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Designation of an Exempt Contribution – Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)

Use this version of the form if the survivor payment was received on or after January 1, 2026. If the survivor payment was received prior to January 1, 2026, use the December 2025 version of the **Form RC240 E (12-25)**.

Fill out this form if you are the recipient of a **survivor payment** and you wish to contribute all or a portion of it to your own TFSA, designating the contribution as an **exempt contribution**. You do not have to fill out this form if you have become the **successor holder** of the TFSA of your deceased spouse or common-law partner. This form will help you determine the maximum amount that may be designated as an exempt contribution. Contact the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to find out whether you can still make a designation if any of the conditions below apply to you. Many of the terms used on this form are defined on the back.

Generally, no amount of the survivor payment may be designated as an exempt contribution if any of the following applies:

- the deceased holder had an excess TFSA amount at the time of death
- payments are being received by more than one survivor
- the survivor payment or the contribution, or both, is made after the rollover period

Note:

If survivor payment or contribution is received after the Rollover Period due to extenuating circumstances, you may submit this completed form, along with a letter explaining the details of your situation to the TFSA Processing Unit.

For more information on the excess TFSA amount, or how to determine if an excess TFSA amount exists in the deceased's TFSA, go to **canada.ca/tfsa**.

If the deceased holder had more than one TFSA, you will have to fill out a separate form to designate the contribution of each amount received, from any of the deceased holder's TFSAs, as an **exempt contribution**.

Once you have filled out Part 3, enter the amount you want to designate in Part 4.

Send this filled out form to us within **30 days** after the date the contribution listed in Part 4 is made, or at a later time as permitted by the Minister to:

Canada Revenue Agency
TFSA Processing Unit
Sudbury Tax Centre
PO Box 20000, Station A
Sudbury ON P3A 5C1

Canada Revenue Agency
TFSA Processing Unit
Winnipeg Tax Centre
PO Box 14000, Station Main
Winnipeg MB R3C 3M2

Part 1 – Survivor TFSA holder information (print)

Last name	First name and initials		Social insurance number
Address	City	Province or Territory	Postal code

Part 2 – Deceased TFSA holder information (print)

Last name	First name and initials		Social insurance number
Address	City	Province or Territory	Postal code
Name of TFSA Issuer	TFSA contract number		Date of holder's death Y Y Y Y M M D D

Part 3 – Calculation of the amount that may be designated as an exempt contribution

Date the survivor payment was received: Year Month Day

Amount of the survivor payment received:

Total survivor payments received to date from the TFSA entered in Part 2		1
Total of any previous designations related to the payments on line 1	–	2
Line 1 **minus** line 2	=	3

However, if the deceased holder had an excess TFSA amount and you received the authorization from the CRA to designate an amount, the CRA will make the necessary adjustments and send you a letter confirming the amounts exempted.

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Part 4 – Designation of exempt contribution and certification

Enter the amount from line 3 in Part 3. _____

This is the maximum amount that can be designated as an exempt contribution, unless the deceased TFSA holder had an excess TFSA amount.
If this is the case, the CRA will make the necessary adjustment and send you a letter confirming the amounts exempted.

I designate the following amounts as an exempt contribution to a TFSA of which I am the holder.

	Year Month Day	Amount of exempt contribution	Survivor TFSA contract number
Date the exempt contribution was made:			
Date the exempt contribution was made:			
Date the exempt contribution was made:			

Certification

I certify that the information given on this form is correct and complete.

Survivor's signature _____ Year Month Day _____ Telephone number _____

Personal information (including the SIN) is collected and used to administer or enforce the Income Tax Act and related programs and activities including administering tax, benefits, audit, compliance, and collection. The information collected may be disclosed to other federal, provincial, territorial, aboriginal, or foreign government institutions to the extent authorized by law. Failure to provide this information may result in paying interest or penalties, or in other actions. Under the Privacy Act, individuals have a right of protection, access to and correction of their personal information, and to file a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding the handling of their personal information. Refer to Personal Information Bank CRA PPU 054 on Info Source at **canada.ca/cra-info-source**.

Definitions

Excess TFSA amount – the total of all contributions made by the holder to all their TFSAs at or before a particular time in the calendar year, **excluding** a qualifying transfer or an exempt contribution.

Minus:

- the holder's unused TFSA contribution room at the end of the preceding calendar year
- the total of all withdrawals from the holder's TFSA in the preceding calendar year, other than a qualifying transfer or a specified distribution
- for a resident of Canada at any time in the year, the TFSA dollar limit for the calendar year; for any other case, nil
- the total of all withdrawals made in the calendar year from all of the holder's TFSAs, other than a qualifying transfer or a specified distribution, or the portion of the withdrawal that is more than the excess TFSA amount determined at that time

Exempt contribution – a contribution made during the rollover period and designated as exempt by the survivor on prescribed **Form RC240, Designation of an Exempt Contribution – Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)**, in connection with a payment received from the deceased holder's TFSA.

Holder – the individual who entered into the TFSA arrangement and, after the death of the holder, the individual's spouse or common-law partner (the survivor) if designated as the successor holder of the TFSA. The surviving spouse or common law partner can designate a subsequent survivor as their successor holder.

Qualifying transfer – a direct transfer between a holder's TFSAs, or a direct transfer between a holder's TFSA and the TFSA of their current or former spouse or common-law partner if the transfer relates to payments under a decree, order, or judgement of a competent tribunal, or under a written agreement relating to a division of property in settlement of rights arising from the breakdown of their relationship and they are living separate and apart at the time of the transfer.

Rollover period – the period that begins when the TFSA holder dies and ends at the end of the calendar year that follows the year of death.

Specified distribution – a distribution from a TFSA to the extent that it is, or is reasonably attributable to, an amount that is any of the following:

- an advantage
- specified non-qualified investment income
- income that is taxable in a TFSA trust
- income earned on excess contributions or non-resident contributions

A specified distribution does not create or increase unused TFSA contribution room in the following year, nor does it reduce or eliminate an excess TFSA amount.

Successor TFSA holder – in provinces or territories that permit a TFSA beneficiary designation, a successor TFSA holder is a spouse or common-law partner of the holder at the time of death, designated by the deceased as the successor TFSA holder of the TFSA, who acquires all of the rights of the TFSA holder under the arrangement including the right to revoke any beneficiary designation. This spouse or common-law partner becomes the new account holder.

Survivor – an individual who is, immediately before the TFSA holder's death, a spouse or common-law partner of the holder.

Note
A survivor may designate a successor holder (for example, a new spouse or common-law partner of the survivor in case of remarriage of the survivor). A successor holder designation is effective only if it is recognized under applicable provincial or territorial law and the successor holder acquired all of the survivor's rights as holder, including the right to revoke any previous beneficiary designation made by the survivor in relation to the TFSA.

Survivor payment – a payment received by a survivor during the rollover period, as a consequence of the holder's death, directly or indirectly out of or under an arrangement that ceased to be a TFSA because of the holder's death.

If you need more information regarding distributions or payments, go to **canada.ca/tfsa**.

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