

# Comparison between Registered Investments

	RRSP	RESP	TFSA
<b>Purpose</b>	Save for retirement	Save for child's post-secondary education	Save for short and long-term goals
<b>Contribution Room</b>	Dependent on income	Lifetime maximum of \$50,000	\$5,000 per year (adjusted annually for inflation)
<b>Contribution Tax Deductible</b>	Yes	No	No
<b>Taxation on Investment Income</b>	Only when withdrawn	Only when withdrawn	Never
<b>Taxation upon Withdrawal</b>	Both the contribution and investment earnings are taxable.	The investment earnings are applied towards the student's taxable income	Both the withdrawn contribution and investment earnings are exempt from tax.
<b>Withdrawal Pre-Retirement</b>	\$20,000 can be temporarily withdrawn for education or home ownership (amount treated as income if not repaid). Once withdrawn, the contribution room is lost.	Funds can be withdrawn for your child's post-secondary education. If your child decides not to pursue further education, under certain conditions, RESP assets can be transferred into your RRSPs.	Withdrawals can be used for any purpose and do not have to be repaid. After withdrawal, the contribution room is not lost and can be redeposited the following year.
<b>Mandatory Withdrawal</b>	Savings must be drawn down after you reach 71 years of age.	Plans must terminate after 35 years.	Not forced to withdraw at any age or milestone.
<b>Federal Income-Tested Benefits</b>	Withdrawals will affect federal income-tested benefits and credits.	Withdrawals will affect federal income-tested benefits and credits of the student.  However, contributions are matched with up to a 20% government grant – up to \$7,200 lifetime limit per beneficiary.	Investment earnings and withdrawals will not affect eligibility for federal income-tested benefits and credits.