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For more on income tax information for students, visit CANADA REVENUE AGENCY website at: [http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdlis/sgrmts/stdnts/menun-eng.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdlis/sgrmts/stdnts/menun-eng.html)

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### T2202A/T4A - Tax Certificates - 2016

**When and Where to Access your Certificates**

T220A and T4A will be available beginning **FEBRUARY 28, 2017**.

They are ONLY available online through Mosaic / Student Centre / Finances section / “other financial” drop-down menu / T220A/T4A. Select which certificate you want, the year and print. Make sure your pop-up blockers are disabled!

**Troubleshooting**

If you are still having difficulties, contact UTS Service Desk: uts@mcmaster.ca or 905-525-9140 x 24357.

Do you need certificates prior to 2016? Only 2010-2015 years are available. 2009 and prior are no longer available and cannot be obtained.

**Public Transit Tax Credit**

The amount you claim for the public transit tax credit from your BUS PASS should represent the entire 2016 year.

**FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES:**

Claim

- **$69.33** (Jan – Apr 2016)
- **$75.40** (Sept – Dec 2016)
- **$144.73 total claim**

If you were a full-time student in the 2016-2017 academic year, your HSR pass amount of $150.80 represents the cost of travel from Sept ‘16 through Apr ‘17 (8 months). However, you can only claim ½ (the amount that represents 2016 – Fall term). The half that represents Jan-Apr ’17 term will need to be saved for your 2017 income tax. **Half of the ’16-’17 HSR charge is $75.40.** If you were a full-time student in the previous 2015-2016 academic year, you can only claim the ½ that represents Jan ’16 to Apr’16 term (4 months). **Half of the ’15-’16 HSR charge was $69.33**

**FULL-TIME GRADUATES**

Claim

- **$121.80** (Jan-Aug 2016)
- **$66.22** (Sept-Dec 2016)
- **$188.02 total claim**

If you were a full-time student in the 2016-2017 academic year, your HSR pass amount of $198.66 represents the cost of travel from Sept ’16 through Aug ’17 (12 months). However, you can only claim 1/3 (the amount that represents 2016 – Fall term). The 2/3 representing Jan-Aug ’17 will need to be saved for your 2017 income tax.

**One third the ’16-’17 HSR charge is $66.22.** If you were a full-time student in the previous 2015-2016 academic year, you can only claim the two thirds representing 2016 (Jan-Aug -8 months). Two thirds of the ’15-’16 HSR charge was $120.80.

**Residence**

It is important to understand the fees you pay for residence are NOT “rent” and so cannot be claimed as such on your tax return.

**Textbooks Credit**

You can claim the textbook amount only if you are eligible to claim the education amount. If you are,

Claim **$65** for each month you qualify for the full-time education amount.
Claim **$20** for each month you qualify for the part-time education amount.