

# ***Conscience Canada Peace Tax Return 200-***

**If you work  
for peace...**



**stop paying  
for war.**

**Affirm your refusal to pay for war.  
Redirect a symbolic part of your military taxes  
OR  
Redirect all your military taxes.**

## Peace Tax Return

### Personal Information

Name														
Address														
City	Prov./Terr.	Postal code												
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Phone	Email													

As your Social Insurance Number (SIN) is your Canada Revenue Agency account number, you might wish to add your SIN to the paper copy going to the CRA in the space below. Do not divulge your SIN to others.

### Option A: Declaration of Conscience

- I am a conscientious objector to paying taxes for war.
- I claim the right of conscience under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* to insist that none of my taxes be used in the preparation for, or execution of, war. Nonetheless I believe in paying all my taxes.
- I object to having my taxes conscripted to pay for capital-intensive modern warfare.
- I request that legislation be enacted to create a government controlled Peace Fund, to be used only for peaceful purposes, into which all my taxes may be deposited.
- I believe that non-military peace building initiatives are more effective and more cost effective, and will not offend my conscience.
- Please recognize my human right to exercise my conscientious objection to war by ensuring that none of my taxes are used for military purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Option B: Declaration of Conscience and Redirection of Part or All of Military Taxes

- I am a conscientious objector to paying taxes for war.
- I claim the right of conscience under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* to insist that none of my taxes be used in the preparation of, or execution of, war.
- I object to having my taxes conscripted to pay for capital-intensive modern warfare.
- I believe in paying all of my taxes but on grounds of conscience I am:
  - diverting JES%, the military portion of owed federal tax for tax year 200J, to the Peace Tax Trust Fund of Conscience Canada until such time as legislation permits me to place it in a government controlled fund to be used only for peaceful purposes.
  - diverting a symbolic portion of owed federal tax, \$\_\_\_\_\_, to Conscience Canada's Peace Tax Trust Fund until such time as legislation permits me to place my taxes in a government controlled fund to be used only for peaceful purposes.
- I believe that non-military peace building initiatives are more effective and more cost effective, and will not offend my conscience.
- Please recognize my human right to exercise my conscientious objection to war by ensuring that none of my taxes are used for military purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Encl: Copy of cheque to Conscience Canada Peace Tax Trust Fund, Copy of letter to Minister of Finance

# THE PEACE TAX RETURN: A Declaration of Objection to Military Taxes

*This form is for those who **object to military spending on grounds of conscience or principle** and wish to declare their objection to the Canadian government. Although this is not an official Income Tax and Benefit Return form, it is not an offense to use it, and we are not aware of any criminal charges against any of the 1,000+ Canadians who have expressed conscientious objection to military taxation since Conscience Canada began in 1978. For information on likely consequences, please see our website [www.consciencecanada.ca](http://www.consciencecanada.ca)*

## Instructions for Option A

Option A is for those who have no tax payable, have a refund coming, or do not wish to redirect their military taxes but still want to register their objection to paying for war.

- Sign and date your Option A declaration of objection to military taxation.
- Mail it to the Minister of Finance, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6.
- Notify Conscience Canada by mail or email.

### It will strengthen your message if you:

- Send a letter to the Minister of Finance along with your declaration, explaining why you wish to have your taxes supporting peace rather than killing. We offer a sample letter on page 4.
- Send copies of your letter to the Minister of Revenue, to all Party Leaders, to Bill Siksay MP (the sponsor of a bill regarding conscientious objection to military taxation), your MP, and Conscience Canada. Contact information can be found at [www.consciencecanada.ca](http://www.consciencecanada.ca) or call 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232) for government contact information.
- Become a member of Conscience Canada, by sending a cheque for \$10 to Conscience Canada, 901-70 Mill Street, Toronto, ON M5A 4R1.

## Instructions for Option B

Option B is for those who wish to redirect all or part of their military taxes.

- After completing your official Income Tax form down to Balance Owing, go back to the Net Federal Tax Line and calculate J.G% (Department of National Defense expenditures in 200J) of the amount you entered on this line. Deduct that amount (the J.G%) from your cheque to be sent to the Receiver General. If you have chosen to divert a **symbolic** sum, deduct the symbolic amount you have chosen if you have tax owing.
- Write a cheque for the amount you are diverting to "Conscience Canada Peace Tax Trust Fund" and send it to Conscience Canada, 901-70 Mill Street, Toronto, ON M5A 4R1. **Conscience Canada will hold this money in trust and will return it to you at any time at your request.**
- Make two photocopies of the cheque to Conscience Canada: one to send to CRA and one for your records.
- Write a letter to the Minister of Finance explaining why you wish to have your taxes supporting peace rather than killing. Revise the sample on the following page so that it speaks for you.
- After signing and dating the declaration in Option B, attach the following to your Income Tax and Benefit Return: the Peace Tax Return, the photocopy of the cheque, and a copy of your letter to the Minister of Finance. Send to your Tax Centre or Tax Services Office.
- Send a copy of your Peace Tax Return along with your letter to the Minister of Finance. We also encourage you to send copies of your letter to all Party Leaders, to Bill Siksay MP (the sponsor of a bill regarding conscientious objection to military taxation), your MP, and Conscience Canada. Contact information can be found at [www.consciencecanada.ca](http://www.consciencecanada.ca) or call 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232) for government contact information.

IF E-FILING your tax return, mail the Peace Tax Return, the photocopy of the cheque, and a copy of the letter you wrote to the Minister of Finance to the Tax Centre or Tax Services Office nearest you.

Go to [www.consciencecanada.ca](http://www.consciencecanada.ca) for addresses of tax offices."

