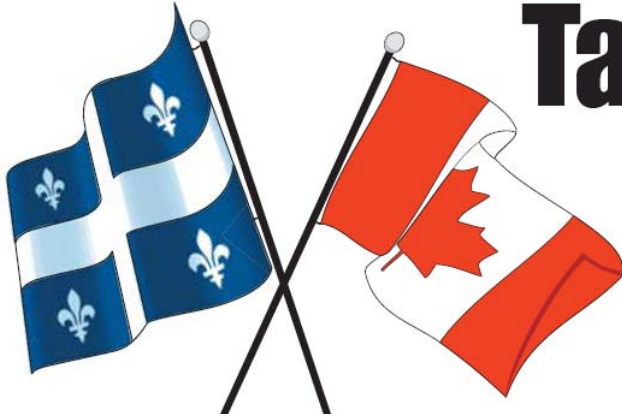




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The Canadian Home Renovation Tax Credit (HRTC) is a non-refundable tax credit for work performed or goods acquired in respect of an eligible dwelling after January 27, 2009, and before February 1, 2010. The credit is only available for the 2009 tax year and applies to eligible expenditures of more than \$1,000, but not more than \$10,000, resulting in a maximum credit of \$1,350 ($\$9,000 \times 15\%$). To be eligible, expenditures incurred in relation to a renovation or alteration to an eligible dwelling (or the land that forms part of the eligible dwelling) must be of an enduring nature and integral to the dwelling, and includes the cost of labour and professional services, building materials, fixtures, rentals, and permits.

Eligible expenditures must be supported by acceptable documentation. Stoves, fireplaces, and furnaces qualify for the HRTC.

For more information, consult the official web site of the HRTC at : <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/gncy/bdgt/2009/fqhmrnvtn-eng.html>

Guidelines provided on the Flame web site are of general nature. Home owners are responsible for consulting the Revenue Canada's Agency's web site for complete details and eligibility requirements pertaining to the HRTC.

In Quebec, the refundable tax credit for home improvements or renovations applies to eligible expenses incurred under a residential renovation agreement entered into in 2009 for home improvements or renovations. You must own an eligible residential unit located in Quebec. You must have the qualifying work for improvement or renovation carried out at your principal place of residence by a qualified contractor hired under the terms of an agreement entered into after December 31st, 2008, and before January 1st, 2010. The expenses incurred to carry out the work must be paid not later than June 30, 2010.

The tax credit is equal to 20% of the eligible expenses in excess of 7,500\$. The maximum of eligible expenses is 20,000\$ for a maximum credit of 2,500\$ ($20,000\$ - 7,500\$ = 12,500\$ \times 20\% = 2,500\$$).

Stoves, fireplaces, and furnaces are eligible for the tax credit.

For more information, please consult the Internet site of the ministère des Finances at:

<http://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/en/index.asp>

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