

PENSION UPDATE

INCREASE IN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR REGISTERED SAVINGS PLANS IN 2006

Continuing the trend of recent years, the Federal government again increased the annual contribution limit for registered plans in 2006.

The first such increase occurred in 2003 (from \$13,500 or an income of \$75,000) and again in 2004 (to \$16,000 or an income of \$91,666.67)

The 2006 limit for tax-deferred contributions to a registered pension plan is \$19,000, which is equivalent to an income of \$105,555.56. Persons below this limit will continue to be restricted to 18% of earnings.

Sponsors of retirement plans will have to update their administration practices to accommodate the new limits.

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Updated Schedule of Retirement Plan Contribution Limits

	Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP)	Money Purchase (DC) Registered Pension Plan	Defined Benefit (DB) Registered Pension Plan*	Deferred Profit Sharing Plan (DPSP)
2006	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$2,111	\$9,500
2007	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$2,222	\$10,000
2008	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$2,333	\$10,500
2009	\$21,000	\$22,000	\$2,444	\$11,000
2010	\$22,000	Indexed **	Indexed **	Indexed **
2011	Indexed **	Indexed **	Indexed **	Indexed **

* This is the maximum pension benefit allowable per year of service

** The contribution limit will be indexed to average wage growth

INCREASED CORPORATE COVERAGE FOR GUARANTEED DEPOSITS

Following the lead of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC), the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Compensation Corporation (CompCorp) has increased the coverage for guaranteed deposits (GICs, Compound Interest Accumulators, Daily Interest Accounts at participating insurance companies) from \$60,000 to \$100,000. For more information regarding this change, please visit www.compcorp.ca or contact their Consumer Assistance Centre, toll-free, at 1-800-268-8099.

During the fourth quarter of 2005 Proteus welcomed our newest clients;

Canadian Baptist Ministries—Manage the pension plans of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, the Baptist Union of Western Canada, the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches and l'Union d'Églises Baptistes Françaises au Canada and their affiliated 1100 churches.

Shaw Communications—One of Canada's largest cable, satellite and telecommunications providers. Shaw delivers high-quality products and services to approximately 3.0 million customers in Canada.

If you have any questions about what will be required for your plan please contact us at (416) 421-3557 ext. 12 or toll free at 1-877-360-6363.

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