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Comparison chart for Capital Accumulation Plans

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Retirement and savings plans, broadly referred to as Capital Accumulation Plans (CAPs), are subject to different types of legislation, the terms of which can vary greatly from one jurisdiction to the next.

This chart and its related inserts enable a straightforward comparison of the different types of arrangements. The chart provides information on plans that have the same provisions nationwide – group RRSPs, group structured RRSPs, Deferred Profit Sharing Plans (DPSPs) and Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs). Inserts outline the provisions for Defined Contribution pension plans for each jurisdiction in Canada, as established in provincial pension legislation and the federal **Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985** (PBSA), limited only to post-reform membership.

While they do provide an overview of how the various plans work, the chart and inserts are not meant to provide an exhaustive level of detail. Additional information can be found in the Summary of pension legislation and on the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website at www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/rgstrd/menu-eng.html

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Comparison of various Capital Accumulation Plans

	Group RRSP	Group structured RRSP
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, usually sponsored by an employer, to help employees save for retirement.	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to encourage shared (employee and employer) retirement savings.
Participation	Voluntary	Voluntary or compulsory, as per plan rules
	Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join	Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join
Contributions	Made by employee only	Made by employee and employer
	 Any amount up to the unused RRSP contribution room reported on the employee's RRSP Deduction Limit Statement included in the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) latest Notice of Assessment 	 Any amount up to the unused RRSP contribution room reported on the employee's RRSP Deduction Limit Statement included in the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) latest Notice of Assessment
	May be suspended or terminated	May be suspended or terminated
	The RRSP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$29,210 and 18% of the previous year's earned income.	The RRSP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$29,210 and 18% of the previous year's earned income.
	Proposed increases to the dollar limit:	Proposed increases to the dollar limit:
	2023 \$30,780	2023 \$30,780
Income splitting	Employer may allow spousal RRSP accounts.	Employer may allow spousal RRSP accounts.
Tax treatment of:	• Tax deductible for the employee	• Tax deductible for the employee
employee contributions, if any	Contributions deducted from pay before income tax	Contributions deducted from pay before income tax
employer contributions, if any	Employer-paid administration fees (if any) are considered a taxable benefit for the employee.	 Contributions are taxable income for the employee Contributions are tax deductible for the employer Increase overall payroll and related payroll taxes Employer-paid administration fees (if any) are considered a taxable benefit for the employee
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	N/A	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	None	None
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	Allowed at any time.	 Withdrawals of employer contributions may be restricted, or controlled by: (i) imposing a waiting period for rejoining the plan (ii) suspending future employer contributions for a period of time Withdrawals of employee contributions may be restricted
Termination benefit	Value of employee contributions	Value of employee and vested employer contributions
and options	 Options: cash (subject to tax withholding) or transfer to an RPP, another RRSP or a RRIF 	 Options: cash (subject to tax withholding) or transfer to an RPP, another RRSP or a RRIF
Retirement	Immediate or deferred annuity, or	Immediate or deferred annuity, or
income options	$\hfill \bullet$ Transfer the total value of the account to an RRSP or a RRIF	$\ \bullet \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $
Death benefit	Value of all contributions paid out to designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate.	Value of all contributions paid out to designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate.
Administrative	• RRSPs are governed by the Income Tax Act (Canada)	• RRSPs are governed by the Income Tax Act (Canada)
matters	Manulife issues tax receipts twice a year	Employee and employer contributions are recorded separately
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	Deferred Profit Sharing Plan (DPSP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement enabling an employer to share company profits with employees.
Participation	As per plan rules
	Connected employees, as defined under the Income Tax Act (Canada), are not eligible to join
Contributions	Made by employer only
	 Contributions must be made, as set in plan rules, out of corporate profits (based on an established formula) or by reference to profits (percentage of the profits for the year)
	None may be made if no profits or no retained earnings
	The DPSP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$15,390 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration fromthe employer.
	Proposed increases to the dollar limit:
	2023 indexed
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	
employer	Tax deductible for the employer
contributions, if any	Do not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout
	Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer	After 2 years of membership in the plan
contributions)	Plan rules may allow for earlier vesting
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	None
Withdrawals during	May be permitted in plan rules.
employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	
Termination benefit	Value of vested employer contributions
and options	Options: cash (subject to tax withholding) or transfer to an RPP, an RRSP, the DPSP of a new employer or a RRIF
Retirement income options	Transfer the total value of the account to an RPP, an RRSP, the DPSP of a new employer or a RRIF.
Death benefit	Value of vested contributions paid out to designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate.
Administrative matters	DPSPs are governed by the Income Tax Act (Canada)
matters	• A trust must be established to hold the DPSP funds and the trustee(s) administer the plan
	 The trustee(s) are responsible for calculating Pension Adjustment Reversals (PAR) for terminated members and issuing T10 slips, summaries and segments
	• DPSP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips, as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

	Group TFSA
Definition	A savings account, usually sponsored by an employer, intended to provide an additional tax-efficient savings plan for eligible employees that could complement their existing group retirement plans.
Participation	Voluntary
	Available to any individual who is resident in Canada and 18 years of age or older
	Spouse/common-law partner of an employee may join, if the plan allows
Contributions	Made by employee only
	 Annual TFSA contribution room is made up of three amounts, and it will be reported by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) with the latest Notice of Assessment:
	 The annual contribution limit
	 Any unused TFSA contribution room from the previous year
	 Any amounts withdrawn from a TFSA in the previous year
	May be suspended or terminated
	• The annual contribution limit is \$6,000 for 2022.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of:	Not tax deductible for the employee
employee contributions, if any	Contributions deducted from pay after income tax
employer contributions, if any	N/A
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	N/A
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	None
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	Allowed at any timeWithdrawals are not taxable and therefore, they are not subject to tax withholding
Termination benefit	Value of employee's TFSA
and options	• Cash
	Transfer to another TFSA (not subject to tax withholding)
Retirement	Value of employee's TFSA
income options	• Cash
	Immediate or deferred annuity
	Transfer to another TFSA (not subject to tax withholding)
Death benefit	Value of deceased employee's TFSA paid out to designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate.
Administrative matters	 TFSAs are governed by the Income Tax Act (Canada) Manulife will not issue tax receipts concerning the plan

Provisions of federally regulated money purchase pension plans

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	 Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join Full-time employees: may join, subject to any eligibility period, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service Part-time employees: may join, subject to same period as full-time employees, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service and annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	 Made by employer and possibly employee Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration from the employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer contributions	 Tax deductible for the employer Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	 After 2 years of continuous plan membership for benefits accrued from 01/10/67 Applies to employee and employer contributions Does not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	 Not permitted while still employed May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit and options	 Value of employee and employer contributions Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan a Pooled Registered Pension Plan (PRPP), a locked-in RRSP, a LIF, an RLIF or purchase a deferred or immediate life annuity
Retirement income options	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse or common-law partner, or Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF or RLIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (locked-in if the deceased member's right to a deferred pension was vested and locked-in) If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions (with interest) payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 Federally-regulated DC-RPPs are governed by the Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985 and Regulations, and the Income Tax Act (Canada) Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

Provisions of money purchase pension plans in Alberta

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	 Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join Full-time and part-time employees: may join after 2 years of continuous service and annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	 Made by employer and possibly employee Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan Plan contributions may be suspended if plan rules allow for it The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration from the employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer contributions	 Tax deductible for the employer Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	 All benefits are locked-in unless they are below 20% of the YMPE Applies to employee and employer contributions Does not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	 Not permitted while still employed May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit and options	 Value of employee and vested employer contributions Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF (if the plan allows and if the employee is at least 50 years of age) or purchase a deferred life annuity
Retirement income options	Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse or common-law partner, orSubject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF or a LRIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (locked-in if the deceased member's right to a deferred pension was vested and locked-in) If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 DC-RPPs in Alberta are governed by the Alberta Employment Pension Plans Act and Regulation, and the Income Tax Act (Canada) Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

Provisions of money purchase pension plans in British Columbia

	- Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	 Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join Full-time and part-time employees: may join after 2 years of continuous service and annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	 Made by employer and possibly employee Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration from the employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer contributions	 Tax deductible for the employer Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	 Same terms as vesting Applies to employee and employer contributions Does not apply to voluntary contributions Applies to post-1992 benefits only
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	 Not permitted while still employed May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit and options	 Value of employee and vested employer contributions (refer to Vesting and Locking-in above) Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, LIRA, a LIF (if the employee is at least 50 years of age) or purchase a deferred life annuity
Retirement income options	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse or common-law partner, or Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (locked-in if the deceased member's right to a deferred pension was vested and locked-in) If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	• DC-RPPs in British Columbia are governed by the British Columbia Pension Benefits Standards Act and Regulation, and the Income Tax Act (Canada)
	 Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

Comparison of money purchase pension plans in Manitoba

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join
	• Full-time and non-full-time employees must join within the period provided for in the plan text (not exceeding 30 days) after expiration of waiting period (not exceeding 2 years of continuous employment) also provided for in plan text
	 Non-full-time employees must join once, in each of 2 consecutive calendar years, the annual earnings have reached 35% of YMPE or the number of hours worked has reached 700
Contributions	Made by employer and possibly employee
	Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules
	Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration
	• Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members in the plan
	Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated
	The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration fromthe employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee	Tax deductible for the employee
contributions, if any	Contributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer contributions	Tax deductible for the employer
	Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout
	Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate for all accrued benefits since July 1, 1976.
Locking-in	Same terms as vesting
(requirement to use assets solely to generate	Applies to employee and employer contributions
an income at retirement)	Does not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during	Not permitted while still employed
employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit	Value of employee and employer contributions
and options	• Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF or purchase a deferred life annuity
Retirement	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse or common-law partner, or
income options	Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (locked-in if the deceased member's right to a deferred pension was vested and locked-in)
	• If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 DC-RPPs in Manitoba are governed by the Manitoba Pension Benefits Act and Regulation, and the Income Tax Act (Canada)
	Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately
	• DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

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Provisions of money purchase pension plans in New Brunswick

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join
	• Full-time employees: may join, subject to any eligibility period, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service
	 Part-time employees: may join, subject to any eligibility period, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service and annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	Made by employer and possibly employee
	Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules
	Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration
	• Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan
	Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated
	The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration fromthe employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of:	Tax deductible for the employee
employee contributions, if any	Contributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer	Tax deductible for the employer
contributions	Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout
	 Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting	 After 2 years of continuous membership in the plan beginning on or after January 1, 2001 or after 5 years of
(right to employer	continuous service
contributions)	Plan rules may allow for earlier vesting
Locking-in	Same terms as vesting
(requirement to use assets solely to	Applies to employee and employer contributions
generate an income	Does not apply to voluntary contributions
at retirement)	
Withdrawals during employment	Not permitted while still employed
(cash withdrawals	May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
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Termination benefit	Value of employee and vested employer contributions (refer to Vesting and Locking-in above)
and options	 Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF or purchase a deferred life annuity
Retirement income	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse or common-law partner, or
options	 Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (not locked-in)
	 If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 DC-RPPs in New Brunswick are governed by the New Brunswick Pension Benefits Act and General Regulation, and the Income Tax Act (Canada)
	• Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately
	• DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

Provisions of money purchase pension plans in Newfoundland and Labrador

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join
	• Full-time employees: may join, subject to any eligibility period, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service
	 Part-time employees: may join, subject to any eligibility period, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service and annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	Made by employer and possibly employee
	Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules
	Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration
	• Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan
	Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated
	The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration fromthe employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of:	Tax deductible for the employee
employee contributions, if any	Contributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer	Tax deductible for the employer
contributions	Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout
	Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting	After 2 years of continuous membership in the plan for benefits accrued after 1996
(right to employer contributions)	Plan rules may allow for earlier vesting
Locking-in	Same terms as vesting
(requirement to use assets solely to	Applies to employee and employer contributions
generate an income at retirement)	Does not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during	Not permitted while still employed
employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit	• Value of employee and vested employer contributions (refer to Vesting and Locking-in above)
and options	• Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF/LRIF (if member has reached early retirement age provided under the plan text) or purchase a deferred life annuity
Retirement income	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse or common-law partner, or
options	Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF or a LRIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (not locked-in)
	• If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	• DC-RPPs in Newfoundland and Labrador are governed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Pension Benefits Act, 1997 and Regulations, and the Income Tax Act (Canada)
	Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately
	• DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

Provisions of money purchase pension plans in Nova Scotia

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	 Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join Full-time employees: 2 years of continuous service Part-time employees: 2 years of continuous service and the lesser of annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE, or 700 hours worked, in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	 Made by employer and possibly employee Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration from the employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer contributions	 Tax deductible for the employer Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	Same terms as vestingApplies to employee and employer contributionsDoes not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	 Not permitted while still employed May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit and options	 Value of employee and vested employer contributions Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF (if within 10 years of normal retirement age provided under the plan text) or purchase a deferred life annuity
Retirement income options	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse, or Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse: 100% of the value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (not locked-in) If there is no surviving spouse: 100% of the value of vested contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 DC-RPPs in Nova Scotia are governed by the Nova Scotia Pension Benefits Act and Regulations, and the Income Tax Act (Canada) Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

Provisions of money purchase pension plans in Ontario

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	 Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join Full-time employees: may join, subject to any eligibility period, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service Part-time employees: may join, subject to same period as full-time employees, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service and the lesser of annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE, or 700 hours worked, in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	 Made by employer and possibly employee Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration from the employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer contributions	 Tax deductible for the employer Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	ImmediateApplies to employee and employer contributionsDoes not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	 Not permitted while still employed May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit and options	 Value of employee and employer contributions Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF (if member has reached early retirement age, or earlier if the plan so provides) or purchase a deferred life annuity
Retirement income options	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse, or Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (not locked-in). Pre-retirement death benefits may be waived by spouse. If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 DC-RPPs in Ontario are governed by the Ontario Pension Benefits Act and Regulation, and the Income Tax Act (Canada) Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

Comparison of money purchase pension plans in Quebec

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	 Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join Full-time and part-time employees: may join if, in the calendar year immediately preceding membership, their annual earnings were at least 35% of the YMPE, or they worked at least 700 hours. Plan participation for part-time workers may be optional.
Contributions	 Made by employer and possibly employee Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration from the employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions deducted from pay before income tax
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Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	ImmediateApplies to employee and employer contributionsDoes not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	 Not permitted while still employed May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit and options	 Value of employee and employer contributions Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF or purchase an immediate or deferred life annuity
Retirement income options	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% (including bridging benefit) to spouse or common-law partner, or Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 DC-RPPs in Quebec are governed by the Quebec Supplemental Pension Plans Act and Regulation, and the Income Tax Act (Canada) Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA) Annual member meetings must be held, an annual information return must be prepared, and a pension committee must be formed if the plan has more than 25 members Approval is required from Retraite Québec before liquidating the plan

	Simplified Pension Plan (SPP in Quebec)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program, administered by a financial institution.
Participation	Voluntary or compulsory, as per plan rules
	Only Quebec employees
	Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join
	• All employees of eligible class (i.e. full-time, part-time, casual, temporary or seasonal) will be eligible to join the plan if, in the calendar year immediately preceding membership, their annual earnings were at least 35% of the YMPE, or they worked at least 700 hours. Plan participation for part-time workers may be optional. Less strict eligibility requirements may apply, at the discretion of the employer.
Contributions	Made by employer and possibly employee
	 Must be specified in the plan rules and may vary by class of eligible employees
	• Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan
	Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated
	The SPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration fromthe employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of:	Tax deductible for the employee
employee contributions, if any	Contributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer	Tax deductible for the employer
contributions	Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout
	Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in	• Immediate
(requirement to use assets solely to	Applies to employer contributions, may or may not apply to employee contributions at the discretion of the employer
generate an income at retirement)	Does not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during	Allowed if member is age 55 and above
employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	May be allowed for not locked-in contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit	Value of employee and employer contributions
and options	 Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA, a LIF or purchase an immediate or deferred life annuity
Retirement	• Joint life annuity reverting to 60% (including bridging benefit) to spouse or common-law partner, or
income options	Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	• If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner
	 If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 SPPs in Quebec are governed by the Quebec Supplemental Pension Plans Act and Regulation, and the Income Tax Act (Canada)
	Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately
	• SPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)
	The service provider handles administration of the plan

Provisions of money purchase pension plans in Saskatchewan

	Defined Contribution Registered Pension Plan (DC-RPP)
Definition	A tax-assisted arrangement, sponsored by an employer, to provide retirement income to employees within a formal retirement program.
Participation	 Owner-manager/shareholder employee may join Full-time employees: may join, subject to any eligibility period, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service Part-time employees: may join, subject to same period as full-time employees, as per plan rules; maximum 2 years of continuous service and annual earnings of at least 35% of the YMPE, or 700 hours worked, in each of the 2 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding membership
Contributions	 Made by employer and possibly employee Must follow a formula as specified in the plan rules Employer must contribute at least 1% of employee's remuneration Employer contributions in any year will not be less than 1% of the total annual earnings of all members of the plan Plan contributions may not be suspended or terminated unless plan is officially terminated The RPP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$30,780 and 18% of the employee's current year remuneration from the employer.
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of: employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions deducted from pay before income tax
Employer contributions	 Tax deductible for the employer Does not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout Made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	After 2 years of continuous service for post-1993 benefitsPlan rules may allow for earlier vesting
Locking-in (requirement to use assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	 Same terms as vesting Applies to employee and employer contributions Does not apply to voluntary contributions
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	 Not permitted while still employed May be allowed for voluntary contributions, as per plan rules
Termination benefit and options	 Value of employee and vested employer contributions (refer to Vesting and Locking-in above) Options: cash (not locked-in contributions), transfer to another pension plan, a LIRA or purchase a deferred life annuity If member has reached early retirement age, and is permitted under the plan text, transfer to a prescribed RRIF
Retirement income options	 Joint life annuity reverting to 60% to spouse, or Subject to a pension waiver, transfer the value of vested contributions to a LIF
Death benefit	 If there is a surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to spouse or common-law partner (not locked-in) If there is no surviving spouse or common-law partner: value of vested contributions payable to the designated beneficiary or, if none, to the estate (not locked-in)
Administrative matters	 DC-RPPs in Saskatchewan are governed by the Saskatchewan Pension Benefits Act, 1992 and Regulations, and the Income Tax Act (Canada) Employee, employer and voluntary (if applicable) contributions are recorded separately
	 DC-RPP contributions have to be reported by the employer on T4 income tax slips as a Pension Adjustment (PA)

The Pooled Registered Pension Plan (PRPP)

	Pooled Registered Pension Plan (PRPP)
Definition	 A new type of defined contribution multi-employer pension plan in which unrelated employers and self-employed persons will be eligible to participate
	• Applicable to employees whose employment is federally regulated, self-employed workers or employees in the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut and to employees in jurisdictions that have passed PRPP legislation, namely British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia.
Participation	Voluntary for employers
	 Automatic enrolment – Full-time employees automatically become members of the PRPP immediately and part-time employees (i.e., after having completed 24 months of continuous service with the employer) automatically become members of the PRPP, but they have 60 days to opt out
	 Employee may object to becoming a member because of his religious beliefs
Contributions	Can be made by the employer (voluntary)
	• Can be made by the employee at the rate of his choice. If not, the default employee contribution rate is set by the administrator
	Any increases to the default employee contribution rate are set by the administrator
	• Employees may set their contribution rate at 0% once they have been contributing to the plan for at least 12 months
	• Both employer and employee contributions are subject to the employee's available RRSP contribution limit for the year
	The RRSP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$29,210 and 18% of the previous year's earned income
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment	Tax deductible for the employee
of employee contributions, if any	Contributions are deducted from pay before income tax
Tax treatment	Tax deductible for the employer
of employer contributions, if any	 Do not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout
	Are made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in (requirement to use	 disability – i.e., a mental or physical condition that a physician has certified as being likely to shorten considerably the member's life expectancy, or
assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	• small amounts (i.e., if the amount of assets in the member's account is less than 20% of the YMPE)
	 members who have ceased to be residents of Canada for at least 2 years and are no longer employed by a participating employer in the PRPP
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	Not allowed
Termination benefit	• Transfer to another PRPP or RPP, if the plan permits, or to LIRAs and LIFs, or RRSP or RRIF for unlocked benefits
and options	Purchase of a deferred or immediate life annuity
	RRIF-like payments if the plan permits
Retirement	• Transfer to another PRPP or RPP, if the plan permits, or to LIRAs, RLIFs and LIFs
ncome options	Purchase of a deferred or immediate life annuity
	RRIF-like payments if the plan permits
Death benefit	• The surviving spouse or common-law partner will have priority entitlement to the assets in the member's account
	• If the member has no spouse or common-law partner, the funds will be paid to the designated beneficiary, or if there is none to the member's estate
Administrative matters	• PRPPs are governed by the Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act , the respective Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act of the applicable jurisdiction and the Income Tax Act (Canada)
	• There is no Pension Adjustment (PA) reporting
	• Eligible administrators – A corporation residing in Canada that is licensed to administer a PRPP under applicable Canadian legislation or similar provincial legislation will be eligible to administer a PRPP. License to be issued by the Superintendent o Financial Institutions (OSFI).
	Each PRPP will have to be registered by the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI)

The Quebec Voluntary Retirement Savings Plan (VRSP)

	Voluntary Registered Savings Plan (VRSP) - Quebec
Definition	• A new type of defined contribution multi-employer pension plan in which unrelated employers and self-employed persons will be eligible to participate
	 Applicable to employees and self-employed workers who work in Quebec
Participation	 Mandatory for employers with 5 employees or more working in Quebec and who do not offer an RRSP, TFSA or RPP to their employees. An employer has to subscribe by the following dates:
	- December 31, 2016 if they have at least 20 eligible employees on June 30, 2016
	- December 31, 2017 if they have 10 to 19 eligible employees on June 30, 2017
	- By a date to be determined, but not before January 1, 2018, if they have 5 to 9 eligible employees
	 Automatic enrolment – Full-time and part-time employees (i.e., Quebec employees 18 years old and over who have at least one year of uninterrupted service) automatically become members of the VRSP, but they have 60 days to opt out
	• Voluntary enrolment - Individuals who are not automatically enrolled, such as self-employed workers or individual savers, may enrol on a voluntary basis
	 Periodic re-enrolment or resumption of contributions - Employers will have to offer to re-enrol their employees who have opted out or resume the payment of contributions for employees who have set their contribution rate to 0%. Employers will have to proceed accordingly during the month of December, every two years following the date the employee opted out of the plan or set his/her contribution rate to 0%.
Contributions	Can be made by the employer (voluntary)
	• Can be made by the employee at the rate of his choice. If no choice is made, the default employee contribution rate is 2% of gross salary from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017; 3% of gross salary from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018; and 4% of gross salary starting January 1, 2019.
	Employees may set their contribution rate at 0% to avoid contributions
	• Both employer and employee contributions are subject to the employee's available RRSP contribution limit for the year
	The RRSP contribution limit for 2022 is the lesser of \$29,210 and 18% of the previous year's earned income
Income splitting	Not possible
Tax treatment of employee contributions, if any	Tax deductible for the employeeContributions are deducted from pay before income tax
Tax treatment	Tax deductible for the employer
of employer	Do not constitute a taxable benefit for the employee until payout
contributions, if any	Are made directly into plan and do not impact payroll taxes
Vesting (right to employer contributions)	Immediate
Locking-in	Employer contributions are locked-in (locked-in account)
(requirement to use	 Member contributions will not be locked in (tocked in account)
assets solely to generate an income at retirement)	 Funds in the locked-in account may be transferred to a pension plan upon termination of employment or once a member reaches age 55 and may also be withdrawn if:
····,	- a physician certifies that the member's physical or mental disability reduces his/her life expectancy
	- a physician certifies that the member is physically or mentally disabled without giving an opinion on his/her life expectancy
	 the balance of the locked-in account is less that 20% of the YMPE in the year of termination of employment with the participating employer
	- the member has not been a resident of Canada for at least 2 years
	Transfer of member assets between the locked-in and not locked-in account will not be allowed
Withdrawals during employment (cash withdrawals are subject to tax withholding)	Member contributions: allowed at least once per 12-month period and at any time in the case of termination of employment and in the cases of reduced life expectancy, physical or mental disability or residency abroad.
	Cash of not locked-in amounts

	Voluntary Registered Savings Plan (VRSP) - Quebec
Termination benefit and options	 Transfer to another VRSP, a PRPP, or RPP, if the plan permits, or to RRSPs or RRIFs for not locked-in funds and LIRAs and LIFs for locked-in funds
	Purchase of a deferred or immediate life annuity
	• RRIF-like payments for members who have reached age 55 if permitted by the plan
Retirement income options	• Transfer to another VRSP or RPP, if the plan permits, or to RRSPs or RRIFs for not locked-in funds and to LIRAs and LIFs for locked-in funds
	Purchase of a deferred or immediate life annuity
	• RRIF-like payments for members who have reached age 55 if permitted by the plan
Death benefit	• The surviving spouse or common-law partner will have priority entitlement to the assets in the member's account
	• If the member has no spouse, the funds will be paid to the member's successor
Administrative matters	• VRSPs are governed by the Voluntary Retirement Savings Plan Act and the Income Tax Act (Canada)
	There is no Pension Adjustment (PA) reporting
	• Eligible administrators – Insurers, trust companies or investment fund managers, will have to hold a permit issued by the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)
	Each VRSP will have to be registered with Retraite Québec
	• Employers - The Commission des normes du travail (i.e. the employment standards regulator) will be responsible for overseeing employers

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