



CHARTWELL ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

TAX FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Chartwell Asset Management is pleased to announce that we are now offering Tax Free Savings Accounts to our clients. Revenue Canada is calling Tax Free Savings Accounts “The single most important personal savings vehicle since the introduction of the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).”

The new Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) is a flexible, registered general-purpose savings vehicle that allows Canadians to earn tax-free income to more easily meet lifetime savings needs.

As of January 1, 2009, Canadian residents aged 18 years or older can contribute up to \$5,000 per year to a TFSA regardless of their earned income. Contributions will not be tax-deductible, but any investment within the TFSA will grow tax-free and all withdrawals are tax-free and can be used for any purpose. Any unused contribution room can be carried forward to future years and any amount withdrawn from a TFSA can be re-contributed in a future year without reducing contribution room.

Neither income earned within a TFSA nor withdrawals from it affect eligibility for federal income-tested benefits and credits, such as Old Age Security, the Guaranteed Income Supplement, and the Canada Child Tax Benefit. Funds can be given to a spouse or common-law partner for them to invest in their TFSA and can generally be transferred to a spouse or common-law partner upon death.

The TFSA complements existing registered savings plans like the Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP) and the Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP).

Please contact your Advisor to find out how the new Tax Free Savings Accounts works best for your portfolio.