RETIREMENT SAVINGS COMPARISON TABLE

	Non-Registered Investments	Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs)	Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs)
Annual contribution limit	None	\$5,500/yr. (not based on income earned)	18% of last year's earned income to a maximum of \$25,370 for 2016
Carry forward of unused room	n/a	Yes	Yes
Monthly penalty on over contribution	n/a	1% per month	1% per month
Tax-deductible contribution	No	No	Yes
Tax-sheltered growth	No	Yes – tax free	Yes – tax deferred
Taxable on withdrawal	Realized capital gains, plus regular interest/dividends	No	Fully taxable
Withdrawals add to contribution room?	n/a	Yes – can recontribute the following year	No
Impacts federal income tested benefits/credits (OAS, for example)	Yes	No	Yes
Minimum age to contribute	No	Yes – age 18	No
Maximum age to contribute	No	No	Yes – end of year at age 71
Interest deductible on loan to invest	Yes	No	No
Assets available for use as collateral for a loan	Yes	Yes	No
Tax-free transfer to spouse on death	Yes	Yes – if spouse is the successor	Yes
Tax-free transfer to next generation on death	No	Yes – investment income after death is taxable	No – unless financially dependent

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