Retirement road map

Check out these tips for a smooth journey

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3-5 years from retirement

- **Consider** moving to lower-risk investments, increasing contributions and paying down debt.
- **Learn** how plan rules and government legislation will affect your income.
- **Write down** potential lifestyle changes, like travel or moving to a new home.
- **Track** current spending to create a budget for retirement. Don't forget inflation.
- **Estimate** your cash flow from personal savings, company retirement plans and government benefits.

1 year from retirement

- **Go over** your budget to see if it will meet your needs.
- **Ensure** you meet age requirements for receiving income.
- **Review** your will, powers of attorney, insurance and investments.
- **Combine** your retirement savings so they're all in one place.
- **Find out** what your retirement income could be. Our Income wizard can help.

6 months from retirement

- **Choose** your income options. We can help you decide.
- **Review** beneficiaries for your company and personal savings plans.
- **Let** your benefits administrator know you're retiring and complete paperwork.
- **Apply** for government benefits. Contact Service Canada for the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and old age security (OAS). Contact Retraite Québec for Quebec Pension Plan (QPP).

We're here to help
Talk to your financial advisor or call us at 1-800-724-3402 and ask to speak with an investment and retirement specialist.

Points of interest

Income wizard: **smartpathnow.com** under Getting close
Service Canada: 1-800-277-9914 or **canada.ca**
Retraite Québec: 1-800-463-5185 or **retraitequebec.gouv.qc.ca**
Retirement income solutions booklet: go to **canadalife.com**, sign in to GRS Access and go to Planning & learning > Learning centre

Planning for the road ahead

We have a wide range of retirement income options. Depending on what you choose, many factors will affect how much income you may get, such as your age or your spouse's age, your savings' value, rates of return and government legislation. The examples below give a general idea of what your savings may look like as a monthly income. However, you should speak with your financial advisor or one of our investment and retirement specialists.

Two popular options are: registered retirement income funds (RRIFs) and annuities. If you want to choose – and change – your income, RRIFs can help you to do that (subject to minimums). To cover your fixed living expenses for the rest of your life, an annuity can help you do that. You could also choose both a RRIF and an annuity.

Flexible income from **RRIFs**

	If you withdraw the minimum required amount:		If you withdraw a fixed amount (level payment) above the minimum:	
Your savings	Your monthly income*	How long your money will last	Your monthly income	How long your money will last
$100,000	$347 - $536 from age 65-94, then reducing gradually each year to $287 at age 99	35 years (age 100)	$750	14 years (age 79)
$500,000	$1,733 - $2,679 from age 65-94, then reducing gradually each year to $1,436 at age 99	35 years (age 100)	$2,500	27 years (age 92)

Assumptions:
4% rate of return, RRIF purchased at age 65

*If you receive only the minimum required amount, it ensures your savings will last until age 100. Payment amounts vary from year to year due to the factors mentioned earlier in this document. The amounts generally increase each year up to age 94, then reduce for each of the following five years to give you some income while depleting your savings at age 100.

Guaranteed income for life from **annuities**

Purchase amount	Your age	Your monthly income for life
$100,000	65	$473
$500,000	65	$2,349

Assumptions:
Single life annuity, male, savings from Ontario registered pension plan (post 1986)

The above RRIF and annuity examples are for illustration purposes only as at October 2019 and June 2019, respectively. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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