

Retirement Realities

The perception of retirement has changed. You remember watching those commercials about the retired couple playing golf, yachting, or strolling down a sandy white beach. Today's retirement can look a lot different. Many retirement plans are certainly not as flashy as all that and may be more practical.

Today, many pre-retirees are facing a delayed retirement, retirement working or lowering their standard of living. Many reasons can be the cause of this; even recent events have given pause to a lot of retirement plans. The good news is that it is never too late to get started or tweak your existing plan.

While government income programs make up a component of a retirement plan, they do not provide the level of income that most Canadians strive for during retirement. Making retirement savings a financial priority can help you achieve a retirement income.

Retirement Savings Plan (RSP) contributions can be made within the first 60 days of the following tax year. The RSP contribution limit is:

- 18% of earned income up to a maximum that is set annually by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- Plus any unused contribution room from previous years
- Less any pensions adjustments from employer pension plan contributions

It is time to invest in your future. Talk to your advisor about an Equitable RSP. Enjoy the tax benefits today and build yourself a more financially secure retirement for tomorrow.