



## Canada Homestay Network Host FAQ: Is My Host Allowance Taxable?

### Question:

Is my homestay allowance taxable? What are my obligations to the CRA when it comes to reporting the homestay allowance?

### Answer:

As much as we would like to give you a simple answer to this question, we are not accountants and we cannot offer tax advice.

Having said that, we can tell you that:

1. **CHN does not issue T4s, T4As, or any other kind of written statement regarding the payments you have received during the year.** The only documentation regarding payments is given to you in the form of your direct deposit “payment advice” emails. If you would like CHN to send you a summary of your payments from the year, please just ask and we would be happy to do so.
2. Even though we don’t issue T-slips, **CHN is obligated to report payments to hosts if the CRA asks.** In other words, this information is not considered confidential or private when it comes to the CRA.
3. **Any income is considered taxable and should be reported,** but in Canada we only pay taxes on our **net income after expenses.** This is where your friendly accountant can offer you expert advice about how best to report your income and what sorts of expenses can be considered deductions against that income.

For further information, please call the CRA at **1-800-267-6999** to inquire about your personal tax situation.