CM-Cameroon	IN-India	NL-Netherlands	UA-Ukraine
CF-Central African Republic	ID-Indonesia	NI-Nicaragua	GB-United Kingdom
TD-Chad	IR-Iran	NE-Niger	US-United States of America
CL-Chile	IQ-Iraq	NG-Nigeria	UY-Uruguay
CN-China	IL-Israel	OM-Oman	UZ-Uzbekistan
CO-Colombia	PS-Israeli Occupied Territories	PK-Pakistan	VE-Venezuela
KM-Comoros	IT-Italy	PA-Panama	VN-Vietnam
CD-Democratic Republic of Congo	JM-Jamaica	PE-Peru	YE-Yemen
CG-Republic of Congo	JP-Japan	PH-Philippines	ZM-Zambia
CR-Costa Rica	JO-Jordan	PL-Poland	ZW-Zimbabwe
CI-Côte d'Ivoire	KZ-Kazakhstan	QA-Qatar	
HR-Croatia	KE-Kenya	RE-Réunion	

Use the following codes for countries not listed above:

QS-Other countries in Africa
 QR-Other countries in Asia and Oceania
 QM-Other countries in Central and South America
 QP-Other countries in Europe
 QO-Other countries in the Middle East
 QN-Other countries in North America

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Compensation **Schedule 3**

Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C9.

1 (a) Enter the **number** of permanent, full-time, compensated positions in the fiscal period. This number should represent the number of positions the charity had including both managerial positions and others, and should not include independent contractors. **Do not** enter a dollar amount. 300

(b) For the **ten (10)** highest compensated, permanent, full-time positions enter the **number of positions** that are within each of the following annual compensation categories. **Do not** tick the boxes; use numbers.

305 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 – \$39,999 6,240	310 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 – \$79,999 12,017	315 <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 – \$119,999 4,697
320 <input type="checkbox"/> \$120,000 – \$159,999 1,545	325 <input type="checkbox"/> \$160,000 – \$199,999 623	330 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 – \$249,999 320
335 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 – \$299,999 91	340 <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 – \$349,999 78	345 <input type="checkbox"/> \$350,000 and over 86

2 (a) Enter the **number** of part-time or part-year (for example, seasonal) employees the charity employed during the fiscal period. 370

(b) Total expenditure on compensation for part-time or part-year employees in the fiscal period. 380

3 Total expenditure on all compensation in the fiscal period. 390

Confidential data **Schedule 4**

Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C10.

The information in this schedule is for the CRA's use and may be shared as permitted by law (for example, with certain other government departments and agencies).

1. Information about external fundraisers

Enter the name(s) and arm's length status of each external fundraiser.

Name (confidential)	At arm's length? Yes/No (confidential)

2. Information about donors not resident in Canada

Complete this schedule to report any gift of any kind valued at \$10,000 or more received from any donor that was **not** resident in Canada and was **not** any of the following:

- a Canadian citizen, nor
- employed in Canada, nor
- carrying on business in Canada, nor
- a person having disposed of taxable Canadian property.

Enter the name of each donor and the value of the gift in the table below. Select whether the donor was an organization (for example a business, corporate entity, charity, non-profit organization), a government or an individual.

Name (confidential)	Type of donor (confidential)			Value (CAN \$)
	Organization	Government	Individual	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Non-cash gifts **Schedule 5**

Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C11.

1 Select all types of non-cash gifts received for which a tax receipt was issued:

500 <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork/wine/jewellery 308	525 <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological properties 6	550 <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly traded securities/ commodities/mutual funds 425
505 <input type="checkbox"/> Building materials 163	530 <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance policies 72	555 <input type="checkbox"/> Books 129
510 <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/furniture/food 579	535 <input type="checkbox"/> Medical equipment/supplies 114	560 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 914
515 <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles 59	540 <input type="checkbox"/> Privately-held securities 28	565 Specify: 0
520 <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural properties 22	545 <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery/equipment/ computers/software 252	

2 Enter the total amount of tax-receipted non-cash gifts 580

Detailed financial information	Schedule 6
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Fill out this schedule if **any** of the following applies to the charity:

- (a) The charity's revenue exceeded \$100,000.
- (b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities was more than \$25,000.
- (c) The charity had permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis?..... 4020 ☐ Accrual ☐ Cash
7,710 3,125

Statement of financial position

Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "see attached financial statements." All relevant fields must be filled out.

Assets:

Cash, bank accounts, and short-term investments	4100	\$ 15,075,496,598
Cash and bank accounts.....	4101	\$ 1,323,069,243
Short-term investments.....	4102	\$ 1,719,581,352
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons	4110	\$ 1,107,865,730
Amounts receivable from all others	4120	\$ 4,911,330,551
Investments in non-arm's length persons	4130	\$ 569,561,686
Long-term investments	4140	\$ 17,880,166,948
Inventories	4150	\$ 372,288,451
Land and buildings in Canada	4155	\$ 51,585,662,602
Used for charitable programs or administration.....	4157	\$ 3,483,843,777
Used for other purposes	4158	\$ 414,130,737
Other capital assets in Canada	4160	\$ 14,057,783,358
Capital assets outside Canada	4165	\$ 1,584,826,636
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	4166	\$ -21,451,577,633
Other assets	4170	\$ 2,140,362,475
Impact investments ...	4190	\$ 142,006,075
Total assets (add lines 4100, 4110 to 4155, and 4160 to 4170)	4200	\$ 91,669,786,660

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300	\$ 6,824,186,441
Deferred revenue	4310	\$ 24,116,097,631
Amounts owing to non-arm's length persons	4320	\$ 1,293,065,291
Other liabilities	4330	\$ 15,594,105,890
Total liabilities (add lines 4300 to 4330)...	4350	\$ 47,978,653,685

Amount included in lines 4150, 4155, 4160, 4165 and 4170 not used in charitable activities..... 4250 \$ 2,596,295,010

Statement of operations

Revenue:

Total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issued or will issue tax receipts	4500	\$ 3,487,989,032
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees	5610	\$ 188,178,271
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	\$ 2,381,398,824
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630).....	4530	\$ 575,906,542
Total revenue received from federal government.....	4540	\$ 1,469,961,647
Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments	4550	\$ 35,419,819,027
Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments	4560	\$ 594,783,291
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	\$ 13,127,514
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)	4575	\$ 384,254,742
Total interest and investment income from impact investments	4576	\$ 8,664,390
Total interest and investment income from persons not at arm's length	4577	\$ 1,625,794
Total interest and investment income received or earned	4580	\$ 1,217,250,252
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets	4590	\$ 2,731,962,150
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with brackets)	4600	\$ 288,934,674
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings	4610	\$ 1,091,442,480
Total non tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees	4620	\$ 225,741,896
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	4630	\$ 373,271,059
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)	4640	\$ 4,301,267,826
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above.....	4650	\$ 3,829,901,499
Specify type(s) of revenue included in the amount reported at 4650 4655		
Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4560, 4575, 4580, and 4600 to 4650)	4700	\$ 55,822,060,990

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Expenditures:

Advertising and promotion	4800	\$ 190,183,095
Travel and vehicle expenses.....	4810	\$ 396,158,265
Interest and bank charges.....	4820	\$ 343,462,925
Licences, memberships, and dues	4830	\$ 144,401,589
Office supplies and expenses.....	4840	\$ 894,043,897
Occupancy costs	4850	\$ 1,879,963,446
Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$ 1,140,918,695
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	\$ 155,815,117
Total expenditure on all compensation (enter the amount reported at line 390 in Schedule 3, if applicable)	4880	\$ 29,432,268,771
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charity's own activities.....	4890	\$ 149,578,508
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	\$ 3,839,575,726
Amortization of capitalized assets	4900	\$ 1,997,742,064
Research grants and scholarships as part of charity's own activities	4910	\$ 659,438,058
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding qualifying disbursements)	4920	\$ 10,304,615,633
Specify type(s) of expenditures included in the amount reported at 4920.....	4930	
Total expenditures before qualifying disbursements (add lines 4800 to 4920)	4950	\$ 51,545,266,509

Of the amounts at lines 4950:

(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities.....	5000	\$ 42,661,010,939
(b) Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	\$ 4,030,728,501
(c) Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	\$ 388,588,101
(d) Total other expenditures included in line 4950.....	5040	\$ 522,738,127

Total amount of grants made to all non-qualified donees (grantees).....	5045	\$ 34,107,364
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	\$ 1,791,370,919
Total expenditures (add lines 4950, 5045 and 5050)	5100	\$ 52,732,742,377

Other financial information

Permission to accumulate property:

Only registered charities that have written permission to accumulate should complete this section.

• Enter the amount accumulated for the fiscal period, including income earned on accumulated funds	5500	\$ 174,740,816
• Enter the amount disbursed for the fiscal period for the specified purpose.....	5510	\$ 107,984,180

Permission to reduce disbursement quota:

If the charity has received approval to make a reduction to its disbursement quota, enter the amount for the fiscal period	5750	\$ 18,331,626
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Property not used in charitable activities:

Enter the average value of property not used for charitable activities or administration during:

• The 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period	5900	\$ 17,230,797,226
• The 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	\$ 18,164,026,463

Disbursement quota

Schedule 8

Important: If you complete this section, you **must** answer **yes** to question C17.

For more information, go to Canada.ca/charities-disbursement-quota.

Step 1. Calculating the disbursement quota requirement for the current fiscal period

Average value of property not used in charitable activities or administration (line 5900 from your return)	805	\$ 8,450,848,780
If permission to accumulate property has been granted, enter the total amount accumulated less all disbursements made for the specified purpose (add all amounts from lines 5500 minus all amounts at lines 5510 from all returns to date covered by the permission to accumulate property period)	810	\$ 11,539,549
Line 805 minus line 810 (if negative, enter 0)	815	\$ 8,284,736,873

If line 815 is \$1,000,000 or less

Multiply line 815 by 3.5%

820 \$ 5,968,698

If line 815 is over \$1,000,000

Line 815 minus \$1,000,000	825	\$ 7,691,109,897
Line 825 multiplied by 5%	830	\$ 338,329,287
Line 830 plus \$35,000	835	\$ 353,262,597

Enter the amount from line 820 or line 835. This is your charity's disbursement quota requirement for the current fiscal period	840	\$ 360,388,554
Total expenditures on charitable activities (line 5000 of your return)	845	\$ 846,189,627
Total amount of grants made to non-qualified donees (line 5045 of your return)	850	\$ 9,586,401
Total amount of gifts made to qualified donees (line 5050 of your return)	855	\$ 635,485,093
Add lines 845 to line 855	860	\$ 1,490,545,172
Line 860 minus line 840. This is your charity's disbursement quota excess or shortfall for the current fiscal period	865	\$ 1,128,648,690

If a shortfall exists (line 865 is negative), your charity can draw on disbursement excesses from the five previous fiscal periods to help it meet its shortfall. If no excesses are available to draw on, your charity can try to spend enough the following year to create an excess that it can carry back to cover the shortfall.

Step 2. Estimating the disbursement quota requirement for the next fiscal period

Average value of property not used in charitable activities or administration prior to the next fiscal period (line 5910 from your return)	870	\$ 8,945,694,051
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If line 870 is \$1,000,000 or less

Multiply line 870 by 3.5%

875 \$ 13,555,086

If line 870 is over \$1,000,000

Line 870 minus \$1,000,000	880	\$ 8,255,241,991
Line 880 multiplied by 5%	885	\$ 415,485,204
Line 885 plus \$35,000	890	\$ 432,322,053

The amount shown at line 875 or line 890 is your charity's estimated disbursement quota requirement for the next fiscal period.

Further information

Are you interested in more information on Transparency in the charity sector? If so, you might find these links helpful including our Blumbergs' Directory on [Transparency](#):

[Fundamentals of the T3010 and Transparency for Canadian Charities](#) (paid online course)

[Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission for the 2024 Canadian Federal Budget](#)

[CRA's Charities Listing vs. Blumbergs' CharityData.ca 2023](#)

[RCAAA Transparency Project 2023 -Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association filings and their financial statements](#)

[Corporations Canada getting serious about filings including non-filing of financial statements](#)

[Corp. Canada dissolution program will be launched for CNCA corps that have not filed their AR in 3 years](#)

[Big improvements to transparency from Corporations Canada relating to CNCA corporations](#)

[Key statistics on Canada's charity and non-profit sector 2023](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2022](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the British Columbia Charity Sector 2022](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Manitoba Charity Sector 2022](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2022](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Quebec Charity Sector 2022](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Atlantic Provinces Charity Sector 2022](#)

[Blumbergs Snapshots of Designations – Charitable Org, Public Foundations and Private Foundations 2021](#)

[Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2021](#)

[Blumbergs Snapshot of the British Columbia Charity Sector 2021 – a census of the BC charity sector](#)

[Blumbergs Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2021 – a census of the Alberta charity sector](#)

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[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2012](#)

[Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2011](#)

[Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2011 - understanding the charity sector through the T3010](#)

[Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2010 - a little more perspective on the sector](#)

[Blumbergs' Directory on Transparency Related Articles](#)

[Blumbergs' Directory on Canadian charity statistics](#)

[Comparison of the CRA's Charities Listing and Blumbergs' CharityData.ca](#)

[Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission – 2023](#)

[Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission – February 25, 2022](#)

[Blumbergs' Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations for the Canadian Federal Budget 2022 with a focus on Transparency and Accountability in the Non-profit and Charity Sector](#)

[“Confidence in charity leaders has fallen sharply over the last two decades – what does that mean for the sector?”](#)

[How Has COVID Affected Funding of the Canadian Charity Sector? Part 4 – The Final Edition](#)

[How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 3](#)

[How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 2 – more data from the T3010](#)

[How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 1](#)

[Canadian charities giving to Indigenous Charities and Qualified Donees – 2019](#)

[Canadian charities giving to Indigenous Charities and Qualified Donees – 2018](#)

[Discussion paper from the T3010 User Group on improvements to the T3010](#)

[When is a financial statement not a financial statement?](#)

[Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Associations and their financial statements](#)

[CRA charity audit statistics released through freedom of information in 2022](#)

[Update completed to CharityData.ca website \(May 2022\)](#)

[Gifts by Canadian Charities to the United Nations and its Agencies in 2019](#)

[Gifts by Canadian Charities to Donor Advised Funds in 2019](#)

[Gifts by Canadian Registered Charities to the Registered Foreign Universities in 2019](#)

[Recent CRA letters of revocation for Canadian registered charities – received December 2021](#)

[Recent CRA letters of revocation for Canadian registered charities – 2021](#)

[Canadian Federal Budget 2022 and its impact on non-profits and charities](#)

[List of Canadian Registered Charities Revoked as a Result of an Audit Over the Last 30 Years](#)

[Blumbergs Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2018 – Fundraising Activity](#)

[Top Fallacies about Canadian Private Foundations in Canada in 2022](#)

[National Post article “Charity sector worth \\$300B per year, but CRA audits have dropped four-fold since 2010”](#)

[Dramatic changes to charity audits by CRA over the last few years](#)

[Budget Implementation Act passed allowing certain additional charitable partnerships](#)

[How to search for an Ontario non-profit corporation using the Ontario Business Registry](#)

[Which Canadian registered charities had the largest assets in 2019?](#)

[Which Charities Received the Most Money from the Federal Government in 2019?](#)

[Blumbergs’ Pre-Budget Submission for the Federal Budget 2021 relating to charities and transparency](#)

[CRA provides additional information on foreign activities by Canadian charities](#)

[Another version of CRA’s guidance on advancement of religion released in an access to information request](#)

[The Charity Report provides a profile of the Blumbergs’ Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector](#)

[Dramatic changes to the CRA Charities Listing](#)

[If the T3010 annual charity return improves perhaps the charity sector and transparency will also improve](#)

[CRA publishes new web page on “How to get information about a charity”](#)

[New Transparency in Ontario for Non-Profits to be released in next few months](#)

[Finance Memo on Registered Charities - Political Activities, Foreign Funding and Transparency](#)

[Which Canadian Charities Spent Money on “political activities” and how much did they spend](#)

[So how much do Canadian charities receive from foreign sources according to the T3010 Returns?](#)

[Transparency - What can the Charities Directorate of CRA disclose about registered charities?](#)

[How accurate are the T3010 charity returns when it comes to political activities?](#)

[How to Decide Which Charity to Support](#)

[Community Foundations of Canada 2013 Conference in Winnipeg -some interesting stats](#)

[CRA publishes new web page on “How to get information about a charity”](#)

[CRA releases new T3010 \(13\) for registered charities with fiscal year ends after January 1, 2013](#)

[List of Ontario Non-Profit Corporations finally revealed for the first time](#)

[Who are the Canadian environmental charities?](#)

[Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Municipal Governments in 2012?](#)

[Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Provincial Governments in 2012?](#)

[Which Charities Received the Most Money from the Federal Government – 2012?](#)

[Largest Gifts from Canadian Charities to other Qualified Donees - 2012](#)

[Which Canadian Private Foundations had the largest total expenditures in 2013-2015?](#)

[More from the T3010-13 on political activities](#)

[Latest statistics on “abusive charity gifting tax schemes”](#)

[Some simple and free steps to increase your Canadian registered charity’s transparency](#)

[CRA released it’s 2018 T3010 annual return form for Canadian registered charities](#)

[Corporations Canada has made a giant leap forward in increasing transparency of Federal corporations](#)

[Top Canadian Charity Law Issues by Mark Blumberg – For Charity Village – March 2018](#)

[Key statistics on Canada’s charity and non-profit sector](#)

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[Largest Gifts from Canadian Charities to all other Qualified Donees – 2020](#)

[Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from Provincial Governments in 2020?](#)

[Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from Municipal Governments in 2020?](#)

[Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from the Federal government in 2020?](#)

[Canadian Soccer Association not filing financial statements with Corporations Canada as required by the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act \(“CNCA”\)](#)

[Canadian Federal Non-Profit Corporations under the CNCA need to ensure that they do their filings](#)

[Which Canadian charities spent money on foreign activities in 2020 and how much did they spend?](#)

[Key statistics on Canada’s charity and non-profit sector 2023](#)

[List of municipal or public bodies performing a function of government in Canada has increased to 555](#)

[How much did the largest Canadian private foundations spend in 2018, 2019 and 2020? CRA's list of RCAAAs](#)

Limitations and Caveats

There are a number of cautions in dealing with the information from the T3010. You can access the CRA Charities Listing database directly on the CRA website at: www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/list-charities/list-charities-other-qualified-donees.html. As well, Blumbergs also maintains Canada's largest charity information portal at www.CharityData.ca with up to 20 years of information on every Canadian registered charity. The portal is free, and the aim is to increase transparency in the Canadian charity sector. With CRA removing over 10 years' worth of information from the Charities Listing, www.CharityData.ca has far more years available. Currently CRA is only providing 5 years historical information on each charity.

- 1) The data in this note is based on the 2023 T3010 Registered Charity Information Return filings. Although all charities are supposed to file their T3010 within six months of their fiscal year end, some charities file late or do not file at all and then will lose their charitable status. Depending on the data set from CRA, not every charity may have filed their T3010 or been inputted yet.
- 2) Registered charities complete the T3010, and one person signs the form. The T3010 information is not independently verified by CRA when it is posted on the CRA site or placed in the CRA database.
- 3) Although an important legal document, the T3010 is often completed by volunteers or others who may have little understanding of the nuances of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), limited language skills, may not have easy access to the correct information or are in a hurry to file the form to avoid deregistration. In the case of larger institutions, it is typically accountants or finance staff who prepare the T3010. One would expect greater accuracy with the larger institutions. However, as they also tend to be more complicated and involve bigger numbers, the likelihood of a significant inaccuracy in their T3010 filings is great.
- 4) The T3010s are filed with CRA and in many cases need to be coded by hand at CRA which can also introduce mistakes. Only a small number of T3010s have 2D bar code technology which can eliminate most processing errors on CRA's part. Canadian charities can, as of June 2019, electronically file the T3010 which does reduce errors and speed up the time that T3010 data is processed and available to the public. All charities should be filing their T3010's electronically using the [CRA MyBA system](#).
- 5) In some cases, those completing the T3010 for a charity are deliberately deceptive when completing the T3010. For example, an organization knows that it has substantial fundraising expenses but chooses to put them under charitable activities. Or an organization claims pharmaceuticals that it can purchase for \$50,000 are really worth \$50 million.
- 6) Don't rely on any of this information without checking with the charity and appropriate due diligence as required.
- 7) The T3010 is a tax form which is supposed to be completed according to guidance provided by the CRA in [Guide Completing the Registered Charity Information Return \(T-4033\)](#) and also various other CRA guidances and policies. The information inputted may not conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and often the numbers will not match what is in a financial statement. You can obtain copies of financial statements, whether audited or not, on any registered charity by requesting the financial statements from CRA. These financial statements are filed with CRA but not placed on the CRA website and they can sometimes add further information. Charities are not required to post their financial statements on their website, but charities should put up at least the last 5 years financial statements to make it easier for donors and the public to access them.

8) Some questions on the T3010 are more prone to error than others. Some questions are complicated, while others are quite straightforward. Some matters are easily quantifiable, like value of official donation receipts, while others require allocation and other subjective measurements. Some questions, like revenue, are answered by almost every charity and if a charity makes a mistake, the likelihood is that such a mistake will not have much impact on the bigger picture. On the other hand, to take a historical example some numbers like political expenditures by Canadian charities are often incorrectly completed and even one or two charities by mistakenly inserting large numbers in this category can distort the picture. With the 2012 numbers, the top six organizations listing political expenditures appear to be all mistakes. This seems to have inflated the numbers by about 1000%. You can see my article [“Did the University of Windsor spend \\$285 million on political activities in 2012”](#). For 2013, the political numbers were \$171 million on the T3010. If one reviews the actual organizations, the number is probably about \$26 million. For 2017, the number is \$28 million. For 2018, the number is \$30 million. Unfortunately, today the CRA does not ask any questions about political activities of Canadian charities.

9) The T3010 asks certain questions. Many [important questions](#) are not asked on the T3010. Relying on the T3010 to make decisions on whether a charity is efficient or worthwhile to support is prone to failure. We have established a website at www.SmartGiving.ca which discusses in detail questions donors may want to ask before donating to charity.

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