

Supporting Canadian Innovation

The SR&ED Tax Incentive Program

The CRA's Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Tax Incentive Program is the largest Government of Canada program supporting research and development (R&D) in Canada.

\$3 billion
in tax incentives

16,000
businesses annually

What are the SR&ED tax incentives?



a deduction against net income for income tax purposes



an investment tax credit (ITC) that can be non-refundable or refundable

How your business can benefit from SR&ED tax incentives

If you are doing SR&ED work, you can use your pool of deductible SR&ED expenditures to:



reduce your net income for tax purposes in the current year



deduct them in a future year

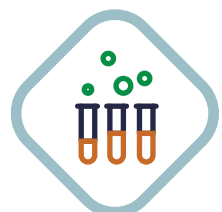
- Your ITCs will be at least 15% and can be 35% of your qualified SR&ED expenditures.
- You can use the ITCs to reduce your income tax payable for the year.
- If you have any remaining ITCs in the current year, you may be eligible to get a refund.
- If you have any current year unused ITCs, you can carry them back 3 years or forward 20 years.

Find out if you can claim SR&ED tax incentives

To earn the SR&ED tax incentives, your work must meet two requirements:



the work is conducted for the advancement of scientific knowledge or for achieving a technological advancement (the why)



the work is a systematic investigation or search in a field of science or technology by experiment or analysis (the how)



Businesses must disclose any financial assistance they receive for SR&ED work, as it could impact the amount of their qualifying expenditures. This includes any government or non-government assistance.

What type of work is eligible?

Work categories



Basic research



Applied research



Experimental development

Support work

- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Design
- ✓ Operations research
- ✓ Mathematical analysis
- ✓ Computer programming
- ✓ Data collection
- ✓ Testing
- ✓ Psychological research

Helping you assess whether your R&D work is eligible

Use our Self-Assessment and Learning Tool (SALT) to find out in around 30 minutes whether your work may be eligible for SR&ED tax incentives. It also allows you to:



- estimate the credits you may be eligible to earn
- understand what you need to complete a claim
- identify the records you may need to support your claim
- request to speak with an SR&ED specialist

We're here to help!



Pre-claim consultation

Speak with an SR&ED specialist to learn more about the program and its requirements.



Outreach events

Sign up for a virtual webinar or in-person information session to get an overview of the SR&ED Tax Incentive Program.



First-Time Claimant Advisory Service

If you are a new claimant, meet with an SR&ED specialist to learn more about the program and its requirements.