



Home Renovation Tax Credit (HRTC)

The Home Renovation Tax Credit is a non-refundable tax credit based on eligible expenses for improvements to your house, condo or cottage. It can be claimed on your 2009 income tax return and applies to work performed or goods acquired after January 27, 2009, and before February 1, 2010.

And eligible dwelling is a home that you own, either alone, or with a partner, with the purpose of living in that dwelling, and either you, your spouse or common-law, or you or your spouse's children must inhabit the home during the renovation period.

The HRTC applies to eligible expenses of more than \$1,000, but not more than \$10,000, resulting in a non-refundable tax credit of 15%, for a maximum of \$1,350.

Examples of eligible expenses

- Renovating a kitchen, bathroom, or basement
- Windows and doors
- New flooring - carpet, linoleum, hardwood, floating laminate, etc.
- New furnace, woodstove, boiler, fireplace, water softener, water heater, or oil tank
- Central air conditioner
- Permanent reverse osmosis systems
- Electrical wiring in the home (e.g., changing from 100 amp to 200 amp service)
- Home security system (monthly fees do not qualify)
- Painting the interior or exterior of a house
- Building an addition, garage, deck, garden/storage shed, or fence
- Re-shingling a roof
- A new driveway or resurfacing a driveway
- Permanent swimming pools (in ground and above ground)
- Permanent hot tub and installation costs
- Solar heaters and heat pumps for pools (does not include solar blankets)
- Landscaping: new sod, perennial shrubs and flowers, trees, large rocks, permanent garden lighting, permanent water fountain, permanent ponds, large permanent garden ornaments
- Retaining wall
- Associated costs such as installation, building plans, permits, professional services, equipment rentals, and incidental expenses
- Fixtures - blinds, shades, shutters, lights, ceiling fans, etc.

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