

## **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) 2014 T1213 (Application to Reduce Taxes at Source)**

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Subject: Attention Ministry Personnel regarding Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) 2014 T1213 (Application to Reduce Taxes at Source).

Dear Colleagues

At least two of you are going through the process of having your 2014 T1213 (application to reduce taxes at source) rejected by tax authorities despite the fact that you qualify.

I know that many of our ministry personnel are having the same experience.

As you know, an approved T1213 is needed before a local treasurer or our own HR folks can adjust tax withholding.

Note that the article below talks about improving "probability" of getting an approval. Even if you do all the paperwork, there remains the possibility of the application being rejected based on one's recent tax filing history and other factors.

My advice remains unchanged. Jump the hoops if the amount in question is essential to you. In general though - it may not be worth the hassle and one gets the refund at tax time instead. Protesting this with the CRA falls on deaf ears as they pursue a broad effort to simplify and streamline exception processing. I won't give up, but I don't expect any progress either.

Note: all ministry personnel should be in a position to provide a job description and an ordination certificate in the event their T1223 Clergy Residence Deduction is audited. Currently one does not need to submit this form with a tax filing but it needs to be available for review.

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