

Uber Drivers and Canadian Income Tax

Uber drivers are considered self-employed in Canada, otherwise known as an independent contractor. As such, Uber drivers must keep records of the money they receive from Uber, and all of their expenses so that they may prepare and file proper income tax returns each year. Because Uber drivers are independent contractors, they will not be issued a T4 slip.

When preparing and filing their tax returns, Uber drivers must complete a [T2125](#). This form is known as a statement of business activities. It lists the income earned and breaks down all of the expenses incurred in that year.

What Documentation will I need to Complete my Income Tax Return?

To complete your return, you will need to gather information with respect to your income, your expenses, and mileage driven. Furthermore, you will also require:

- Your Annual Tax Summary from Uber (found at: partners.uber.com);
- Receipts, bills and statements for all tax-deductible expenses.
- Your vehicle mileage from the beginning of the year, the end of the year, and separated between personal and business kilometres driven.
- Your Social Insurance Number; and
- Any other tax documents and slips related to any other employment you may have.

What Expenses may I deduct?

You can deduct certain business expenses from your income to lower the overall amount of tax you will pay. Some examples include:

- Mileage.
- Maintenance expenses (gas, oil, windshield washer fluid, new tires, tune-ups, etc.).
- Car washes.
- Vehicle insurance.
- Transponder for toll roads, tolls or parking costs.
- Cell phone expenses.
- Uber booking fees.
- Freebies for riders (water, candy, etc.);
- Cell phone mounts.
- Dash-cams.
- Phone accessories (chargers, auxiliary cords and hands-free headsets);
- Car loan interest; and
- Accountant or bookkeeping fees.