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# StudioTax

## The Insider's Guide

Canadian personal tax software for desktop and mobile



**Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among accounting and invoicing tools, read from StudioTax's own pages.**

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ToolGPA put this guide together from StudioTax's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on StudioTax's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

# Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 118 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade

StudioTax is Canadian personal income tax software installed on Windows, Mac, iPhone/iPad or Android rather than run online. One version covers all returns, with a license of $17.50 needed to print or file once income is above $20,000. Data is kept on your own device.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about StudioTax**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **A program you install and start with nothing to set up, and no store rating on record.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

**1** **Best for Canadian personal returns on your own computer**

StudioTax is Canadian personal tax software for Windows, Mac, iOS and Android.

**2** **Paid plans start at $1.46 a month when paid by the year for each person**

As its pricing page puts it: $17.50 per tax year for a license covering 10 returns.

### 3 There is a free plan

Free for total income (line 15000) under $20,000 and for residents of NT, YT and NU; versions for 2019 and earlier are free.

### 4 It runs on 4 platforms

Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

### 5 Runs on your device

The site says returns are saved on your own drive and no information leaves your computer.

### 6 NETFILE and ReFILE

Windows, Mac, iOS and Android versions carry CRA certification for NETFILE, ReFILE and Auto-fill my return.

### 7 Wide coverage

Covers simple returns through self-employment and rental income, with a restrictions page listing uncommon situations it does not handle.

### 8 A 3.0 GPA, above 118 of 127

That is against the other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

### 9 Keep it

The plain part of StudioTax you could make: calculator and forms. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

### StudioTax at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $17.50 per tax year for a license covering 10 returns

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
macOS, Windows, iOS, Android

MADE BY
BHOK IT Consulting

CATEGORY
Accounting & Invoicing

OUR GRADE
3.0 GPA, very good

## The report card

### Best for Canadian personal returns on your own computer

StudioTax is Canadian personal tax software for Windows, Mac, iOS and Android. It is free under $20,000 of income and $17.50 a tax year otherwise, but the Mac version does not list Revenu Québec certification.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **StudioTax** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

| SUBJECT | GRADE | COMMENT |
|---|---|---|
| **Value for money** | A | $17.50 per tax year covers 10 returns on a computer, under a year of the category's middle subscription, and it is free for low incomes. |
| **Free plan and trial** | B | Free for income under $20,000 and for residents of NT, YT and NU, but everyone else needs the $17.50 license before printing or filing. |

| SUBJECT | GRADE | COMMENT |
|---|---|---|
| **Features** | C | NETFILE, ReFILE, linked returns and wide coverage do the job, but Mac has no Revenu Québec certification listed. |
| **Ease of use** | B | A program you install and start with nothing to set up, and no store rating on record. |
| **Platforms and integrations** | B | Windows, Mac, iOS and Android, with no integrations listed. |
| **Grade point average** | | Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0** |

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

### Who StudioTax is for

- ✓ Fits if you file Canadian returns for your own household on a computer or phone
- ✓ Works for people under $20,000 of income who want to file free

### Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you prepare clients' returns, as CRA rules bar it and a separate Enterprise edition exists
- ✗ Watch out: the Mac version lists no Revenu Québec certification
- ✗ Tight if you file every year, as a new license is needed each tax year, per computer
- ✗ Watch out: licenses are refundable within 30 days only if not activated

# Good to know

## Good for

- ✓ Canadians who want a local desktop program rather than a cloud service
- ✓ Low-income filers and northern residents who can use it free

## Worth knowing

- ⓘ A new license is needed for every tax year; it is per computer, covers 10 returns, and the 2025 license also works for 2020 to 2024 versions.
- ⓘ The Mac version does not have Revenu Québec certification listed; Windows, iOS and Android do.
- ⓘ Tax preparers cannot use it for clients' returns under CRA rules; a separate Enterprise edition exists at studiotax.ca.
- ⓘ Licenses are refundable within 30 days only if not activated.

PART 02 · PRICING

# What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

**$1.46**

A month to start, paid by the year, for each person. There is a free plan too

StudioTax has a free plan. Paid plans start at $17.50 per tax year for a license covering 10 returns.

FREE

## $0

For income under $20,000 (combined $40,000 for linked returns) and residents of the northern territories.

LICENSE

## $17.50

per tax year, for up to 10 returns, per computer

Needed before printing or filing; a second license covers 10 more returns, CRA allows 20 per computer.

### The free plan

Free for total income (line 15000) under $20,000 and for residents of NT, YT and NU; versions for 2019 and earlier are free.

Read from studiotax.com on Nov 13, 2026.

# Ways to pay less

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### Free for income under $20,000

Individuals with line 15000 income under $20,000 and residents of NT, YT and NU need no license.

Stated on studiotax.com

# What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: macOS, Windows, iOS and Android

Canadian personal tax software for desktop and mobile. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, forms, calculator.

> **NETFILE, ReFILE, linked returns and wide coverage do the job, but Mac has no Revenu Québec certification listed.**
>
> From our grade for features

### Runs on your device

The site says returns are saved on your own drive and no information leaves your computer.

### NETFILE and ReFILE

Windows, Mac, iOS and Android versions carry CRA certification for NETFILE, ReFILE and Auto-fill my return.

### Wide coverage

Covers simple returns through self-employment and rental income, with a restrictions page listing uncommon situations it does not handle.

### Linked returns

Returns for couples can be linked and prepared together.

## One version

A single edition has all features, with the CRA's maximum of 20 returns.

### Where it runs

macOS · Windows · iOS · Android

### What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

StudioTax is made by BHOK IT Consulting.

# Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

**118**/127

Other accounting and invoicing tools it is graded above

StudioTax's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 118 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 2.

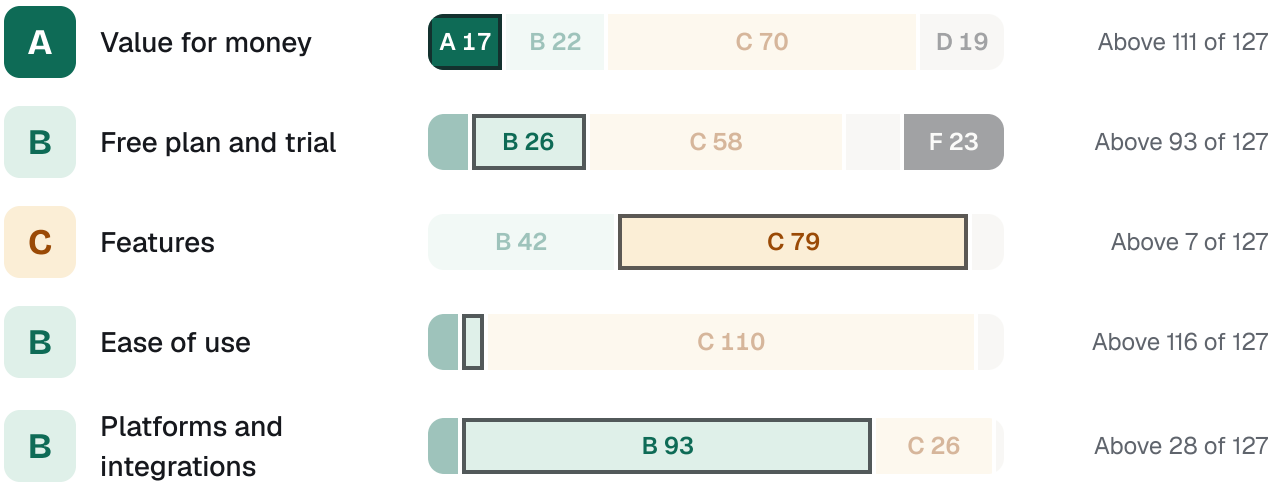
It stands best on value for money (A, above 111 of 127) and worst on features (C, above 7).

Its paid plans start at $1.46 a month when paid by the year for each person, against a middle price of $18.09 for the category: 0 of the 90 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 1 tool scores higher and costs less.

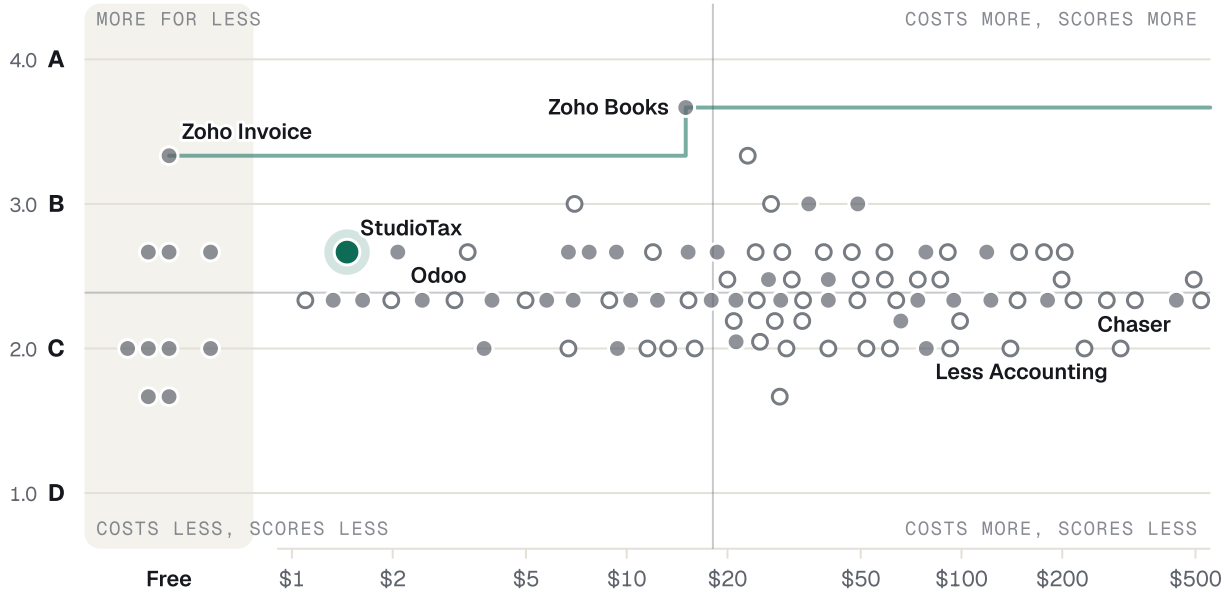
## Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 128 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. StudioTax's own letter is outlined.



## Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 101 accounting and invoicing tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. StudioTax is the marked dot.




What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

## Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

### Keep it

The plain part of StudioTax you could make: calculator and forms. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 118 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade. It costs $17.50 a year.

### What you could make

- Calculator and forms: an app builder makes these well.

### What you could not

- Apps for macOS, Windows, iOS and Android that stay in step with each other.
- It is priced for each person, which means accounts and billing for a team.

**What this rests on.** StudioTax's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

# The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



UFile, Wealthsimple Tax, TurboTax and TaxAct

The 4 tools StudioTax is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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## UFile

Free plan · from $20.95

Canadian tax software, online or for Windows, free to start.

- Only StudioTax lists macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- Only UFile lists a web app.

StudioTax and UFile compared in full

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## Wealthsimple Tax

Free plan · from $40/yr

Canadian personal tax filing with a pay-what-you-want basic plan.

- Only StudioTax lists Windows, macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- Only Wealthsimple Tax lists a web app.

StudioTax and Wealthsimple Tax compared in full

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## TurboTax

Free plan · from $84/yr

US personal and business tax filing, self-serve or with an expert.

- Only StudioTax lists Windows, macOS and Android apps.
- Only TurboTax lists a web app.
- StudioTax also covers forms.

StudioTax and TurboTax compared in full

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## TaxAct

Free plan · from $44.99/yr

Online and downloadable tax filing for individuals and businesses.

- Only StudioTax lists Windows, macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- Only TaxAct lists a web app.
- StudioTax also covers forms.

StudioTax and TaxAct compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

# Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

### Is StudioTax free?

StudioTax has a free plan. Free for total income (line 15000) under $20,000 and for residents of NT, YT and NU; versions for 2019 and earlier are free.

### How much does StudioTax cost?

StudioTax lists 2 plans. Free: $0.

### What platforms does StudioTax work on?

StudioTax is available on Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

### Does StudioTax offer any discounts?

StudioTax publicly lists the following: Free for income under $20,000.

### Does StudioTax have a Linux app?

No Linux app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. StudioTax is listed for Windows, macOS, iOS and Android.

### Is StudioTax open source?

StudioTax is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

### Does StudioTax work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

### Who makes StudioTax?

StudioTax is made by BHOK IT Consulting.

### What are the alternatives to StudioTax?

The closest alternatives to StudioTax in our directory are UFile, Wealthsimple Tax, TurboTax and TaxAct.

### How does StudioTax compare with other accounting and invoicing tools?

StudioTax's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 118 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 2.

### Is StudioTax good value for money?

ToolGPA grades StudioTax A for value for money. Its paid plans start at $1.46 a month when paid by the year for each person, against a middle price of $18.09 for the category: 0 of the 90 others that charge start lower.

### Could I make my own version of StudioTax?

The plain part of StudioTax you could make: calculator and forms. What surrounds it you could not.

## Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from StudioTax's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from StudioTax's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by BHOK IT Consulting. Prices change, so check studiotax.com before you buy.

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studiotax.com/paymentpage.html

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at [toolgpa.com](toolgpa.com).

| 7,721 | 95 | 739 | 579 |
|---|---|---|---|
| tools graded | categories | price changes on record | apps priced in 12 countries |

## What else is on toolgpa.com

### StudioTax, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

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### How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

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### Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

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### Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

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### Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

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### Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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### Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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### Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Every one of the 129 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, compared

### Zoho Invoice Insider's Guide

Free invoicing app from Zoho for freelancers and small businesses

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Online accounting from Zoho, with a free plan and six paid tiers

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Free federal and state tax filing inside Cash App

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## Choosing software? Every tool graded, every price dated.

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