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## Preparing for tax season - you'll need your tax slip

With tax season approaching, we would like to remind you of some important information and key dates related to your LAPP pension tax slip.

Before January 25, 2022, please log in to *Your Pension Profile* at [LAPP.ca](https://www.lapp.ca) to confirm your communication preference, as well as your mailing and email address (as applicable).

- If your preference is set as "**Go Green**", your tax slip will be provided online only.
  - As soon as your tax slip is ready, you will receive a notification email telling you to log in to access your document.
- If your preference is set as "**Mail**", your tax slip will be mailed to the address in our system as at January 25, in addition to being provided online.

- Please note that mailed tax slips can take up to March 15 to arrive.
- Your tax slip will be available online in *Your Pension Profile* the first week of February.

The fastest way to receive your tax slip is to log in to *Your Pension Profile* at [LAPP.ca](https://www.lapp.ca), where it will be available to download, save and print starting the first week of February, regardless of your communication preference.

We have made improvements to the registration and log-in process. Recalling your 10-digit Member ID is no longer your only option for securely verifying your identity.

### How do I know if I'm signed up for electronic documents (Go Green) or mailed documents?

An easy way to tell is if a printed copy of this newsletter came to you in the mail, you will likely receive your tax slip by mail.

## Cost-of-living adjustment increases LAPP pension

In 2022, a Cost of Living Adjustment (also known as COLA) will increase your pension by **1.56%**. The increase will automatically be applied, beginning with your January payment. All retirees with a retirement date in December 2020 or earlier will receive a full cost of living adjustment. Those with a retirement date between January 1 and December 1, 2021, will receive a prorated adjustment.

As set out in Plan legislation, COLA is paid to retirees each year based on 60 per cent of the increase in the Alberta Consumer Price Index (ACPI), as reported by Statistics Canada. The ACPI measures the change in the price of a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by Albertans. To read more about COLA and how it is calculated, please go to [LAPP.ca](https://www.lapp.ca).



## 2022 pension payment dates for retirees

Your pension is payable on the second-last banking day of each month, except in December when payments are made before December 25.

Your pension will be paid as follows in 2022:

January 28	July 28
February 25	August 30
March 30	September 29
April 28	October 28
May 30	November 29
June 29	December 22

If you do not receive your pension, please contact us at **1-877-649-5277**.

## Keep your information up to date by going online

Keeping your personal information up to date with LAPP can be a big help at an important time. LAPP is able to provide you with the timeliest information about your pension when your contact information, pension beneficiaries, and pension partner status are accurate.

To review and change your personal information, all you need to do is register/log in to *Your Pension Profile*, the secure area of [LAPP.ca](https://www.lapp.ca), by clicking "Login" in the top right corner of the site.

From *Your Pension Profile*, you can:

- Access your **annual statements**
- Access your pension plan **tax slips**
- Update your **banking and direct deposit information**
- Update your **contact information**, including **mailing and email address**
- Change your **communications preference**
- View and update your chosen **beneficiary(ies)**
- **Submit documents/forms** or **request information** using Secure Messages

## Retirement income & tax planning considerations

Your annual income can change, even in retirement, and this can have an impact on your income taxes. If you worked part-time, have started collecting Old Age Security (OAS) or Canada Pension Plan (CPP), or are finding you owe taxes each year, you may want to adjust the amount of tax taken off your pension.

When setting up your pension benefit payments, we have assumed your only source of income is your LAPP pension

and any other pensions paid by APS, LAPP's pension benefit administration service provider.

For more information, visit the "Tax Deductions" tab at [LAPP.ca/IncomeTaxes](https://lapp.ca/IncomeTaxes). There you can view a list of the other pensions paid by APS and access the federal and/or provincial TD1 form you will need to submit if you wish to change your tax deductions or exemptions.

## Congratulations to our website contest winners

The winners from our most recent contest are sure are happy they took the time to visit the LAPP website to check out what's new! We offered members and retirees a chance to win an iPad or Apple Watch by telling us how [LAPP.ca](https://lapp.ca) and our new secure section, *Your Pension Profile*, are meeting your needs.



**Anna King**, of Red Deer, Alberta, is the delighted winner of an Apple iPad Air. Her name was drawn from the 19,362 total responses to our survey, which was almost three times the number of responses we received last year!

Anna works in the educational sector at a local college and has proudly worked for LAPP-participating employers throughout her 30+ year career. Anna tells us she loves LAPP's mascot, Benny, and the playful approach he brings to pensions - an otherwise complex topic - and that she can't wait to explore the LAPP website and *Your Pension Profile* account on her new gold iPad!



**Kimberly Jensen**, of Spruce Grove, Alberta, is the lucky winner of a Samsung smart watch, chosen in place of the Apple Watch prize offered. Her name was drawn from the 12,609 responses correctly answering that Ben E. Fit is the full name of LAPP's mascot, Benny.

Kimberly, a registered nurse, retired this fall after spending her entire 34-year career working at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. Kimberly's husband also recently retired, and together they are looking forward to exploring the east coast of Canada and spending more time enjoying their gorgeous backyard, all year-round. We wish you all the best and a very happy retirement.

Congratulations to both of our winners and thank you to everyone who participated in the survey held between August 16 and September 30, 2021. Your valuable feedback and survey responses will help shape the ongoing work and updates we do to ensure our members are *Always a LAPP Ahead*. Be sure to check out the website often and get in on future contests.

## LAPP members provide valuable feedback on our website



**19,362**  
TOTAL SURVEY  
RESPONSES



**96%**  
WILL RETURN TO  
THE WEBSITE

### Top liked website features:

- Accessing my personal information
- Calculators
- Information on the site

### Top suggested website improvements:

- Add live chat
- Log-in process
- Add Webinars



## It's all on our website

Whether you want learn more about how your COLA is calculated or just catch up on the financial status of the Plan, you will find it all on the LAPP website at [LAPP.ca](https://lapp.ca). You can read reports online, look at our news updates, or login to *Your Pension Profile*, the secure new section where you can view/update your personal pension details.

## Contact Us

For information about your pension, please contact the Member Services Centre directly at:

**Phone:** 1-877-649-5277

**Secure Messages:**

Accessible from *Your Pension Profile* – just click “Login” in the top right corner at [LAPP.ca](https://lapp.ca)

## Ensuring you are *Always a LAPP Ahead*

LAPP is committed to providing members with easy-to-understand pension and Plan information on a regular basis. If you have thoughts on how this newsletter or other communications can be improved, please send an email to [news@lapp.ca](mailto:news@lapp.ca).